

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE CONSERVATORY PROPERTY UNDER THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Communities Trust provides grants to local governments under the Florida Forever Program for the acquisition of land for the purposes of natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities to implement the conservation, recreation and open space, and coastal elements of their Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County submitted a grant application to the Florida Communities Trust for the acquisition of the property known as The Conservatory which was subsequently approved for funding, and

WHEREAS, Manatee County desires financial assistance from the State of Florida in order to acquire the Conservatory property on behalf of the residents of Manatee County.

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

1. The acceptance of a grant from the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Communities Trust, for the acquisition of the Conservatory Property under the Florida Forever Program is hereby authorized.
2. The County Administrator, or in his absence, the Chief Assistant County Administrator is authorized to execute all appropriate documents with regards to the acceptance of this grant and related documents required pursuant to the award.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 16th day of November, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Gene W. Halman*
Chairman

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

By: *Susan Bernier*

