

RESOLUTION 99 - 184

A RESOLUTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN ITS EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE THE NORTHWEST PARK PROPERTY (also known as the Bennett Property), PENDING THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY BY THE FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has made application for funding for the purchase of the Northwest Park property for St. Johns County through the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Preservation 2000 program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Communities Trust has approved this application for funding in the amount of \$2.2 million; and

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Lands has secured an option on the Northwest Park property with a closing date in December with the current owners; and

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Lands has offered to sell the Northwest Park property to St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Lands seeks assurance from the County of its intent to move forward in the acquisition process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. St. Johns County agrees to provide two appraisals of the Northwest Park property to the FCT that meet the required standards of FCT for the purposes of their grant.
2. Appraisers have been selected from a list provided by the FCT.
3. St. Johns County commits to providing up to \$5,000, in addition to the cost of the appraisals, toward the funding of the purchase price of the Northwest Park property from the Trust for Public Lands contingent upon the above appraisals indicating \$2.2 million or higher as the value of the subject property and the funding of the balance of the purchase price by the Florida Communities Trust.
4. St. Johns County will proceed in a timely manner in its endeavor to effect the closing for the purchase of the Northwest Park property as soon as possible but not later than June 30, 2000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 14th day of December, 1999.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: James L. Bryant
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST, CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

BY: Patricia De Grande
DEPUTY CLERK