

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA AGENDA ITEM

# **Department of General Services Parks & Conservation Resources**

Date: September 10, 2019

**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

Kevin Kirwin, Director Parks & Conservation Resources

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

Subject: Notice of Grant Award from the Florida Department of

Environmental Protection, Coastal Partnership Initiative for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Saltmarsh Wetland and Hydric

Hammock Restoration - Grant Agreement Number CZ219

## **DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

On November 15, 2018, staff applied for and was subsequently awarded a \$50,000 FY2019/2020 Coastal Partnership Initiative (CPI) Grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Saltmarsh Wetland and Hydric Hammock Restoration. The CPI grant program provides National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administrative (NOAA) funding to local governments and organizations throughout the 35 coastal counties in Florida for the purpose of funding projects in four program areas:

- Resilient Communities
- Public Access
- Working Waterfronts
- Coastal Stewardship

The Jones' Pier Conservation Area Wetlands and Hammock Restoration Project was one of five projects selected for funding. The CPI funding will leverage existing County funding to complete the saltmarsh wetland and hammock restoration that is currently in the final stages of design and expected to be bid this fall.

#### THE PROJECT:

The State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement with Indian River County provides a \$50,000 federal reimbursement with a County cash match of \$50,000. The term of the agreement ends December 31, 2020. Task 1 is to construct the Saltmarsh wetland and Task 2 is to complete the restoration of the Hydric Hammock.

## **FUNDING:**

Jones' Pier Conservation Area is funded in the Capital Improvement Plan of the Comprehensive Plan through a combination of funding from the Windsor Properties Exchange Donation, Optional Sales Tax, and the Native Uplands Fund. The project account that would provide the \$50,000 match is proposed through Native Uplands/Parks/Jones Pier Improvements *Acct* #12721037-033490-18010.

Funding Description	Account Number	Amount
FL DEP Coastal Partnership Initiative		\$50,000
MSTU/Parks/Jones Pier Improvements	12721037-033490-18010	\$50,000
		\$100,000

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board accept the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coastal Partnership Initiative grant agreement for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Wetland and Hammock Restoration Project, Agreement Number CZ219 and authorize the Chairman to execute the Standard Grant Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection and Indian River County.

#### **Attachments:**

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coastal Partnership Initiative Standard Grant Agreement Number CZ219 – Jones' Pier Conservation Area Wetland and Hammock Restoration Project
- Indian River County Grant Form Jones' Pier Conservation Area Wetland and Hammock Restoration Project – CPI Agreement CZ219

#### **APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**