RESOLUTION NO. <u>080771</u>

PASSED February 5, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING AN EASEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO FACILITATE THE SWEETWATER BRANCH/PAYNES PRAIRIE SHEETFLOW RESTORATION PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, through its utility enterprise, Gainesville Regional Utilities, and its Public Works Department, proposes to design, install, operate and maintain sheetflow restoration facilities and public use facilities within the Paynes Prairie State Preserve State Park in order to facilitate the Sweetwater Branch/Paynes Prairie Sheetflow Restoration Project, located in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the installation of these facilities will be placed on property which is owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida and leased to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks via Lease No.2515; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of a certain easement is necessary to accomplish this installation and operation on State property; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Gainesville hereby requests that the State of Florida

Department of Environmental Protection obtain authority from the Board of Trustees of
the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida to grant an easement over

State property for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining sheetflow restoration facilities, public utility facilities, and related appurtenances, including but not limited to grade control structures, trash and sediment traps, a sheetflow distribution canal, paved and unpaved maintenance roads, an enhanced wetland, and public use facilities. Public use facilities to include boardwalks, restrooms, and educational facilities; and

Section 2. That the easement which is necessary for the purposes herein stated, is located within the D. L. Clinch Grant, Township 10 South, Range 20 East, as shown on the attached sketch, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and contains approximately 225 acres more of less.

Section 3. In exchange for the easement the City will donate 185 acres of the "Edwards Tract" to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The exchange is contingent upon State of Florida Acquisition and Restoration Council approval of the exchange, St Johns River Water Management District cost share participation, and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Gainesville that specifies respective responsibilities of project construction and operation and maintenance.

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Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2009.

Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

Kurt M. Lannon

By:

Approved as to Form and Legality:

City Attorney FEB - 5 2009

