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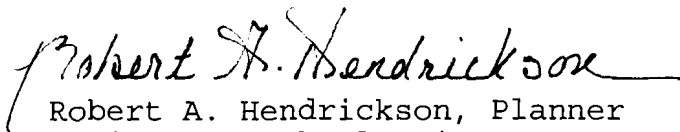
Ref: Amelia Island State Recreation Area
Nassau County Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Mr. Greeson:

Enclosed for your information and records is one fully executed final original of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks and the Board of Commissioners of Nassau County. Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to working with Nassau County.

If you have any questions, please call me at 488-4860.

Sincerely,


Robert A. Hendrickson, Planner
Office of Park Planning
Division of Recreation and Parks

RAH/lh
Enclosure
cc: Albert Gregory

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING by and between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, hereinafter known as the "Department", and the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, hereinafter known as the "County".

WHEREAS, the Department and the County are desirous of developing a plan for the construction and management of Amelia Island State Recreation Area, located in Nassau County, Florida, hereinafter known as the "Park", and

WHEREAS, the Department and County realize that the citizens of Florida and Nassau County would be better served if the cost of planning, constructing and managing the Park could be shared for some period of time by the Department and the County, and

WHEREAS, the Department and the County anticipate that the planning and first phase construction of the Park should be accomplished within three years from the effective date of this Memorandum of Understanding, and

WHEREAS, at the end of three years it is anticipated that the County will operate and maintain the Park under a long-term agreement with the Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Department and the County hereby agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to plan, construct, operate and maintain the Park.

2. The Department and the County will form a working group composed of individuals deemed necessary to fulfill this Memorandum of Understanding. The working group will coordinate the involvement of the Department and the County in this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. The Department and the County, through the working group, will jointly develop a

management plan for the Park. The plan will provide for development of roads, parking, restrooms, signage, dune walkovers and boardwalks, and such other appurtenances as required for successful development and operation of the Park. The plan will also address staffing requirements, resource protection and management needs, and will assign roles and responsibilities for carrying out the actions required to implement the plan.

4. The plan will contain a time frame for implementing the various recommendations. The plan will recommend as part of the first phase of implementation that a northern road access to the Park and an access road to the south end of the Park be constructed. The plan will also recommend as part of the first phase of implementation how critical wildlife areas, such as turtle nesting areas and shorebird nesting and resting areas, will be protected and managed. This portion of the plan dealing with critical wildlife areas will be developed in cooperation with the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Association and other pertinent agencies and organizations.

5. The plan will provide for the County to assume full responsibility for operating and maintaining the Park at the end of three years from the effective date of this Memorandum of Understanding. This transfer of operational responsibilities will be contingent on (1) the County's completion of first phase construction, (2) the County's establishment of a professional park management capability, (3) the County's discontinuation of beach driving in the Park, as provided for below, and (4) approval of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida.

6. The Department will assist the County in training its personnel over a three-year period to establish a management capability for the Park.

7. The Department will provide the working group and the County with assistance in design and layout from its library of materials regarding park development.

8. The Department and the County agree that upon completion of the access road to the south end of the Park and associated dune walkovers and parking, the County will take the

necessary actions to discontinue beach driving in the Park. After that time, there will be no beach driving in the Park, except for a parking area on the Atlantic Ocean located between the northern boundary of the Park and a point 500 feet southward of this boundary.

9. The Memorandum of Understanding is considered a living document and is an outline for the conduct of the parties toward realization of the goal of providing appropriate public outdoor recreational opportunities in the Park.

10. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended from time to time, in writing, by mutual agreement of the parties.

DATED this 6 day of May, 1996.

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Witness:

Patricia A. Doerr
Signature

By: Joseph E. Kull

Patricia A. Doerr
Name, typed or printed

Its: Assistant Division Director

Robert H. Hendrickson
Signature

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Robert H. Hendrickson
Name, typed or printed

By: Jim B. Livingston

(Official Seal)

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

By: [Signature]



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April 18, 1996

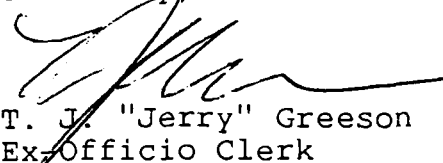
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Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

Enclosed are two copies of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks and the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners as approved by the Board on March 11, 1996 and signed by the Board Chairman. Please return a fully executed original for our records.

We appreciate your assistance and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



T. J. "Jerry" Greeson
Ex-Officio Clerk

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Enclosures

cc: Albert Gregory

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April 9, 1996

Mr. Edward Gandy, Commissioner
Ocean Highway Port Authority
1443 Claxton Road South
Yulee, Florida 32097

Dear Mr. Gandy:

Mr. Gregory asked me to forward you the two enclosed final originals of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks and the Board of Commissioners of Nassau County. Would you please have Nassau County sign both originals and return both to me for further processing and final executions. Once both instruments are fully executed, we will send you one original for your records.

If you have any questions, please call me at 488-4860.
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Hendrickson, Planner
Office of Park Planning
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