

SUPPORTING A PURCHASE OF EMERALD SPRINGS  
(1,000 PLUS OR MINUS ACRES) BY THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA - CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LANDS  
(CARL) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Parker, Florida has recognized the importance of the State of Florida's Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) Program as the only viable approach to protect Emerald Springs in perpetuity and to become a park and recreation area, and

WHEREAS, these lands contain a fragile ecological balance of flora and fauna, and

WHEREAS, the esthetics of these lands are unlike any other in northwest Florida, and

WHEREAS, the recreational potential for all Bay County and the State of Florida is of vital importance, and

WHEREAS, Econfina Creek is a prime candidate for designation as one of the rivers under the Florida Scenic and Wild Rivers Program, and

WHEREAS, the Springs provide 52% of the drinking water supply for the county, especially during drought periods, and

WHEREAS, private housing or other type development of this area would have an adverse effect, and

WHEREAS, Bay County does not have the financial resources to purchase these valuable lands,

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Parker, Florida resolves and urges the CARL Committee and the Governor and Cabinet to approve the purchase of Emerald Springs.

PROPOSED, PRESENTED AND PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Parker, Florida on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of JUNE 1982.

CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA

Carl Gilbert  
MAYOR



ATTEST:

Bruce Anderson  
CITY CLERK