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RESOLUTION R-97-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND EXECUTING A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNDER THE ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION TRUST FUND FOR HABITAT RESTORATION AT EMERSON POINT.

Whereas, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection provides funding under the Pollution Recovery Program to restore natural and cultural ecological resources in the State; and

Whereas, Emerson Point is an environmentally sensitive area owned by the State of Florida and managed by the Board of County Commissioners under an agreement executed on November 12, 1991; and

Whereas, the County approved conceptual Land Management Plan for Emerson Point has identified the need to remove invasive and exotic plant species in certain areas on Emerson Point allowing for the restoration of native plant communities, improvement of water quality, and improving public access; and

Whereas, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has notified Manatee County that restoration of Emerson Point has been selected for funding under the Pollution Recovery Program and provides DEP Contract No. SP359 as an agreement to complete the restoration funded by the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida that:

1. The State agreement for Habitat Restoration at Emerson Point provided as DEP Contract No. SP359 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection under the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund is hereby accepted.
1. The Chairman, or in her absence the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute all documents with regards to the execution of this agreement.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 28th day of January, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Patricia M. Glass*
Chairman

ATTEST: R.B. SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *James B. Lomax*