



3. Purpose of the Agreement/Contract: Acquisition of Vacant Land for Conservation efforts
4. New/Renewal/Modification: New
5. Duration: Perpetual
6. Benefits to Martin County: Additional conservation lands adjacent to the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem
7. Cost to Martin County: \$2,500.00 plus closing costs

Poinciana Gardens, located in Hobe Sound, consists of mostly single-family residential homes, as well as vacant undeveloped parcels located within the western portion of Poinciana Gardens. These vacant undeveloped parcels are adjacent to the Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem. In 2016, Martin County acquired 80 surplus parcels from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIITF) for conservation purposes. Currently, Martin County owns approximately 38 acres of vacant land within Poinciana Gardens.

In November 2021, Karen M. Elrod contacted County staff to discuss the sale of her vacant parcel to Martin County. The Martin County Property Appraiser shows a market value of the .203-acre parcel as \$2,500. The parcel is located in the unimproved portion of Poinciana Gardens with no open road access. The Ecosystem Restoration & Management Department has approved the use of Conservation Funds for the purchase of this parcel, as it is beneficial for conservation efforts along the headwaters of the Northern Tributaries to the Loxahatchee River and will assist in providing a natural area buffer to the St. Lucie Inlet State Park.

**ISSUES:**

None

**LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:**

This item has been reviewed for legal sufficiency to determine whether it is consistent with applicable law, has identified and addressed legal risks and has developed strategies for legal defensibility.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move that the Board approve the acquisition of the vacant .203-acre parcel in Poinciana Gardens, adopt a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed from Karen M. Elrod and authorize the Chairman to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Deny and provide staff with alternative direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

\$2,500.00 purchase price. Minimal recording fees and closing costs

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
3206-1322-06100-537-2155	\$2,500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		
<b>Project Total</b>	\$2,500.00	

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:**

- Budget Transfer / Amendment
- Chair Letter
- Contract / Agreement
- Grant / Application
- Notice
- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Other: