



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the 126th Avenue North Landfill.

Recommended Action

Approval of the Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the 126th Avenue North landfill property.

Authorization for the Real Estate Management Department Director to sign and file reports, plans, other administrative documents.

Strategic Plan:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources.

Summary:

Execution of the Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) will allow the County to gain access to Florida Brownfield Program incentives and grant funding which will provide state funding to address the environmental issues at the landfill site. The agreement also provides for a more flexible time schedule to complete environmental assessment and cleanup activities.

Background Information:

In August 2012, as provided by Florida Statutes, Section 197.502(8), the 126th Avenue North Landfill escheated to Pinellas County by Tax Escheat Deed. In accordance with Florida Statutes 376.77-376.84, the Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution No. 15-51 on June 2, 2015 expanding the Ulmerton Road Opportunity Corridor Brownfield Area to add numerous properties to the designated Brownfield Area including the 126th Avenue North landfill.

Fiscal Impact:

The Brownfield Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit incentive provides up to 50% of the cost of site assessment and rehabilitation (maximum of \$500,000/year) in the form of a tax credit. In addition, FDEP has the potential to provide a Targeted Brownfields Assessment grant to the County to help fund assessment and cleanup activities (up to \$400,000 per site).

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection