



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#15-0261

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 17, 2015

TITLE: Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District, Waterway Assistance
Program for an ADA Accessible Floating Dock at Coontie Hatchee Park

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to purchase and install an ADA accessible floating dock in Coontie Hatchie Park and the New River.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to the waterways.

The Coontie Hatchee Park is located on the New River. At this time there is no waterway access to and from the park. The community has reached out to the City requesting access to the river through the park via a public floating dock.

District funding is made available after October 1st of each year. Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project costs. The estimated cost to manufacture and install the dock is \$254,000. This grant requires a City match of \$127,000. The application deadline is April 1, 2015.

Resource Impact

Matching funds in the amount of \$127,000 will be appropriated from the General Fund Grant match account at the time of grant acceptance and appropriation.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan initiative, included with in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – FIND Waterways Assistance Program Application

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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