RESOLUTION NO. 80-W-65

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Legislature created the Central Florida Beltway Mitigation Act establishing criteria for land acquisition and/or wetland restoration enhancement (Chapter 90-227, Laws of Florida, section 1, codified in section 338.250, Florida Statutes); and

WHEREAS, the Southern Connector is specifically identified in the legislation as a portion of the beltway to receive mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, factors to be considered when choosing sites for land acquisition and/or wetland restoration/enhancement include 1) that strong consideration be given to the county in which the impact occurs and 2) a nexus and proximity of the mitigation site to the area of impact; and

WHEREAS, because Orange County has 100% of the wetlands impact from the Southern Connector, it is crucial that the above criteria be given priority; and

WHEREAS, mitigation in both the Shingle Creek Basin and the Econlockhatchee River Basin will have regional significance, the Shingle Creek Basin by enhancing Lake Tohopekaliga, and the Econlockhatchee River Basin by enhancing the St. Johns River and providing recreational opportunities in a rapidly developing urban area; and

WHEREAS, the legislation provides that the final selection of mitigation sites will be made primarily by the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDER);

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

SECTION 1.
At such time as the mitigation plan proposed by the SFWMD is reviewed by said District and the FDER, priority shall be given to the Shingle Creek Basin;

SECTION 2.
At such time as the mitigation plan proposed by the SJRWMD is reviewed by said District and the FDER, priority shall be given to the Econlockhatchee River Basin;

SECTION 3.
Orange County shall explore and consider managing sites in the Econlockhatchee River Basin as passive recreational and conservation areas;

SECTION 4.
Orange County is willing to pursue C.A.R.L. funding (including initiating an application) for sites in the Econlockhatchee River Basin;
SECTION 5.

Should local funding for land acquisition become available, the Shingle Creek Basin and Econlockhatchee River Basin sites shall be given priority, where appropriate, for local matching funds.

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1990.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: NOV 12 1990

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

BY: [Signature]

Deputy Clerk