

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approve a Site Selection Study to identify primary and alternate locations for the proposed Keewaydin Island ferry shuttle and park facility. Work to be performed under the County's Professional Services contract with Johnson Engineering.

OBJECTIVE: Approve a site selection study by Johnson Engineering to identify primary and alternate locations for the Keewaydin Island ferry and park facility.

CONSIDERATIONS: Collier County, Rookery Bay and the City of Naples have identified an opportunity to work together and provide a unique beach and upland hammock natural resource educational experience to residents of Collier County in a pristine natural environment on Keewaydin Island. The envisioned scope would include a ferry ride to Keewaydin Island, a guided ranger tour and a potential beach experience. Scope of the program is yet to be developed but would be consistent with Good Management Practices (GMP) developed by Rookery Bay and Collier County.

This engineering study would work closely with all parties to determine:

- Primary and alternate locations to site this facility.
- Alternate locations would be located in areas outside of the City of Naples.
- Channel depths and mangrove forests would be clearly identified and mapped at each location.
- Recommendations identifying low impact structures and facilities that would have a minimum impact on the existing environment would be developed.
- Enough engineering would be completed to determine the feasibility of permitting.
- Any other significant, limiting or controlling factors would be identified.

It is anticipated that this study would be performed on a Time & Material, Not-to-Exceed basis for \$25,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this study would be from the Tourist Development Council, 183 Fund.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of this item 4 to 1 on March 21, 2007.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT: Growth Management impacts would be identified as a result of this study.

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