



Wetlands Mitigation Trust Fund

Mission

To ensure that the City of Pembroke Pines maintains and preserves its vital ecosystems. The restoration of lost and degraded wetlands to their natural state is essential to ensure the health of Florida's watershed.

Goals

In accordance with the Mitigation Bank Irrevocable Trust Fund Agreement, the City of Pembroke Pines is required to maintain, protect and preserve the wetlands in perpetuity developed as a diverse multi-habitat ecosystem.

Objectives

To account for all activities relating to the Wetlands Mitigation Trust, and to invest the revenues earned to achieve the highest yield in order to sustain the wetlands in perpetuity.

Major Functions and Activities

On October 21, 1992, the City entered into an agreement with the Florida Wetlandsbank™ (FW), a Florida Joint Venture, wherein the City granted FW a license to develop a Wetlands Mitigation Bank at a site comprised of approximately 450 acres located in the Chapel Trail Preserve.

This agreement, which ended on December 31, 2004, established the first Wetland Mitigation Bank in Florida and the second in the nation. Florida Wetlandsbank's responsibilities included designing, permitting, and constructing the ecosystem; maintaining and monitoring the wetlands for a five-year period once construction was completed; and the sales and marketing of the mitigation credits.

On January 1, 2005, the City assumed full responsibility and maintenance for the wetlands. The City now owns various sites totaling approximately 620 acres of wetlands of which 502 are maintained by the Trust Fund. The City became the Grantor of the Mitigation Bank Irrevocable Trust Fund on April 5, 1995 in order to hold the funds to maintain the wetlands in perpetuity. The current Trustee is the Bank of New York, and the beneficiaries of the Trust Fund are the City, the South Florida Water Management District, the U. S. Army Corp. of Engineers, and Broward County. Payments are made quarterly from the investment earnings of the Trust Fund to cover the expenses in maintaining the wetlands. In the event that investment earnings are insufficient to cover expenses, payments from the

principal of the Trust can be utilized with the written consent of the Trust's beneficiaries.

Budget Highlights

Continue to maintain the wetlands using funds from interest earned in order to preserve the principal balance of the fund.

The budget provides funding for resources necessary to continue the inspection and maintenance functions required to properly maintain the 502 acres of wetlands covered by this trust fund.

A revision to the investment policy has been submitted to the City Commission for approval that will allow the investment of the Wetland Mitigation Trust Fund in preferred stocks.

2010-11 Accomplishments

Maintained 502 acres of wetlands and preserve area.

Wetlands Mitigation Trust Fund Performance Measures

Indicator	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	2011-12
	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Goal	Goal
Outputs						
Amount of funds set aside for wetlands maintenance	\$590,648	\$618,000	\$582,509	\$585,302	\$561,000	\$600,009
Effectiveness						
Investment yield	0.86%	4.50%	0.26%	1.00%	0.50%	6.00% *

* = The 6% expected yield reflects a FY2012 change in investment policy that allows investments in preferred stock.

Wetlands Mitigation Trust Fund - Budget Summary

Revenue Category	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Budget	2011-12 Budget
Investment Income	5,072	1,681	3,000	34,000
Beginning Surplus	-	-	13,500	-17,500
Total	5,072	1,681	16,500	16,500

Expenditure Category	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Budget	2011-12 Budget
Operating Expenses				
Professional Services	1,460	1,460	1,500	1,500
Other Contractual Services	-	-	-	10,000
Repair and Maintenance Services	21,184	8,361	15,000	5,000
Operating Expenses Subtotal	22,644	9,820	16,500	16,500
Total	22,644	9,820	16,500	16,500