RESOLUTION NO. 2011-

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED PAPERWORK, IN ORDER TO SEEK FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FLORIDA EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL KATHY CRADDOCK BURKS EDUCATION GRANT TO CONDUCT INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT DESIGNATED COUNTY PARKS

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council allows local governments to make application through the Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant program to promote educational outreach concerning invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the County submitting the application is April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the completed Grant application; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant application, the County has determined that nothing contained in the Grant application negatively impacts the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant application and accompanying materials, the County has determined that none of the requirements, restrictions, and/or obligations associated with award of the Grant, or the Grant itself, negatively impact the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the completed Grant application and accompanying materials, the County has determined that an award of a Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Grant to assist in educational outreach concerning invasive plant species at designated County-owned parks serves the overall interests of the County.

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

- **Section 1.** The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.
- Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to submit a completed application based on the approved guidelines for grant submittal (attached hereto, and incorporated herein), on behalf of the St. Johns County Environmental Division for a Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Grant to assist with educational

outreach concerning invasive plant species at designated County-owned parks.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute any other paperwork necessary, and/or associated with the application for the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant.

To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors or omissions Section 4. that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 18th day of January, 2011.

> **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST; CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

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RENDITION DATE_



FLEPPC's Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - FY2011

Program Description and Eligibility

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant education and outreach projects. The intent of these grants is to provide funding to organizations or individuals who will educate Floridians about non-native invasive plants and their influences on the environment and economy of Florida. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

Evaluation Criteria

Award preference will be given to proposals that meet the following criteria:

 Involve plants listed as Category-I species on the FLEPPC 2009 List of Invasive Plant Species, found on www.fleppc.org (projects involving Category-II species will also be considered);

Include an educational message that will reach a large segment of the community;

- Heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, management, prevention, environmental and/or economic impacts;
- Involve an active component (passive programs such as signs, brochures or websites should be enhanced to promote an event or an action involving the target audience);

Include an evaluation of project success;

Demonstrate matching funds or in-kind contributions;

Include partnerships (please specify type and degree of involvement for partner entities);

Include a detailed timeline of grant activities.

 First time applicants and new/startup projects will be given preference, although repeat applicants and established programs will be considered.

Application instructions and further information may be found on the FLEPPC website (www.fleppc.org/edgrants.html). Grants may not be used to fund food or beverages, capital expense items (sprayers, chain saws, machinery, herbicide), overhead costs (e.g., electricity) or large-scale herbicide application activities. Projects involving disposal of invasive plants must describe the appropriate disposal technique they will employ. All necessary permits are the sole responsibility of the applicant or organization. Requests for funding should not exceed \$1,000.00 and all funds awarded are to be used within one year of receipt. If full funding is not available, partial funding may be awarded. Applicant/organization must present a summary of results at the FLEPPC annual meeting (poster or presentation) or provide a summary article for Wildland Weeds magazine. The FLEPPC Education Grant Committee reserves the right to review all publications resulting from this funding (prior to printing or distribution).

The deadline for proposal submission is 5PM on Friday, April 1st, 2011.

The FLEPPC Education Committee will review all applications. Winners will be announced during the business meeting in May at FLEPPC's annual conference, held this year in Maitland, FL (Orange County).

For further information, contact:

Jennifer Possley
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Email: jpossley@fairchildgarden.org
Phone: 305-667-1651, ext. 3433

Fax: 305-665-8032



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APPLICATION - FY2011

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Application Instructions

Use all of the headings on the following page as a template for information about your proposed program. Insert tables or images if appropriate. Use as much detail as possible. If your proposal includes signs, brochures or web pages, please include at least a partial sample. Applications that are incomplete will receive lower ranks. The length of the entire application (beginning on the next page), including attachments, should not exceed 5 pages. For questions concerning this application, contact Jennifer Possley at jpossley@fairchildgarden.org. E-mail completed application to Jennifer as a *.PDF or *.DOC file. Applications are due by 5PM on Friday, April 1st, 2011.

FLEPPC's 2011 Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant

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| Job Title: | | |
| Agency: | | |
| Address: | | |
| Phone: | | |
| Email: | | |
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2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Title:

Project Summary (<100 Words):

Project budget. Indicate a breakdown of uses for your requested funds (maximum \$1000). You may supply this information in tabular format if desired. The FLEPPC education grant does not fund food, beverages, capital expenses, major herbicide applications, or overhead.

Where will the project be located? If applicable, include the county and city name and more specific directions. Applicants may provide a letter of support from the land owner, if applicable.

What are the FLEPPC target plant(s)?

If your project involves the removal of invasive plants, describe the disposal technique you will employ, to ensure that disposal does not create a new invasive plant problem elsewhere.

Who is the target audience?

Describe how you will evaluate success at reaching your target audience.

Describe collaborating organizations and their contributions.

What is your method of implementation?

Describe prior activities that may help you to accomplish this project, if applicable.

What is your timeline for completion?

Summarize your expected results.

Describe how you will share your project results with FLEPPC members. Grant recipients are required to present their results at the annual symposium or submit an article to be considered for *Wildland Weeds* magazine.

Send completed application to jpossley@fairchildgarden.org by 5PM on April 1st, 2011