

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IN PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE JOINT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE WATER RESOURCE, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new partnership to coordinate federal housing, environmental protection and transportation planning and investment; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. HUD, DOT and EPA partnership is looking to multidisciplinary regional councils of government to identify and coordinate regional strategies to ensure that housing, land use, and transportation goals are met while simultaneously protecting the environment, promoting economic development, and helping to address the challenges of energy efficiency and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida comprised of Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils request the Town of Lake Park's support to establish a comprehensive strategic regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability and to be used as a guide by federal funding agencies to prioritize and focus future federal investment; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida will commit resources necessary within the limits of their budgets and work program to prepare and submit a joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative to U.S. HUD's Office of Sustainability Housing & Communities prior to the anticipated "Notice of Funding Available" in March 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida is aware that the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative identifies the need for a comprehensive regional plan or vision for growth, identifying critical projects and

infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability which will guide future federal funding critical to Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida supports the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida submitting a joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative prepared in consultation with the appropriate water resource, housing, environmental and transportation agencies, local governments and private sector organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section I. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section II. The Town of Lake Park hereby expresses its desire to support the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida in preparing a comprehensive joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative and establishing a working partnership agreement with appropriate water resource, housing, environmental and transportation agencies, local governments and private sector organizations.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Osterman who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hockman and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR DESCA DUBOIS	<u>/</u>	—
VICE-MAYOR PATRICIA OSTERMAN	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER STEVEN HOCKMAN	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER JEANINE LONGTIN	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER KENDALL RUMSEY	<u>/</u>	—

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 15-04-10 duly passed and adopted this 7 day of April, 2010.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: Desca Dubois
DESCA DUBOIS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Vivian M. Lemley

VIVIAN M. LEMLEY
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LAKE PARK
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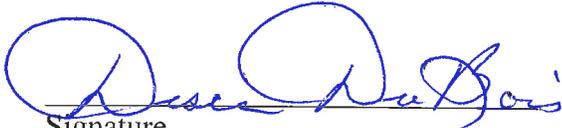
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Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency:

BY: Thomas J. Baird
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION**

By my signature below, my organization/agency becomes a signatory to the Sustainable Communities Initiative Memorandum of Understanding for the Southeast Florida Region, dated April 7, 2010. I understand that the MOU will be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. This original signature page will be kept on file at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.


Signature

Desca DuBois - Mayor
Typed Name and Title

Town of Lake Park
Organization/Agency

April 7, 2010
Date

Please return to:

South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140
Hollywood, Florida 33021

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION**

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a mutual understanding in support of the signatory agencies, organizations, governments, and individuals that will be working in cooperation to: 1) prepare a successful Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) grant application; and 2) complete the work funded under the SCI grant.

II. Background

On June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) joined with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to help improve access to affordable housing, more transportation options, and lower transportation costs while protecting the environment in communities nationwide. A set of guiding livability principles and a federal interagency partnership agreement is intended to guide their efforts in coordinating federal housing, transportation, and other infrastructure investments designed to protect the environment, promote equitable development, and help to address the challenges of climate change.

Congress provided a total of \$150,000,000 to U.S. HUD for the SCI program to encourage regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase State, regional and local capacity to incorporate livability, sustainability and social equity principles into land use and zoning. From that total amount, \$100,000,000 is being made available to encourage metropolitan regions to develop integrated regional plans that articulate a vision for growth that federal housing, transportation and other federal investments can support.

More importantly, the three federal agencies have made a commitment to utilize the integrated regional plans or visions to guide their planning and funding decision-making. Funding to these metropolitan regions would generally be directed towards programs and projects identified in “Regional Plans for Sustainability” aimed at increasing transportation choices, reducing combined housing and transportation costs for American families, improving the quality of life in communities, and improving the natural and built environment.

III. Agreement

Whereas, there is a recognized need among the signatories for a coordinated, collaborative regional effort to prepare and carry out a successful SCI grant application and work program; and

Whereas, an SCI grant application and work program will be prepared and managed by the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils in cooperation with the MOU signatories, including, but not limited to, the Town of Lake Park, with the intent of establishing a comprehensive regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to: 1) improve the Region’s sustainability; and 2) assist and guide federal funding agencies in prioritizing and focusing future federal investment in Southeast Florida; and

Whereas, the signatories agree to the best of their abilities and within the limits of their budgets to work cooperatively on the grant application and funded project; and

Whereas, any private sector organization, non-profit, academic or research institution, philanthropic partner, community organization, governmental entity, individual, or intermediary agency that bears responsibility for or has an interest in the sustainable development and redevelopment of Southeast Florida may be a partner and signatory to this MOU; and

Whereas, each of the signatories to this MOU understands urban redevelopment and the promotion of infill development in Southeast Florida represents environmental, transportation, social, and economic and community development strategies for restoration of the Everglades ecosystem and advancing the goals of the federal SCI program; and

Whereas, each of the signatories to this MOU is committed to following the Livability Principles relating to the sustainable development and redevelopment of Southeast Florida:

1. **Provide more transportation choices.** Develop safe, reliable and economic transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.
2. **Promote equitable, affordable housing.** Expand location-and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races and ethnicities to increase mobility, and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.
3. **Enhance economic competitiveness.** Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services, and other basic needs by workers as well as expanded business access to markets.
4. **Support existing communities.** Target funding toward existing communities through such strategies as transit-oriented, mixed-use development and land recycling – to increase community revitalization, improve the efficiency of public works investments, and safeguard rural landscapes.
5. **Coordinate policies and leverage investment.** Align policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices such as locally generated renewable energy.

6. **Value communities and neighborhoods.** Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods – rural, urban or suburban.

Whereas, any regional plan document developed under the SCI grant will support these Livability Principles and should, to the greatest extent possible and where appropriate, be built upon the foundation of work that has been accomplished and undertaken in the region where existing plans, partnerships, and processes enhance regional planning, coordination and efficiency, reduce unnecessary duplication of effort and responsibilities, and add clarity and accountability to implementation processes.

Now, Therefore, this MOU is established to create a framework for coordinating efforts related to the preparation of a successful SCI grant application and successfully completing the work funded under the SCI grant.

IV. Programming, Budgeting, Funding and Reimbursement Arrangement

- a. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any transfer of funds between parties may take place through existing authorities and procedures.
- b. Generally, any endeavor involving the transfer of funds will follow normal procurement or other appropriate processes and will be affected in writing by representatives of the organizations involved.
- c. This MOU in no way restricts the signatories from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities or agencies.
- d. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate the signatories to expend appropriations, obligate funds or enter into any contract or other agreement.

V. Effective Date

This MOU will become effective upon signature by any two parties. Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU upon written notice to the other Parties. The provisions of the MOU will be reviewed periodically, as appropriate, and amended or supplemented as may be mutually agreed upon.

VI. Other Memorandum of Understandings

There are no superseding MOUs on this topic among the Parties hereto.

VII. Signatures

This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Each Party has signed this five-page agreement on a separate page. The original signature pages are on file at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021; (954) 985-4416.