

**RESOLUTION**  
*of the*  
**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
*regarding*  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREEN PLACE ADVISORY  
BOARD TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE GREEN PLACE PROGRAM.**

**Resolution No. 2021- M-43**

WHEREAS, the preservation and management of Orange County's natural resources are important to the future of Orange County citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and management of Orange County's natural resources provide both important ecological and societal benefits; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") established the Green PLACE program; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Green PLACE program includes the preservation and management of environmentally sensitive lands, protecting water resource lands, and maintaining quality passive recreational outdoor experiences; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2003, the Board created, and subsequently dissolved, the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2006, the Board re-established the Green PLACE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and subsequently dissolved it; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2007, the Board established, and subsequently sunsetted, the Green PLACE Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the Green PLACE Advisory Board for the purpose of evaluating environmentally sensitive parcels of land for acquisition through the Green PLACE program; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(1)(t), Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of a county may adopt resolutions necessary for the exercise of its powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

**Section 1. Creation and Purpose.** The Green PLACE Advisory Board (the “Advisory Board”) is hereby created and established for the purpose of advising the Board of County Commissioners on matters related to the administration of the Green PLACE program and evaluating environmentally sensitive parcels of land for acquisition.

**Section 2. Membership.**

**A. Composition and Membership.** The Advisory Board will consist of seven members, representing all six commission districts wherever possible, and appointed consistent with the provision of Chapter 2, Article VI, Orange County Code. The membership of the Advisory Board will be as follows:

1. Verified member(s) of a recognized environmental conservation organization (no more than two members);
2. Agricultural interest representative(s) (no more than two members);
3. Academic or educational representative(s) (no more than two members);
4. At-large representative(s) (no more than two members).

**B. Terms of Appointment.** Except for the initial terms, appointments to the Advisory Board will be for two years and expire on December 31. To provide for staggered terms of successive membership, the terms of office for three initial members will expire on December 31, 2022 and for four initial members will expire December 31, 2023. A vacancy occurring during a term will be filled for the unexpired term. Each member will hold office until a qualified successor has been appointed.

### **Section 3. Operation of the Advisory Board.**

**A. Duties and Responsibilities.** The Advisory Board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Evaluate parcels of land for acquisition through the Green PLACE program;
2. Establish acquisition priorities;
3. Delineate and recommend policies relating to the uses of Green PLACE properties; and
4. Recommend names for Green PLACE parcels using the procedure outlined in Administrative Regulation 2.16 (Naming of Orange County Parks and Related Facilities).

**B. Chair, Vice-Chair; Quorum.** At the first meeting of the Advisory Board following membership appointments, the members will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair and establish a schedule of regular meetings. The Chair and Vice-Chair will serve one-year terms. Prior to the expiration of the terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Advisory Board must hold elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms for the same position. A majority of members of the Advisory Board constitutes a quorum necessary to hold a meeting and conduct Advisory Board business.

**C. Applicable Laws.** The actions of the Advisory Board must be in accordance with the Advisory Boards Ordinance (Chapter 2, Article VI, Orange County Code), and all applicable laws, including but not limited to, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes), the Florida Public

Records Law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes) and the Florida "Government-in-the-Sunshine Law" (Chapter 286, Florida Statutes).

**Section 4. Staff Support.** The Advisory Board will be administratively supported by the Orange County Environmental Protection Division.

**Section 5. Effective Date; Sunset.** This Resolution will become effective on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF September, 2021.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*  
for Jerry L. Demings  
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Katie Smith*  
Deputy Clerk