



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Parks & Recreation /
Department of General Services**

Date: January 11, 2022

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

Thru: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Kevin M. Kirwin, CPRE, Director Parks & Recreation

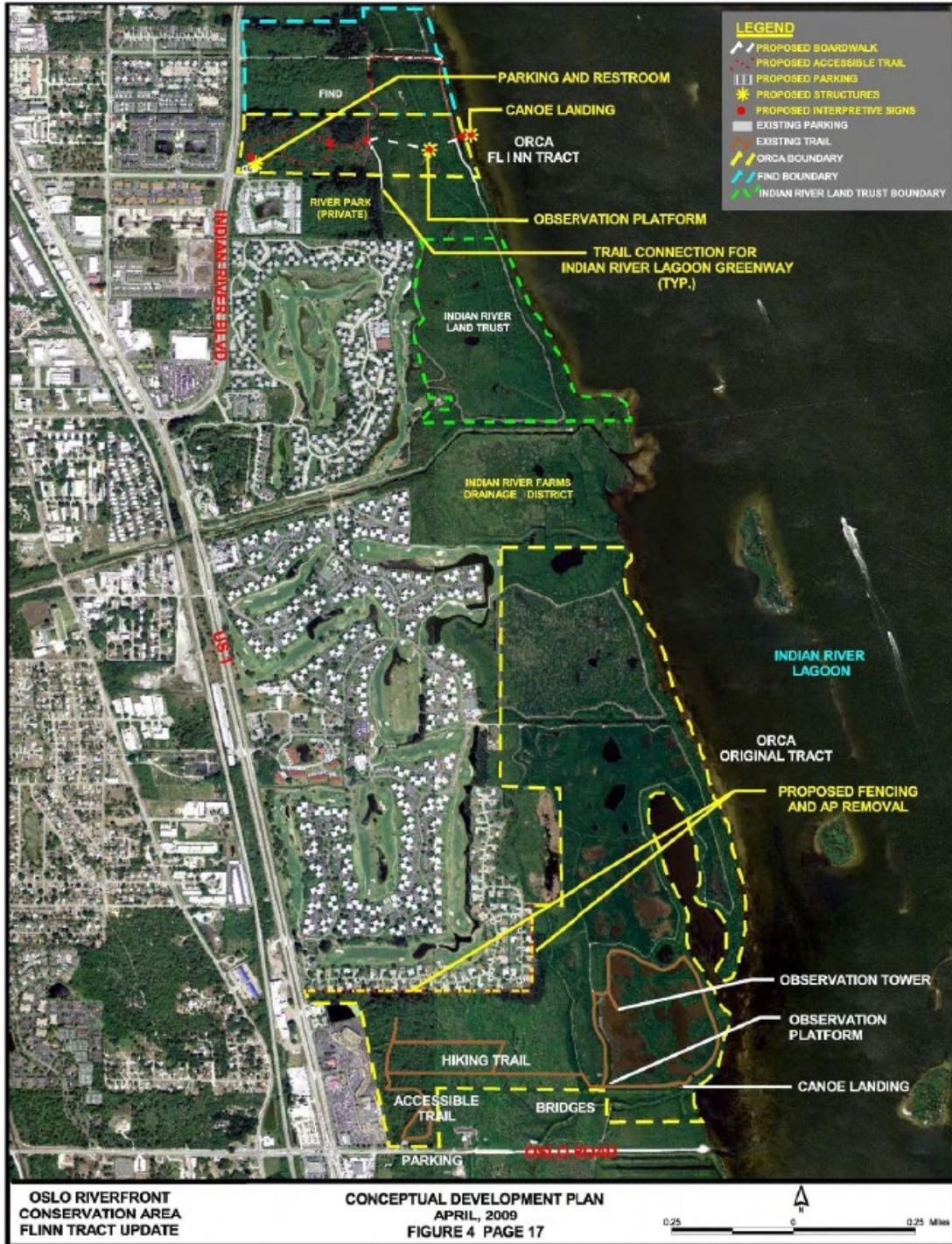
From: Beth Powell, Asst. Director Parks & Conservation Resources

Subject: Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Interlocal Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

