Agenda Item: 3L-3

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	September 17, 2024	(X) Consent ( ) Workshop	()Regular ()Public Hearing		
Department:	Environmental Resources Management				

### **I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) ratify the signature of the Mayor on a letter authorizing the Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) to apply for a grant from the State of Florida's new TRAIL-GO program requesting \$75,000 to fund 75% of the cost of repairing of potholes and depressions along a 5.5-mile-long portion of the multiuse Bluegill Trail, east of the C-18 Canal East, from just north of PGA Boulevard to just south of Riverbend Park; and

B) authorize ERM's Department Director to act as the contact person for this grant project.

Summary: ERM has applied for a TRAIL-GO grant to help fund its FY 2025 pothole/depression repair project on a 5.5-mile section of the multiuse Bluegill Trail that connects Karen T. Marcus/Sandhill Crane Access Park in Palm Beach Gardens to Riverbend Park. The total cost of the PBC ERM Bluegill Trail Pothole/Depression Repair Project is expected to be \$100,000. ERM's TRAIL-GO grant application requests \$75,000 (75%) in state funding for costs associated with the trail repair project. The County will provide a \$25,000 (25%) cash match to cover the balance of the expected project costs. If approved for funding, ERM will bring the grant award agreement to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for its review and approval. Funding for the County's \$25,000 (25%) cash match will come from the County's Natural Areas Fund. District 1 (SS)

**Background and Justification:** Bluegill Trail is a crushed coquina 10-foot-wide trail used by cyclists, equestrians and hikers. Bluegill Trail is 1 of 4 long-distance, multi-use trails that connect ten (10) publicly-owned conservation lands in northern Palm Beach County and southern Martin County. Palm Beach County ERM will hire a contractor to fill potholes, fill depressions and finish grade 5.5 miles of Bluegill Trail. All of Bluegill Trail is located within the 5-mile corridor of one (1) or more of the Priority or Opportunity Trails identified as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

The brand new TRAIL-GO program provides grants to local governmental entities for the operation and maintenance of trails located within the Florida Greenways and Trails System. Funding through the TRAIL-GO grant was authorized by the state legislature earlier this year. The grant's timeline for application submittal did not allow for prior approval by the BCC. Under the TRAIL-GO program, eligible projects will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to meet the August 1, 2024 application start date, the Mayor signed the authorization letter on behalf of the BCC as authorized by Palm Beach County Administrative Code, Section 309.00. The code requires the letter authorizing ERM to apply for the grant to be presented to the BCC for approval at the next available meeting after signature by the Mayor.

### Attachments:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Authorization Letter

Recommended by:	Deborah  Drum    Statistical Statistics   Company   Comp	06-04'00' 8-19-2024	SAS 8/13/2
	Department Director	Date	
Approved by:	Deputy County Administrator	<u>タ</u> (27 / 2 ケ Date	

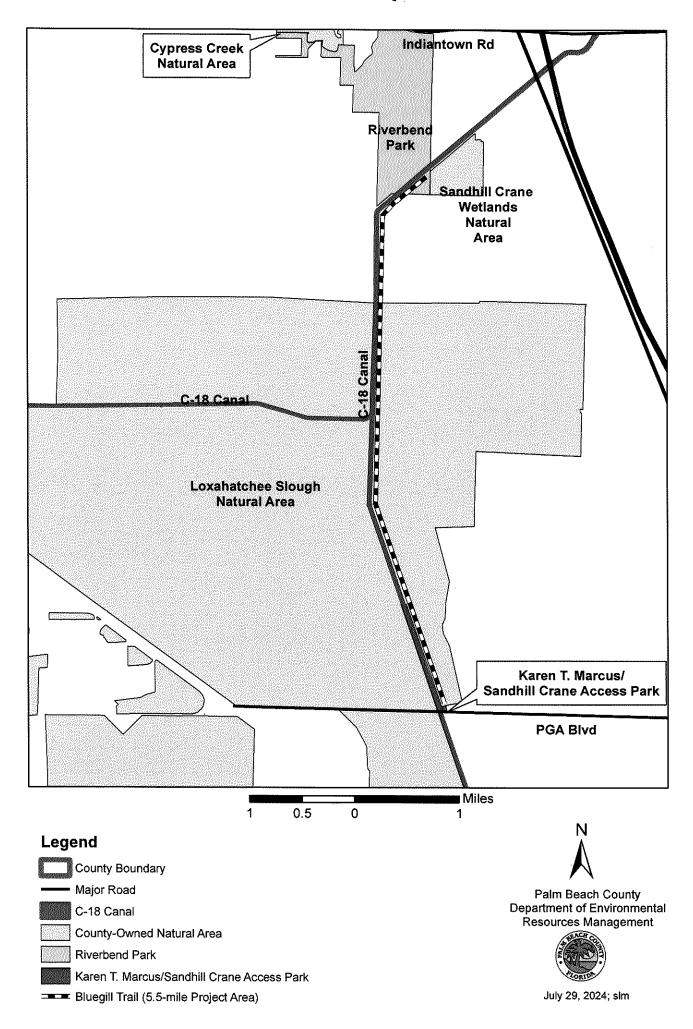
### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

## A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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### **Attachment 1**

# **Location Map**



### ATTACHMENT 2



#### County Administration

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July 29, 2024

Samantha Browne, Bureau Chief Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks Office of Greenways & Trails 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 795 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

SUBJECT:

**AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING APPLICATION** TO THE "TRAIL-GO" PROGRAM FOR THE PBC ERM BLUEGILL TRAIL POTHOLE/DEPRESSION REPAIR PROJECT; PALM BEACH COUNTY,

**FLORIDA** 

This letter authorizes Palm Beach County's (County) Department of Environmental Resources (ERM) to apply for a \$75,000 grant (seventyfive percent of the total project cost) from the State of Florida's "Trail-Go" program for the PBC ERM Bluegill Trail Pothole/Depression Repair Project (Project). A brief description of the project is enclosed.

The total cost of the project is expected to be \$100,000. If awarded the "Trail-Go" grant, the County will provide a twenty-five percent (\$25,000) cash match. It is the County's understanding that grant funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Should you have any questions concerning this authorization, please contact Ms. Deborah Drum, Department Director Environmental Resources Management, at 561-233-2400 or ddrum@pbcgov.org. Ms. Drum will serve as the contact person for this grant.

Sincerely,

Maria Sachs, Mayor

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Enclosure

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cc:

Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator Deborah Drum, Director ERM

#### **Enclosure**

**PROJECT NAME:** PBC ERM Bluegill Trail Pothole/Depression Repair

### **COST SHARE:**

<u>TRAIL-GO GRANT:</u> \$75,000 (75%) <u>PALM BEACH COUNTY CASH MATCH:</u> \$25,000 (25%)

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