



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 - as edited by Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution of the County Administrator of the Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the 126th Avenue North Landfill, as edited by FDEP.

Strategic Plan:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

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

Summary:

FDEP has requested minor edits to the original document approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on October 20, 2015 and signed by the Chairman on October 29, 2015. This edited agreement must be executed by FDEP prior to December 31, 2015 in order to file a tax credit application for \$50,000 in funds expended in 2015.

Background/Explanation:

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 BCC 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.

Execution of the BSRA will allow the County to gain access to grant funding and Florida Brownfield Program incentives, 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.

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).

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this amended agreement is granted under Code

Section 2-62 (a)(1).

Staff Member Responsible:

Andrew W. Pupke, Director, Real Estate Management

Partners:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Attachments:

Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA)

FDEP edited BSRA

Amended BSRA

Location map