

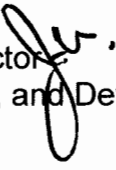


Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

February 13, 2019

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
— AND —
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director 
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SUBJECT: February 26, 2019 – Discussion
Resolution of Support for Acquisition of the Harrod Property and
Request for State Funding

At the February 26, 2019 Board meeting, staff will provide an update on recent discussions regarding the potential acquisition of the Harrod Property, a 30-acre property in east Orange County that straddles the Little Econlockhatchee River. In recent weeks, a proposal has come together that establishes the purpose of the acquisition for a low-impact, passive public park. Additionally, there have been further discussions regarding a proposed funding plan. While recent appraisals for the property range from \$5.22 million to \$7.0 million, Mr. Harrod has indicated a willingness to accept a lower purchase price that, when combined with a matching State award, reduces the County contribution for land acquisition to \$2.5 million. Given the public purpose as a park, it should be possible to allocate a portion of the \$16.5 million of remaining INVEST funding that was set aside for partnership projects for County parks towards this project.

Staff will also present a draft resolution that is a necessary step for the County's legislative delegation to include the request for the FY 19/20 State budget.

Action Requested: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding affirming support and financial commitment for the acquisition of certain pristine natural lands known as the Harrod Property. District 5

JVW/am
Attachment