A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA IN AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST; DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE APPLICATION IS TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION FUNDING PROGRAM THROUGH ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES.

WHEREAS the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has an interest in the establishment of a Mitigation Park program to accommodate upland wildlife mitigation efforts within the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council boundary.

WHEREAS both Osceola and Orange County have a similar interest in providing lands that could be used for mitigation of environmental damage caused by existing and proposed development.

WHEREAS, both Osceola and Orange County also have similar needs to protect environmentally sensitive lands and provide resource-based recreation to their residents as stated in their respective comprehensive plans.

WHEREAS, coordination between local governments to protect environmentally sensitive lands and provide resource-based recreation will provide more cost-effective service to the residents of both Orange and Osceola County.

WHEREAS a site, which is located in both Osceola and Orange County and which is referred to as the Split Oak Forest Mitigation Park, is the preferred site for the establishment of a mitigation park and resource-based recreation facility.

WHEREAS monies from the Florida Communities Trust (Sections 259.101, 380.502, Florida Statutes and Rule 9K-4, Florida Administrative Code) may be awarded to local governments to acquire sites that would be used for environmental improvement or mitigation purposes.

WHEREAS the interest of all the above named parties who are involved in environmental mitigation could be best served by submitting a joint application for funding through the Florida Communities Trust program for the acquisition of the Split Oak Forest site.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. Orange County will participate with Osceola County and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in the submittal of a application to the Florida Communities
Trust. The application shall not request a total loan amount exceeding $2.7 million and the matching grant amount exceeding $2.3 million. Since the amount of funds available from the Florida Communities Trust will not be sufficient to acquire the property, Orange County will provide matching funds not to exceed $2.3 million for portions of the Split Oak Forest property within Orange County and adjacent to Orange County’s Moss Park.

2. Funds that are collected by Orange County, Osceola County and the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission for environmental mitigation purposes satisfied by using the Split Oak Forest Mitigation Park will be used to repay the loan from Florida Communities Trust and matching funds provided by Orange County. An interagency agreement shall be executed between Orange County, Osceola County, and the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission that sets forth the mitigation charges and methods of repayment of the Florida Communities Trust loan and the matching grant from Orange County if the Split Oak Forest Mitigation Park is given conceptual approval by the Florida Communities Trust.


ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Vice County Chairman

FOR THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN

DATE: DEC 17 1991
SPLIT OAK FOREST MITIGATION PARK

A PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION TO
FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST

ORANGE COUNTY AND OSCEOLA COUNTY WITH
FLORIDA GAME AND FRESHWATER FISH COMMISSION
AND OSCEOLA LAND TRUST