



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0789

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

FROM: Christopher Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 17, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Renewal of Sovereignty
Submerged Lands Easement with the Board of Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida – Bill Keith Preserve –
(**Commission District 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize execution of the Renewal of the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement Agreement between the Board of Trustees and the City of Fort Lauderdale to continue the use of the sovereignty lands located at the Bill Keith Preserve for a ten-year renewal period starting July 18, 2021, through July 18, 2031.

Background

The Bill Keith Preserve, a City of Fort Lauderdale owned property, has been subject to erosion along the North Fork of the New River. As a response to stop the erosion and rebuild the shoreline, staff installed and placed into service submerged breakwaters (rock boulders) into the riverbed along the shoreline of the preserve in 2011. To execute the described project, the City was granted the use of a Sovereign Submerged Lands Easement for a period of ten years. This easement has expired and renewal for an additional ten-year period is desired.

Resource Impact

There is a no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing Waterway Quality.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Actively monitor beach resiliency and support nourishment efforts

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Ready*

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City's Natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement Renewal

Exhibit 2 – Mailout Request Notification

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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