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City of Deltona Closes on Thornby Property



March 12th, 2009—The City of Deltona closed on the acquisition of the Thornby property, on Monday March 9th. The City presented an oversized ceremonial check for 1.5 million dollars at the offices of Cobb and Cole, for fifty percent of the purchase price. Volusia Forever funds will cover the remaining 1.5 million dollars.

The City has one year to complete a Management Plan for the property that will need approval from both the City and the County. Currently, the Parks and the Planning Departments are updating a final draft to present to both governing bodies within the next 4-5 months. Additionally, Deltona's ECHO grant for \$373,000, for the All Inclusive Program, will go to the Volusia County Council for approval on March 19th. This playground is one component of the Management Plan for the Thornby property.

District 5 Commissioner Janet Deyette stated that she was glad she did not give up on the Thornby property, and that "it will bring a unique contribution to Deltona, with the All Inclusive Playground, as well as being part of the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor and the St. John's River to the Sea Bike Loop. Thornby also brings a historic aspect to Deltona."

Representatives from the City included Commissioners Deyette and Paul Treusch, Mayor Dennis Mulder, City Attorney George Trovato and City Manager Faith Miller.

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