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GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FORM

Project Name: North Port St. Joe Tree Project

Submitting Entity: R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 Knights of Pythias

I. Please select one or more eligible activity that the project is classified under:

- Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.
- Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.
- Workforce development and job creation.
- Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.
- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.
- Planning assistance.
- Promotion of tourism and seafood in the Gulf Coast region.

II. Please provide an executive summary of the project. Describe/quantify the economic (jobs, infrastructure, tourism, etc.) and environmental benefits (habitat, quality, knowledge, long-term sustainability, etc.).

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R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77, Knights of Pythias is located in North Port St. Joe, Florida. For many years the railroad tracks and the Railroad Building served as a physical barrier separating North Port St. Joe from downtown Port St. Joe. This has not only cut off the neighborhood from the rest of the city but limited opportunities for business development in the community. North Port St. Joe is currently experiencing economic hard times. Jobs are hard to find and income is low for many residents. On the positive side, many residents own their home and have lived there a long time. R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 Knights of Pythias is dedicated to promote pride in the neighborhood as well as shaping its future through a wide range of service projects.

R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 proposes to improve the North Port St. Joe Community between Hwy 98 to Millview Subdivision, Avenue A to Avenue F and David Langston Drive. These improvements will consist of planting flowering trees throughout the neighborhood. Trees are important to the environment through their ability to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide and also contribute to the overall health and aesthetics of the community. Community mobilization, educational strategies, volunteerism serves as a catalyst to further develop and implement programs to satisfy community needs while providing positive outlets for the area youth.

- Communities with more trees have less crime and graffiti.
- Communities with more trees have less asthma and lung disease.
- Homes with a mature tree in the yard may be worth up to 10% more than a similar home without a mature tree.
- One tree can provide \$130,750 in total benefits over 50 years including oxygen, air pollution control and reducing flooding.
- Our plan is to plant three types of trees throughout the community that has been identified as best suited for the climate and soil Gulf County Cooperative Extension Agent, Roy L. Carter: Red Cedar, Magnolia and Crape Myrtle.

III. Please provide a cost summary/budget. Detail any matching/cooperative funds available for use, and any cooperative support from governmental or other agencies.

Our organization will collaborate with the Gulf county School System, City of Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (PSJRA), the Gulf County Extension Services and the Washington Improvement Group Community garden Project. These groups have pledge assistance by way of in-Kind donations over the duration of the project. The community churches' youth groups will also lend assistance especially during Students Spring Break and Make A Difference Day.

1. The overall Project Operating Budget.

#	DESCRIPTION	#	Unit Price	AMOUNT \$
1	Red Cedar 3-gal dwarf	200	\$12.00	\$2,400.00
2	Crape Myrtle (pink) 3-gal.	400	\$10.00	\$4,000.00
3	Crape Myrtle (white) 3-gal	400	\$10.00	\$4,000.00
4	Magnolia 3-gal dwarf	200	\$12.00	\$2,400.00
5	Industrial Water Hoses ¾" X 50'	8	\$54.00	\$432.00
6	Transport & Upkeep	12 mos.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
7.	Adm., Survey & Publicity	12 mos.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
8	Compost Soil	10-50lb	\$69.00	\$690.00
9	D-Handle Planting shovels	10	\$67.00	\$670.00
10	Long Handle Planting Shovels	8	\$57.00	\$456.00
11	Post Hole Diggers 5 ¼" Blade	10	\$63.00	\$630.00
12	Leather Gloves	4 doz.	\$75.00	\$300.00
13	Storage	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
14	Organic Tree Fertilizer Time Release Spikes	1400	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
15	Labor Cost (4-Phase Quarters)	12 mos. +	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	TOTAL			\$29,678.00

IV. Please provide a timeline for project completion. Explain the technical and environmental feasibility (including any permitting considerations) of the project.

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When funding is secured, this project will span a twelve (12) month period to include Arbor Day, Earth Day and Make A Difference Day, Students Spring Break. PHASE 1: Identify groups that would like to help plant trees; Recruit partners to assist in bring teams of volunteers to help plant trees; Provide Tree Captains to help train and direct volunteers on site; Find homeowners, parks and other spaces on which to plant trees; Help with logistics for the tree planting including preparing the planting area and recruiting groups. PHASE 2: Secure such items as shovels, gloves and other tools for the planting of trees. Secure trees to be planted in areas as identified in Phase one. Phase 3: Provide trees to partner groups. Recruit volunteers for various streets and sections of North Port St. Joe. Train "tree captains" for each event (arbor Day, Earth Day, Make A Difference Day, Spring Break.

V. Please provide the qualifications of the Submitting Entity, the financial feasibility/sustainability and the economic feasibility and sustainability of the project (probability of success, etc.).

