

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Mark A. Kutney, AICP, Development Services Director
797-1101

SUBJECT: Resolution

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SELECTING THE FIRM OF FLORIDA STEWARDSHIP FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TOWN IN PURSUING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PURCHASE AND/OR PROTECT OPEN SPACE FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS FOR SUCH SERVICES.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

The Florida Stewardship Foundation will assist Town residents and train staff to match programs to landowners interested in setting their property or portions of their property in an easement or similar program aimed at preserving open space. The services of the Florida Stewardship Foundation can assist the Town in meeting one of the two goals identified through the public workshop, which is to preserve equestrian and rural areas. In addition, the selection of a consultant to assist in this area of specific expertise can free additional staff time to devote to developing regulations designed to preserve the rural lifestyle through development regulations. Mr. Evans fees are attached and his hourly rate is consistent with the going rate for most land use consultants.

Mr. Evans

Farmland Trust and writing legislation, at both the state and federal level, to protect farmers rights. The attached proposal from Mr. Evans, indicates the information he will be able to provide the Town. The first item that Mr. Evans can provide the Town is a list of all federal and state

include the advantages and disadvantages of each of the programs, specifically tailored to the needs of the Town.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None.

CONCURRENCES: None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? no

If yes, expected cost- \$8,500

Account Name: Development Services-Contractual Services
Account

Additional Comments: This item was not anticipated during the budget preparation process. The item will be funded by budget transfers into the Development Services-Contractual Services Account. Funding will be transferred from the Town Administrator's Special Projects Account.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Motion to approve the resolution.

Attachment(s):

Resolution, Scope of Services

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Town is requesting the specialized services of a firm knowledgeable of the Federal and State conservation easement programs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Stewardship Foundation is the only local firm specializing in such programs on a Federal and State level; and

WHEREAS, other firms do not exist locally with this specific knowledge; and

WHEREAS, after review, the Town Council wishes to waive formal contract bidding and accept the proposal from Florida Stewardship Foundation as a sole source supplier for expertise in conservation easements programs on a Federal and State level.

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

SECTION 1. The Town Council hereby waives formal contract bidding and accepts the proposal from Florida Stewardship Foundation as a sole source supplier for expertise in conservation easement programs on a Federal and State level, in the sum of \$8,500.00 and authorizes the Town Administrator or his designee to negotiate an agreement for such services and present the contract for approval at a future meeting date.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

Attest:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

Florida Stewardship Foundation

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Contact: Craig Evans, President, cell phone (561) 289-9690

A Proposal

Tools to assist Davie in maintaining its community character and semi-rural lifestyle while accommodating new development.

Services available:

1. Meet with landowners, developers, business owners and town officials to better understand the needs of the community, the options available and the desires being expressed by different interest groups.
2. Prepare materials for review by these interest groups and for presentation at workshops.
3. Run facilitated group discussions.
4. Help community develop preservation strategies.
5. Train staff in ways to:
 - Implement preservation strategies and
 - Assist landowners in applying for (and qualifying) for existing programs

Information that can be assembled:

1. List of existing programs (federal, state, regional, private) to:
 - Preserve open space
 - Pay landowners to provide environmental services
 - Maintain rural character
1. List of programs for which Davie could qualify
2. List of programs now being implemented in law that may be of use to Davie
3. "Creative strategies" and "options" being used by other communities that Davie could consider
4. Descriptions of level of commitment required by town to implement these programs

5. Description of level of commitment required by landowners to implement preservation strategies agreed to by community.

Possible Approach:

1. Tour community with planning official to relate land use map to physical characteristics on the ground and obtain background on needs, issues and options (2 hours).
2. Meet with landowners to discuss their perspective of the community's needs, issues and options (2 hours).
3. Participate in community workshop to explore needs and options (8 hours preparation, 8 hours participation).
4. Define list of needs and options to address key issues (4-8 hours)
5. Assist Davie in assembling menu of programs to offer landowners (40 hours)
 - Existing public programs (federal, state, regional)
 - Existing private programs
 - Programs that can be implemented through local initiative

Rates:

Hourly rate: \$125 hour

Daily rate: \$1000 day plus expenses