



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

**#21-0185**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 16, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$260,000 to  
the Florida Inland Navigation District for Bill Keith Preserve Shoreline  
Stabilization Phase II - Construction **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff Recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$260,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for shoreline stabilization Phase II Construction at the Bill Keith Preserve. This Grant requires a City match of \$260,000.

**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 and shoreline stabilization.

The Bill Keith Preserve is a 4-acre natural area located along the South Fork of New River just east of the I-95 overpass. The preserve was created by the City of Fort Lauderdale, area neighbors and the Shady Banks Association. Over time, wakes created by vessel traffic along that stretch of the river has significantly eroded the shoreline in the preserve. The project will consist of Phase II Construction activities needed to grade, fill and place a boulder wave break along the shoreline of the park.

The City applied for and accepted grant funding for Phase I Design and Permitting in October of 2017. (CAM 17-1377)

The grant application requires the submission of a Resolution indicating Commission approval of the submission of the application and a commitment of the grants matching funds.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application. The Grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation of the \$260,000 grant match if awarded.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a Healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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