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**Meeting Name:** Town Council Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** May 28, 2025  
**Prepared By:** Steven J. Hallock, Director of Public Works  
**Item Title:** Juno Beach Ecology Group Native Plant Donation

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

During Professor Sean Patton's last visit we discussed planting on the west side of Pelican Lake south of the spillway. We decided to move forward and as time permitted this area was prepped, invasive plants removed, and tree cover trimmed. It is now ready for planting. We are planning a fern garden with a mixture of Cinnamon, Swamp, Maiden, and Wild Boston Ferns. Other native plants may also be incorporated. These will be purchased, laid out, and planted by the Public Works Department.

During the Arbor Day Celebration the Juno Beach Ecology Group learned of our intention to proceed with a fern garden. They were in favor of it and generously donated \$400 toward the native plants without solicitation. This is a restricted donation and per the Town's Restricted Donation Policy: *"All restricted donations require Town approval and shall be consistent with the Town policies, goals and objectives."*

A photo of the location is attached. It is roughly 300 square feet located between the sidewalk and the lake. Location of the ferns will be decided in the field by our arborist and myself to work around existing roots and vegetation. Once established there will be little to no maintenance required.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Town Manager to accept a \$400 donation from the Juno Beach Ecology Group for native planting south of the west Pelican Lake spillway.