



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department**  
**Parks Division**

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**Date:** October 21, 2024  
**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
**Thru:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator  
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director  
**From:** Wendy Swindell, Parks & Conservation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Florida Inland Navigation District Grant Agreement for the Wabasso Causeway Park Improvements Phase 1.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Wabasso Causeway Park is located along Wabasso Beach Road (CR 510) and consists of four separate spoil island lobes encompassing an area of approximately 13.4 acres. Features include a boat launch, restroom facilities, picnic tables, pavilions, and shoreline areas for recreation. Conditions within the park have deteriorated over the years due to storm damage, increases in wave energy associated with high water events from King Tides, and wear from public use. The boat ramp and adjacent parking area require significant repair and replacement, and amenities along the shoreline areas are significantly affected by continuous erosion.

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

On March 5, 2024, the Board passed the Resolution For Assistance 2024 (Resolution #2024-008) as required for the Waterways Assistance Program (WAP) grant application process. The approved Resolution was included as part of the WAP application submitted by staff to FIND on April 1, 2024, for "Phase 1 Design and Engineering of Wabasso Causeway Park Improvements." The FIND application included a \$150,000 project to design and engineer improvements to the existing parking areas and boat ramps. The County is required to provide a \$75,000 (50:50) match for this grant.

On October 15, 2024, FIND notified the County that the project had been selected for funding and provided a project agreement for consideration by the Board.

**FUNDING:**

Funding for this project, in the amount of \$50,000, is budgeted in the Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Wabasso Causeway Shoreline & Park Improvements account, number 31521072-066510-24013. The remaining \$25,000 for the match, for a total of \$75,000, will be funded via a budget amendment at a later date. FIND will provide \$75,000 as a matching share of this project for a total project budget of \$150,000.

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Wabasso Causeway Shoreline & Park Improvements	31521072-066510-24013	\$150,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners accept the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program grant for “Wabasso Causeway Park Improvements Phase 1,” and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between the Florida Inland Navigation District and Indian River County after review and approval by the County Attorney.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment 1 – Grant Agreement for the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program grant for the Wabasso Causeway Park Improvements Phase 1
- Grant Form – Phase 1 Design & Engineering of Wabasso Causeway Park Improvements

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024**