On August 21, 1991, Indian River County (County) in partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) purchased the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area (ORCA) which is 298 acres located north of Oslo Road and east of U.S. Highway 1. The property was acquired jointly by the District and County for the purpose of conservation and environmental protection. Each party maintains an un-divided one-half interest in the property and both parties agreed that the County would be responsible for the resource management and maintenance/construction of passive recreation amenities. On November 5, 1991, the County and District entered into a thirty (30) year Intergovernmental Management Agreement (Agreement) which expired on November 4, 2021. This Agreement includes the First Amendment to the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Intergovernmental Management Agreement entered into on May 12, 1999, to include the Flinn Tract purchased by IRC, Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) and SJRWMD on June 17, 1998. A new Interlocal Management Agreement is being provided for acceptance between the District, FIND and the County for a period of twenty (20) years which will expire in 2041.

On April 27, 1993, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved "A Plan for the Use and Management of the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area" (hereafter referred as Management Plan). After the purchase of the Flinn Tract, the BCC approved "A Plan for the Use and Management of the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Amended to include the Flinn Tract" on November 3, 2009, which included FIND as funding partner. The purpose of the Management Plan is an Agreement between the three parties that clearly lays out and defines the extent and purpose of use, resource management, responsibilities and long-term management objectives for the two properties. Many of the planned improvements have been completed on both the Flinn and ORCA properties, however, there are some remaining improvements that are currently underway, including fencing of the ORCA property as specified in the Conceptual Development Plan, Figure 4 provided below.



For reference, below is a timeline from purchase of BCC actions and approvals related to the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area.

BCC Action	Funding	Grant Award	BCC Action
11/5/1991	\$1,860,000 purchase ORCA	Cost-Share SJRWMD	Intergovernmental Management Agreement dated 11/5/91 – parties IRC, SJRWMD

4/27/93	NA	NA	Conceptual approval of the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Management Plan 11/3/09 – parties IRC, SJRWMD (approved 1995)
10/1997	\$1,353,550 purchase Flinn	FIND	Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Management Plan Amended to Include the Flinn Tract Amended 2009
11/3/09	NA	NA	Approval of the Updated Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area Management Plan 11/3/09 – parties IRC, SJRWMD (approved 9/8/09)
6/6/17	\$16,250 Cash Match (same as finalized on 9/18/18)	Yes – FDEM \$48,750 (same as finalized on 9/18/18)	Authorization for staff to finalize and submit the HMGP Application for Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area, identified by the LMS as Project Priority #1 for Indian River County in the amount of \$65,000, and further authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant application after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.
9/18/18	\$16,250 Cash Match	Yes – FDEM \$48,750	Staff recommends authorizing the Chairman to execute the grant award contract and to direct Budget Office to authorize \$16,250.00 for the project from the Native Upland Mitigation Fund; and, authorize the Chairman to execute the Grant Agreement and necessary forms attached to the grant contract, as required.
5/14/19	NA	No	Staff recommends the Board approve the committee’s final ranking of firms and authorize the Parks and Conservation Resources Division to negotiate with the top ranked firm, and subsequent ranked firms, should negotiations with higher ranked firms fail.
10/15/19	\$111,702 Reconstruction of Overlook	No	Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute said agreement after receipt and approval of the required Public Construction Bond and certificate of insurance and after the County Attorney has approved the agreement as to form and legal sufficiency.
6/15/21	\$41,697.64 Fence Award	No	Staff recommends the Board award Bid 2021043 to A&B Fence Co., LLC, approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after receipt and approval of the required insurance, and after approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.
8/17/21	\$39,196.30 Planting Award	No	Staff recommends the Board award Bid 2021048 to Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after receipt and approval of the required insurance, and after approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.
*information specifically related to the Flinn Tract has not been included			

FUNDING

Operational funding is embedded in the annual Parks & Conservation Lands budget for maintenance of the conservation area. No new funding is anticipated or required as result of this new Interlocal Management Agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board accept the Interlocal Management Agreement Between St. Johns River Water Management District and Florida Inland Navigation District and Indian River County for Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District and St. Johns River Water Management District which will be routed to both entities for their approval and execution.

ATTACHMENT

- Interlocal Management Agreement Between St. Johns River Water Management District and Florida Inland Navigation District and Indian River County for Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area

**** (Due to the size of this document, it will be available for viewing online at www.ircgov.com or printed at the Commission Office)****

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2022