

RESOLUTION NO. 2004- 333

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE WEED & SEED PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County desires to pursue programs that will improve the quality of life in West Augustine; and

WHEREAS, the Weed & Seed Program sponsored in part by the United States Department of Justice is designed to combine law enforcement with treatment and prevention; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2000 the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County adopted Resolution #2000-146, declaring the West Augustine Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) to be a slum or blighted area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of section 163.360, Florida Statutes, the West Augustine CRA prepared the West Augustine Community Redevelopment Plan, which identified the need for additional law enforcement and treatment and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement is needed to evidence the County's commitment to improve the quality of life of the residents of West Augustine; and

WHEREAS, such a Memorandum of Agreement is attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the terms, and conditions noted in the Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida desires to participate in the Weed & Seed Program, and believes that approving the Memorandum of Agreement will serve a public purpose, by providing additional positive opportunities to the residents of West Augustine.

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

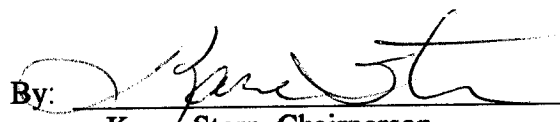
Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners supports the **plan of action** outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement.

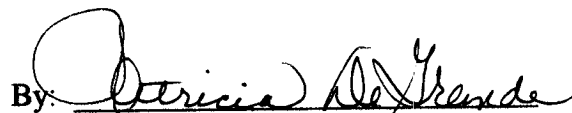
Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement, **on behalf of St. Johns County.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 3rd day of November, 2004.

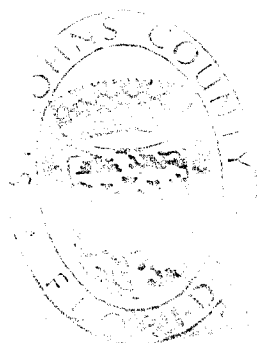
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Karen Stern, Chairperson

Attest: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court

By: 
Deputy Clerk

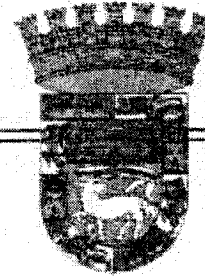
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Memorandum of Agreement

Weed and Seed Strategy

West Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida

On behalf of St. Johns County, this Memorandum of Agreement is submitted, in order to collaborate with other community partners, so that a Weed and Seed Strategy might be established in the West Augustine area of St. Johns County, Florida.

St. Johns County understands that its participation in the Weed and Seed effort is an integral part in enabling the community of West Augustine to prevent and control crime, and improve the overall quality of life for the residents of West Augustine.

St. Johns County commits the following St. Johns County Departments to the following:

- St. Johns County Housing and Community Services Department will:
 - Demolish identified vacant, abandoned, or dilapidated structures
 - Budget SHIP funds to rehabilitate approx. 35 homes annually
 - Maintain Affordable Housing website
 - Conduct home buyer education
 - Collaborate with area builders to apply for down-payment subsidies for West Augustine residents
 - Work with Florida Memorial College, in order to develop its property to improve the infrastructure of West Augustine

- St. Johns County Public Works Department will:
 - Continue to improve storm water drainage
 - Continue with sidewalk improvements
 - Continue to install or repair signage
 - Continue to install or repair street lighting

- St. Johns County Code Enforcement will:
 - Assist in the clean up and maintenance of community through code enforcement
 - Assist in identification of properties to be demolished

- St. Johns Recreation and Parks Department will:
 - Positively impact family bonding through safe, enjoyable activities for youth, adults, and families
 - Assist in improving the academic performance of West Augustine youth through after school programs
 - Install bike paths to join rails and trails into town
 - Move forward with final plans to construct and staff a new Community Center at Calvin Peete Park

- St. Johns County Mental Health Department will:
 - Provide YODA training (Youth Off Alcohol and Drugs) to West Augustine youth
 - Provide access to substance abuse detoxification and residential services for eligible West Augustine residents
 - Provide mental health assessments and counseling for West Augustine residents at the West Augustine site
 - Provide personal well-being and health education classes for youth in West Augustine.
 - Provide resource management for families in need.
 - Assign therapists to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment at the designated West Augustine site.

In addition, each appropriate St. Johns County Department will designate a representative to participate on the Weed and Seed Steering Committee and/or one of its subcommittees.

 Ben W. Adams, Jr.
 County Administrator

 Patricia Greenough
 West Augustine Weed and Seed Strategy
 Site Coordinator

 Date

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