

MAR 12 1990

RESOLUTION NO. 90-LEG-02

1
2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 RELATING TO THE FLORIDA RECREATIONAL TRAILS
5 SYSTEM AS CREATED BY CHAPTER 260, FLORIDA
6 STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SUPPORT OF THE TRI
7 COUNTY CHAPTER OF RAILS TO TRAILS IN THEIR
8 EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE ABANDONED RAILROAD LINES
9 WITHIN THE APOPKA TO LAKE COUNTY RAILROAD
10 CORRIDOR FOR CONVERSION TO A LINEAR PARK
11 SYSTEM; URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE
12 OF FLORIDA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE
13 PURCHASE OF THE CSX OWNED PORTION OF SAID
14 RAIL CORRIDOR; PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF PARKS AND RECREATION BE DIRECTED TO
16 INVESTIGATE AND REPORT UPON THE POSSIBILITY
17 OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING CERTAIN PRIVATELY
18 OWNED SEGMENTS OF THE SAID RAILROAD CORRIDOR
19 AND THE EXPENSE ATTENDANT THERETO; AND
20 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted
22 Chapter 260, Florida Statutes, the Florida Recreational Trails
23 Act 1979, wherein they created and provided for the expansion
24 of a network of recreational and scenic trails designated as
25 the Florida Recreational Trails System; and

26 WHEREAS, Chapter 260, Florida Statutes, Section
27 260.012(2), provides that it is the intent of the Legislature
28 of the State of Florida to provide for the acquisition of
29 abandoned railroad rights-of-way for use as public
30 recreational trails, and, to encourage the multiple use of
31 public rights-of-way, and to use, to the fullest extent
32 possible, existing and future scenic roads, highways, park
33 roads, parkways, and national recreational trails; and

34 WHEREAS, Chapter 260, Florida Statutes, Section
35 260.012(1), further provides that it is the intent of the
36 Legislature of the State of Florida that these recreational
trails will serve to encourage horseback riding, hiking,
bicycling, canoeing, and jogging, and thereby improve the
health and welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 260, Florida Statutes, Section
260.012(2), further provides that it is the intent of the
Legislature of the State of Florida to coordinate
recreational trail plans and development among local
governments, and with the State of Florida; and

1 WHEREAS, Chapter 260, Florida Statutes, Section
2 260.012(3) authorizes the Florida Department of Natural
3 Resources, together with other governmental entities and
4 agencies of the State of Florida, and all counties,
5 municipalities and special districts of the State of Florida,
6 to spend public funds for such purposes; and

7 WHEREAS, The Rails to Trails Conservancy, headquartered
8 in Washington, D.C., has an active Chapter located in Central
9 Florida; and

10 WHEREAS, the Tri County Chapter (Orange, Seminole,
11 Osceola Counties) of the Rails to Trails Conservancy is
12 dedicated to the creation of an interconnected linear park
13 system of rail and trails accessible to communities in the
14 Tri County area and to a diverse variety of users; and

15 WHEREAS, within Orange County there exists an abandoned
16 railroad corridor, extending from Apopka to Lake County,
17 which has not yet been preserved in its entirety; and

18 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County
19 Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, that:

20 Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Orange
21 County supports the Tri County Chapter of Rails to Trails in
22 their efforts to acquire abandoned railroad lines for
23 conversion to a linear park system.

24 Section 2. The Legislature of the State of Florida is
25 hereby urged to appropriate sufficient funds to enable the
26 Florida Department of Natural Resources to purchase the CSX
27 owned sections of the Apopka to Lake County railroad corridor.

28 Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby
29 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to expend
30 current operating funds of the Department for appraisals and
31 consultations for the purpose of estimating expenditures
32 which would be necessary for the acquisition of the remaining
33 privately owned (or nonrailroad owned) section of the Apopka
34 to Lake County railroad corridor.

35 The Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the
36 Department to utilize such appraisals and consultations in

1 the preparation of recommendations to be submitted by the
2 Department concerning the acquisition by the County of the
3 said privately owned sections for the purposes described
4 herein. Such recommendations shall include an amount certain
5 to be included within the appropriations for the 1990-91
6 Fiscal Year Capital Improvements Project budget for the
7 Department for the purpose of such acquisitions.

8 Section 4. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the
9 members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation.

10 Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become
11 effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners
12 of Orange County, Florida.

13
14 ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF March, 1990.

15
16 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
17 OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

18 BY: Hal Griston
19 Chairman

20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE
OF ORANGE COUNTY ONLY
APPROVED AS TO FORM
12 MAR 1990
JOHN A. GEHRIG
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY