

RESOLUTION NO. 90-04/05

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING ITS SUPPORT OF THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER PRESERVATION INITIATIVE'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER AND RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S MUTUAL SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE'S FY 2006 FUNDING REQUEST.

WHEREAS, the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries drain over 270 square miles of both Palm Beach and Martin Counties; and

WHEREAS, although the Loxahatchee River has been given protective status of an Outstanding Florida Water Body, it remains impacted; and

WHEREAS, development in the region has altered the natural state of much of the river and water quality concerns are widespread; and

WHEREAS, stormwater runoff from urban and agricultural areas threaten the long-term viability of the once pristine estuary; and

WHEREAS, sediment build-up, muck and other pollutants presently jeopardize the sustainability of the river's underwater and shoreline ecological habitats; and

WHEREAS, even though the Loxahatchee River was the first nationally designated a Wild and Scenic River in the State of Florida, comparably little attention is given towards support of local programs aimed at protecting and restoring the treasured resource; and

WHEREAS, the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative is comprised of a vast consortium of public agencies, public interest groups and concerned citizens who are all dedicated to the restoration and enhancement of the Loxahatchee River System; and

WHEREAS, the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative has pursued state legislative funding to support the construction of water quality improvement projects throughout the river basin.

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the local legislative delegation, \$9.5 million has been appropriated within the state budget to assist the Initiative since FY 2002; and

WHEREAS, many more water quality projects remain to be completed in FY 2006; therefore, the Initiative is again requesting the support of the State of Florida and the United States Federal Government.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta, Florida:

Section 1. The Village hereby notifies the members of the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative of its continued support in its efforts to restore and preserve the Loxahatchee River and respectfully requests the State of Florida's and the United States Federal Government's mutual support of the Initiative's FY 2006 Funding Request.

Section 2. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative, local, state and federal legislative delegation members and to the office of the Governor of the State of Florida.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Watkins, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Resnik, and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

FOR ADOPTION

AGAINST ADOPTION

Jim Humpage

Pat Watkins

Geraldine A. Genco

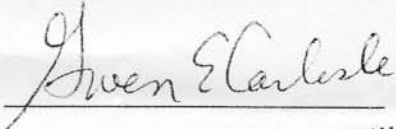
Edward D. Resnik

Tom Paterno

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of September 7, A.D., 2005.



Jim Humpage, Mayor



Gwen E. Carlisle
Village Clerk

