

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Richard B. Szyrka, P.E., Public Works Director
Kirstin Leiendecker, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director

FROM: Rob Skok, Infrastructure Project Manager

SUBJECT: Purchase of Mitigation Credits for IRC Public Shooting Range
Sporting Clays Course, IRC-1847

DATE: August 16, 2023

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The Indian River County Public Shooting Range is located in a wetlands area and during the rainy months the sporting clay course trails become impassable as water stands above ground for very long durations. Staff has designed improvements to the trails that include constructing shell golf cart paths and shooting stand pads.

Permitting for the sporting clay trails improvements include St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). SJRWMD issued the County's permit in August 2022. FDEP has made a condition of issuing a permit that the County purchase 0.50 palustrine emergent wetland credits from the Basin 22 Mitigation Bank in the amount of \$125,000.00 for offsetting the proposed wetland impacts of the improvements to the existing sporting clay trails prior to any construction or impacts.

Basin 22 Mitigation Bank Credit Reservation and Purchase Agreement (Federal) is to reserve 0.50 UMAM mitigation bank credit(s) in connection with mitigating adverse wetland impacts which may arise as a result of the construction of the improvements. Payment to be made to Gould Cooksey Fennell, PLLC (Christopher H. Marine, Esq.) as Escrow Agent for Basin 22 Mitigation Bank in the total amount of \$125,000.00.

FUNDING

Funding in the amount of \$125,000.00 is budgeted and available from the following account:

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Shooting Range Clays Trail	31521072-066510-21011	\$125,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of purchasing 0.50 palustrine emergent wetland credits from the Basin 22 Mitigation Bank in the amount of \$125,000.00 for offsetting the proposed wetland impacts to the project area as outlined in the Agreement and requests the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement on their behalf.

ATTACHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING IN ENGINEERING DIVISION

1. Basin 22 Mitigation Bank Credit Reservation & Purchase Agreement (Federal)
2. FDEP Permit

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 29, 2023