## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-146**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ADDITION OF PARCELS TO THE CONSERVATION LANDS ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT (CLAM) CURRENT PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance 2021-02, the Nassau County Conservation Lands Acquisition and Management ("CLAM") Ordinance, which was later amended by Ordinance No. 2025-013 on April 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the CLAM Ordinance established the CLAM Program, the intent of which is to provide processes and procedures for the identification and acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands within the County for conservation, preservation, and to afford recreational opportunities to present and future citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the CLAM Ordinance also created the CLAM Committee, which serves as the advisory board over the CLAM Program, and adopted the Nassau County Conservation Lands Acquisition and Management Manual and Conservation Plan ("CLAM Manual"), which is a manual of operations for the administration, management, and implementation of the CLAM Program; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2022, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Resolution No. 2022-179, which identified the top 15 Priority Projects of land acquisition for the CLAM Program, with each Project made up of one or more parcels of land; and

WHEREAS, the CLAM Program accepts property nominations on a continuous, rolling basis, which results in initial evaluation and scoring by County staff and the County's contractor, North Florida Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, fifteen property owners representing eighty-five (85) expressed interest in participating and are considered willing participants in the Program; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2025, the CLAM Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners add the eighty-five (85) parcels to the current list of CLAM Priority Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it in the best interests and welfare of the citizens of Nassau County to expand the list of CLAM Current Priority Projects to include the eighty-five (85) parcels identified in Appendix A attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

## **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

The above findings are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

## SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES TO BE ADDED TO CLAM CURRENT PRIORITY PROJECTS.

The Nassau County Conservation Lands Acquisition and Management (CLAM) Current Priority Projects list, originally approved on September 26, 2022, is hereby expanded to include the additional parcels identified in **Appendix "A"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED THIS <u>20th</u> DAY OF <u>August</u>, 2025 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

A.M. "Hupp" Huppmann

Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

MITCH L. KEITER

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DENISE C. MAI