

RESOLUTION NUMBER 89-4.26

[REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC LAND
ACQUISITION MANUAL]

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, Florida, has authorized a Bond Referendum to be held on May 16, 1989, for the purpose of determining whether or not General Obligation Bonds of the County shall be issued for the purpose of financing the acquisition of recreational lands and acquisition and preservation of environmentally sensitive lands; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that it would be in the best public interest to develop a procedure to guide the selection of land for acquisition, in the event that the Bond Referendum is approved; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Martin County Public Land Acquisition Manual attached hereto as Exhibit "A" provides a guideline for the public land acquisition process if the Bond Referendum is approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT the Martin County Public Land Acquisition Manual attached hereto as Exhibit "A" be adopted, subject to approval of the Bond Referendum on May 16, 1989, and provided that all eligible County expenditures related to the land acquisition process be reimbursed from the Bond proceeds, and that the following amendments, additions and clarifications apply:

1. a golf course be specifically included as a high priority in the resource-based acquisition;
2. the Lands For You group deliver to the County on May 9th their \$15,000 contribution to the costs of the Special Election;
3. no more than 25% of the bond issue should be spent on any one project or on adjacent lands that might be considered part of that project;

4. the program is for land acquisition, not for building acquisition, and buildings should not be acquired except where they are incidental or useful to the recreational needs;
5. the City be included on equal footing, as a Taxing District for community parks;
6. no City recreation site will be purchased without City approval, and funds which go to community parks to meet the needs of a particular Taxing District will be paid off, over time, from those Taxing Districts;
7. the program is not for educational facilities, but may include environmental education in the development;
8. community parks will be countywide by the LOS standards set in the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan;
9. appropriate land acquisition impact fees will be used in lieu of ad valorem taxes to pay off bonds, where possible, but only for needs of new residents served;
10. the \$20 million bond authorization be allocated to provide \$5 million for community parks, \$12.5 million for open space and \$2.5 million contingency to cover ancillary costs of acquisition of lands in either category; and
11. before acquisition begins, the County should complete an inventory of county-owned lands and, where possible and appropriate, use proceeds of the sale of those lands for paying off bond issues, for acquisition, or for development of acquired properties.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF APRIL, 1989.

ATTEST:


MARSHA STILLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
FRANK A. WACHA, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS


NOREEN S. DREYER, COUNTY ATTORNEY