

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution - Tree Inventory

AFFECTED DISTRICT: III & IV

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES, NATIONAL URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR \$10,000 WITH \$5,000 MATCHING FUNDS (CASH) AND \$5000 MATCHING FUNDS (IN-KIND); AND IF AWARDED THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING ITS ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS), with funding from the USDA Forest Service, issues grants to local governments and non-profits to develop and enhance urban and community forestry programs on a cost-share basis. Town of Davie Planning & Zoning will apply for a grant in Category 1: Local Government Program Development or Improvement to conduct a tree inventory of town-owned property on and contiguous to Davie's treasured oak ridge. The information will be used to build a database for use in sustainable management of this ecologically distinct asset. The Town's required match will be met through a contribution of \$5000 in cash and \$5000 in-kind (payment of the Urban Forester's salary and administrative expenses). If approved by the State, grant funding would be received in March 2004. The Town would enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with FDACS and would complete the project by September 30, 2005.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None

CONCURRENCES: None

FISCAL IMPACT: Yes

Has request been budgeted? No, to be included in FY '04 budget

If yes, expected cost: \$5,000

Account Name:

What account will funds be appropriated from:

RECOMMENDATION: Staff finds the subject item complete and suitable for transmittal to Town Council for further consideration.

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Town Council is establishing an urban and community forestry program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services operates the National Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program with funding from the USDA Forest Service through which up to \$25,000 is available for local projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council concurs with the proposal for the Town to conduct a tree inventory of its property on and contiguous to Davie's treasured oak ridge for the purpose of building a database for use in sustainable management of this ecologically distinct asset; and

WHEREAS, the Town will provide a \$5,000 cash match and a \$5,000 in-kind match toward the project; and

WHEREAS, the salary and fringe benefits of the Urban Forester may be used as the required in-kind match for the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie does hereby authorize the Town Administrator and/or appropriate staff to submit an application for grant funding to FDACS, National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program, and to execute agreements and documents associated with the grant request that must be submitted as part of the proposal.

SECTION 2. Further, the Town Council of the Town of Davie authorizes the Town Administrator and/or appropriate staff to accept the grant if awarded, to execute related contracts, and to sign a Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003.

MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003.