

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-12

WHEREAS, the 20/20 Nomination for parcels #283 and #284 are in the Town of Fort Myers Beach and one of the only areas remaining of the unique Maritime Hammock that made up the natural areas on the Island of Estero and,

WHEREAS, this parcel is in the coastal high hazard area and,

WHEREAS, Florida Natural Areas Inventory whose mission it is to interpret and disseminate ecological information critical to the conservation of Florida's biological diversity and whose database and expertise facilitate environmentally sound planning and natural resource management to protect the plants, animals, and communities that represent Florida's natural heritage; states in their guide that Maritime Hammock is now dissected into short strips by development and is rapidly disappearing and rare or uncommon in the state.

WHEREAS, nominations #283 and #284 are contiguous to the Matanzas Pass Preserve and will increase habitat for our native wildlife as well as the migratory birds that rely on these forests for food and shelter following trans-oceanic or trans-gulf migrations.

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the property will enable diversified experiences such as hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, walking, and educational tours that will teach appreciation for our natural resources to residents and visitors,

WHEREAS, Estero Bay will benefit from this natural area due to decreased storm water pollution, this property will provide a filter area for rain water run off and be an area that is not maintained by fertilizers or chemicals,

WHEREAS, Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan Goal 6: To protect the natural resources in and around the town from further damage and improve their future health and sustainability through regulations, education, enforcement, timely management, public improvements, and cooperation with other entities with similar goals.

WHEREAS, Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan Objective 60B: Wildlife and Native Habitats – Improve the viability of existing native coastal and upland habitats and establish additional areas for nature preserve and conservation uses.

WHEREAS, Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan Policy 60B-9: Acquisition of Additional Sites – The town will strive to expand the opportunities for conservation and public appreciation of natural resources through acquisition of additional areas with rare or unique ecological or botanical features.

WHEREAS, Conservation of environmentally sensitive land is a benefit to wild life habitat, water quality enhancement and a quality of life improvement for residents and visitors of Fort Myers Beach and the legacy we leave for the future of our children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT:

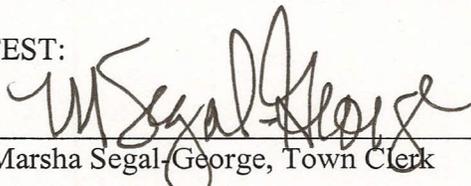
in compliance with the Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan, we support the acquisition of these parcels by the 20/20 program to protect and conserve our natural resources.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

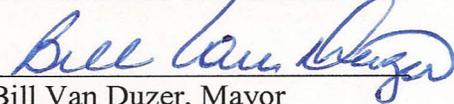
Howard Rynearson	<u>Aye</u>
Don Massucco	<u>Aye</u>
Ken Katcko	<u>Aye</u>
Bill Van Duzer	<u>Aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>Aye</u>

APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2005.

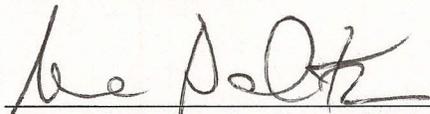
ATTEST:

By: 
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: 
Bill Van Duzer, Mayor

Approved as to form by:


Ann Dalton, Interim Town Attorney