

SURPLUS LANDS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: Atlantic Ridge
COUNTY: Martin
SIZE: 0.12 acre, more or less
PURPOSE: Surplus of easement rights for drainage purposes
APPLICANT: N/A

HIGHLIGHTS/CONSIDERATIONS: In 1998 and 1999, the District and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida ("TIITF") jointly acquired approximately 5,800 acres in Martin County for the Atlantic Ridge Project (the "Acquisition Lands"). Current and proposed development in the vicinity of the Acquisition Lands includes Seabranh Boulevard. When Seabranh Boulevard was designed and constructed, adequate measures were not taken to maintain historic sheet flow of surface waters south to the Acquisition Lands.

The District and Martin County desire to address this issue of proper drainage from the northern developed areas across Seabranh Boulevard and into the wetlands within the Acquisition Lands. The subject easement, which will be granted by TIITF and the District, and which encumbers a portion of the Acquisition Lands directly adjacent to Seabranh Boulevard, will grant Martin County the right to install and maintain pipes and control structures along Seabranh Boulevard to direct storm water into the wetlands directly south of Seabranh Boulevard. This will enhance hydration to the Acquisition Lands and prevent the invasion of exotic and nuisance vegetation within the Acquisition Lands.

The District and Martin County have arrived at a plan whereby the two agencies will share the costs associated with the construction and installation of the pipes and control structures by Martin County. Martin County will maintain the improvements thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT: All the costs associated with the District's share of the improvements to be constructed and maintained by Martin County have been previously appropriated by the Regulation Department through ad valorem funds. This appropriation totals \$23,000.

AUTHORIZATION: Pursuant to Section 373.056(4), Florida Statutes, the Governing Board has the authority to convey to any governmental entity land, or rights in land, owned by the District not required for its purposes. Pursuant to Section 373.089(6), Florida Statutes, all lands acquired by the District prior to July 1, 1999 shall be considered to have been acquired for conservation purposes, and the Governing Board shall be required to approve the surplus of any such lands by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

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RECOMMENDATION: A Resolution of the Governing Board of South Florida Water Management District approving declaring surplus land interests containing 0.12 acre, more or less, located in Martin County within the Atlantic Ridge Project; and, authorizing granting an easement, together with TIITF, to Martin County, and providing an effective date.

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