The Knights of Pythias is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in North America, founded in 1864, and dedicated to universal peace and goodwill and the practice of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77, Knights of Pythias plays a central role in the North Port St. Joe Community. The Knights of Pythias work with North Florida Child Development, Inc. to provide Bikes for Boys and Girls; Habitat for Humanity to provide homes to local residents; Gulf County United to build handicap ramps for Sr. Citizens; Gulf County Food Pantry to help feed needy citizens; provide funds for educational scholarships for students attending college and vocational schools; help to preserve community's history through the publishing of Historical African American Obituaries of North Port St. Joe and Surrounding Areas; and mentoring programs for boys and girls with the Local, State and National Pythian Order. R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 has a designation of being a 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization.

This project will require very little operation and maintenance after the initial planting of the trees. Also, due to planting the trees away from the sidewalk areas the possibility of damage from tree roots is minimal. The expected life of the trees could exceed 60+ years. Research has shown that over 95% of tree failures are related to critical errors made at the time of planting. Therefore, citizens of the community will be educated on the proper care of the trees through the Gulf County Extension Services. Educational Workshops will include; General Tree Care; Plant Health Care; Tree Preservation; Tree Transplanting; Trimming & Cutting. If done correctly, the trees that are planted in North Port St. Joe will add beauty to the community and provide benefits for generations to come.

VI. Please provide the anticipated results of the project, and whether it is included in a City of Port St. Joe, City of Wewahitchka or Gulf County Comprehensive and Mitigation Plan?

The City of Port St. Joe proposes to improve a section of Martin Luther King Boulevard between Avenue B and Avenue D. These improvements will consist of sidewalks, green space, parking, and storm water upgrades. This area has the potential for new business growth which in turn could increase the pedestrian and vehicular traffic. We feel that with the improvements made by the City of Port St. Joe and the planting of trees throughout the neighborhood, this will initiate a gradual, yet progressive improvement of our entire city.

The funding of this project will also allow the R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 Knights of Pythias an opportunity to continue recording the history found in the lives of ordinary people; transmit knowledge from one generation to the next and foster an appreciation for a rapidly vanishing way of life of our community that would otherwise go undocumented.

Submitted By:



Signature

R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 Knights of Pythias

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February 27, 2013

Date

Internal Revenue Service

Date: April 28, 2006

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59-0598850
Advance Ruling Period Ends:
March 31, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of April 28, 2006, regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

In March 2006 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that your organization is also classified as a public charity under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code until the Advance Ruling Period Ending date indicated in the header above.

Within 90 days from the end of the advance ruling period, your organization must submit to us information needed to determine whether it has met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. This information is currently supplied on the Form 8734, *Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period*.

Contributions to your organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code. Grantors and contributors may rely on the determination that your organization is not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of its advance ruling period. If the organization submits the required information within 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your organization's foundation status.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Janna K. Skufca, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services

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I certify from the records of this office that THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA, JURISDICTION OF FLORIDA, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on April 29, 1969, effective April 29, 1969.

The document number of this corporation is 716458.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2013, that its most recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on January 8, 2013, and its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

*Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this is
the Eighth day of January, 2013*



Ken Peterson
Secretary of State

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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESTORE ACT COMMITTEE (R.A.C.)**

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**PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND PUBLIC ACCESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR
GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT APPLICANTS**

I, Clarence Monette the undersigned authority and/or representative of the entity R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77 Knights of Pythias and or the individual who has submitted the Gulf County RESTORE Act Proposal/Pre-Proposal titled North Port St. Joe Tree Project hereby acknowledge, consent and accept the following representations that coincide with my/our submission for consideration, evaluation and possible recommendation and approval by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for funding from the RESTORE Act distribution that strictly complies with the guidelines and regulations set forth under the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012:

1. I/We am the authorized representative of the application/pre-proposal referenced above.
2. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Gulf County Public Records policy.
3. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Florida Statute Chapter 119 which controls and permits public access to information.
4. I/We hereby acknowledge, consent and agree to the controlling policies and statutes above as well as the free and open exchange of any and all submissions provided hereunder this application/pre-proposal and all information exchanged hereafter including but not limited to further amendments to these proposals as well as surveys, studies, research, data production, books, drawings, property records, work papers, county owner lists, files, forms, reports, accounts, documents, manuals, handbooks, instructions, printouts relating in any manner for the production of the application. In addition, all papers, notes, data, reference material, documentation, programs, printouts, and all other media and forms of expression that in any way include, incorporate or reflect any confidential information of what ultimately shall become the Gulf County plans for use and application of the RESTORE Act funding.
5. I/We acknowledge, agree and fully consent to cooperate with the appointed Gulf County RESTORE ACT committee, county officials and staff as a continuing obligation and condition of final review for this RESTORE Act application/pre-proposal.
6. I/We have submitted this acknowledgment to Gulf County RESTORE Act Committee and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose and intent of receiving an evaluation, review and possible recommendations for anticipated funding from the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.



Date: 02/28/2013

Signature of RESTORE Act Applicant

Clarence Monette
Printed Name