

RESOLUTION 99 - 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST FOR ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 54.5 ACRES OF LAND FOR PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PURPOSES. PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE KEY CONTACT PERSON.

WHEREAS, the State's Preservation 2000 grant program, administered by the Florida Communities Trust, was established to assist local governments to implement the conservation, recreation and open space, and coastal management elements of the local comprehensive plan through a program of grant awards to local governments for land acquisition for the purposes of natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the FCT currently has funds available for grants in this round with an estimated maximum of \$2 to \$3 million dollars available to any one applicant; and

WHEREAS, St Johns County has identified an acquisition project for this grant round consisting of approximately 54.5 acres in the Northwest portion of the County known as the Bennett tract that contains exceptional natural resources; and

WHEREAS, upon successful approval of this grant application by the State FCT, St. Johns County will be required to fulfill the commitments made in the grant application including providing local matching funds, approval of the Conceptual Approval Agreement, completion of the Management Plan, and filing of annual Stewardship reports; and

WHEREAS, acquisition and management of this property will assist St. Johns County in meeting the requirements of the Conservation/Coastal Management and Recreation and Open Space Elements of its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners, execution by the County Administrator, and identification of the Key Contact person,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The County Administrator is authorized to execute the grant application to be submitted to the Florida Communities Trust.
2. It is further resolved that Daniel Weimer, Supervisor, Department of Recreation and Parks is authorized to act as the Key Contact person on behalf of St. Johns County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12 DAY OF January, 1999

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By Marc A. Javalone
Its Chair

ATTESTED: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk