# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT between NATIONAL PARK SERVICE and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

for

THE COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE TIMUCUAN ECOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVE, THE TALBOT ISLANDS STATE PARKS, AND ADJACENT CITY OF JACKSONVILLE PARKS

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, hereinafter "this Agreement," is made and entered into this first (1) day of December 1999, by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA, Department of Environmental Protection, acting through the Division of Recreation and Parks, hereinafter called "DRP," and the CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, acting through the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment, hereinafter called "COJ," and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the National Park Service, hereinafter called "NPS," hereinafter collectively called "the Parties" or individually "Party."

# ARTICLE I - BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, there is a large area of park lands in northeast Florida, hereinafter called the "Cooperative Zone;" and

WHEREAS; the Parties are the three primary land managers in the Cooperative Zone; and

WHEREAS, public recreation is part of the mission of each Party, and the Parties, acting in concert under this Agreement, wish to offer the public a bread spectrum of services than any one agency in the "Cooperative Zone" current can provide acting alone; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Zone, is being created to help the Parties cooperatively manage the lands therein, to provide complementing services so as to avoid duplication of effort and expense, and to combine their marketing resources, thereby creating a synergy that will broaden and enhance public use; and

WHEREAS, the Parties anticipate that such cooperative management will provide greater protection of the non-renewable, archaeological, historical, and natural resources of the Cooperative Zone for the enjoyment of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of ss. 253.034, 258.004 and 258.007. Florida Statutes, DRP may enter into interagency agreements to cooperate in management of lands in the State Park System; and

WHEREAS, the NPS is authorized by Public Law 105-39, the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, as codified in part at 16 U.S.C. Section 1a-2(/)(1), to "enter into an agreements with a State or local government agency to provide for the cooperative management of the Federal and State or local park areas" when "a unit of the National Park System is located adjacent to or near a State or local park area, and cooperative management...will allow for more effective and efficient management of the parks;" and

WHEREAS, the DRP, the COJ, and the NPS desire to enter into an agreement to provide for cooperative management of DRP, COJ, and NPS lands within the Cooperative Zone.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Parties hereto do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

## ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

- PROMOTION The parties will agree upon a name for the area identified as the Cooperative Zone and develop a marketing plan, which will maintain each agency's identity while promoting the combined properties to the public as one larger entity.
- 2. PLANNING To the extent practicable, Cooperative Zone planning will be jointly produced and reviewed. Ongoing planning efforts will accommodate the participation of DRP, COJ, and NPS, together. Existing plans will serve as current direction, pending their revision or replacement. The agencies shall cooperatively review non-Cooperative Zone plans that affect Cooperative Zone interests.

- COORDINATION: STAFF LIASON DRP, COJ, and NPS shall each designate a staff liaison for purposes of discussing and resolving coordination matters. Agency heads or their designees will resolve substantive issues, including issues not resolved at the liaison level.
- 4. OPERATING PROCEDURES DRP, COJ, and NPS, to ensure accomplishments of Cooperative Zone activities, may jointly develop operating procedures and standards.
- 5. RESOURCE SHARING To the extent practicable, DRP, COJ, and NPS, mutually agree to commit staff, equipment and facilities assigned to the Cooperative Zone for the common protection of all resources contained within the Cooperative Zone, as well as for the appropriate enjoyment and appreciation of the same by the public.
- MANAGEMENT APPROACH DRP, COJ, and NPS shall explore cooperative operations and efficiencies to promote the effective implementation of Cooperative Zone management.
- 7. WORK PLAN DRP, COJ, and NPS will work cooperatively to prepare an annual work plan that identifies common projects. The work plan will contain specific goals, actions and target completion dates, to be incorporated into the goals and objectives of the responsible DRP, COJ, and NPS managers.

## ARTICLE III - TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement hereby made shall terminate five (5) years from the effective date hereof, unless prior thereto it is relinquished, abandoned, or otherwise terminated pursuant to the provision of this agreement or of any applicable Federal or State law or City Ordinance. This agreement may be renewed for additional five (5) year periods, and may otherwise be amended by the mutual written agreement of all Parties. The effective date of this agreement shall be the date when all appropriate signatures are obtained.

#### ARTICLE IV - KEY OFFICIALS

Superintendent
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve
13165 Mt. Pleasant Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32225

Regional Director
National Park Service
Southeast Regional Office
Atlanta Federal Center – 1924 Building
100 Alabama St. S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Park Manager Talbot Islands State Parks 12157 Heckscher Drive Jacksonville, FL 32226

Director
Florida Division of Recreation and Parks
3900 Commonwealth Blvd. Mail Station 500
Tallahassee, FL 32399-9958

Director, Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment City of Jacksonville 851 N. Market Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Mayor City of Jacksonville 117 West Duval Street, Suite 400 Jacksonville, FL 32202

#### ARTICLE V - EXPENSES

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obligating DRP, COJ, or NPS to expend any funds. The future commitment of funds, if any, made in furtherance of this Memorandum of Agreement shall be authorized a Cooperative Agreement which is a separate instrument.

## ARTICLE VI - REPORTS

A one-year work plan for cooperative management activities in the Cooperative Zone will be submitted for final approval to the NPS Regional Director, the Division of Recreation and Parks Director, and the City of Jacksonville no later than 120 days from the signing of this Memorandum of Agreement and annually thereafter. A status report on progress and accomplishments will be submitted to the DRP, COJ, and NPS on a six-month basis.

At the end of the first three years from the effective date of this Memorandum of Agreement, the Parties will submit an analysis of the overall success of this Agreement and any modifications needed to improve the effort.

# ARTICLE VIL - PROPERTY UTILIZATION AND DISPOSITION

Any tools, equipment, material or other property supplied by an agency for use in the Cooperative Zone shall remain the property of that agency. Such property shall be returned to the appropriate agency within sixty (60) days of the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VIII - TERMINATION

Any Party may terminate its participation in this Memorandum of Agreement by providing sixty days written notice to the other Parties.

## ARTICLE IX - LIABILITY

With regard to the performance of this Agreement, each Party shall be fully responsible for any property damage, injury or death, caused by the acts or omissions of their respective employees, acting within the scope of their employment, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

To the extent work is to be provided by nongovernmental entities or persons, on NPS property, the Parties will require when practicable such entity or person to procure public and employee liability insurance from a responsible company or companies with a minimum limitation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per person for any one claim, and an aggregate limitation of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for any number of claims arising from any one incident. Other minimum limitations may be set as deemed appropriate under the given circumstances. Further, when it is deemed appropriate, such policies shall name the United States and/or any of the other Parties as an additional insured.

# ARTICLE X - ADVERTISING AND ENDORSEMENT

With regard to this Agreement, the Parties and their employees, agents, representatives, designees, contractors, and subcontractors shall not publicize, or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, pictures, movies, articles, manuscripts or other publications) which states or implies Governmental, Departmental, bureau,

or Government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which a non-Party, including without limitation, any commercial entity or for-profit or non-profit organization, represents. No release of information relating to this Agreement may state or imply that the Government approves of the work product of any Party or non-Party to be superior to other products or services.

## ARTICLE XI - PUBLICATIONS OF RESULTS OF STUDIES

No Party shall unilaterally publish a joint publication without consulting the other Parties. This restriction does not apply to popular publication of previously published technical matter. Publication pursuant to this Agreement may be produced independently or in collaboration with others, however, in all cases proper credit will be given to the efforts of those Parties contributing to the publication. In the event no agreement is reached concerning the manner of publication or interpretation of results, any Party may publish data after due notice and submission of the proposed manuscripts to the other Parties. In such instances, the Party publishing the data will give due credit to the cooperation but assume full responsibility for any statements on which there is a difference of opinion.

## ARTICLE XII - REQUIRED CLAUSES

## 1. Civil Rights

During the performance of this agreement, the Parties agree to abide by the terms of Executive Order 11246 on nondiscrimination and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Parties will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

## 2. Officials Not to Benefit

No member or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner or State and locally elected officials shall be admitted to any share part of this Agreement or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this Agreement if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

## 3. Sovereign Immunity

Each Party shall be responsible for the acts of its own agency and all officials, employees, agents, or representatives thereof. Nothing herein is intended to waive or alter any Party's sovereign immunity as provided by law.

## 4. Management Authority

Each Party retains full authority and control over management of its own lands. If a dispute arises, it is understood that the agency which owns the lands in question shall make the final determination as to what uses may be lawfully made of its property.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed their names and executed this Memorandum of Agreement.

Barbara Loodman	Date /2/1/99	
Superintendent Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve National Park Service		
Park Manager Talbot Islands GEO Park Florida Division of Recreation & Parks	Date 17/27/98	-
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Director, Parks, Recreation and Entertainment City of Jacksonville

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Regional Director
Southeast Region
National Park Service

Date 12/3/99

Director
Florida Division of Recreation & Parks

Date 12/3/99

Date 12/3/99

Date 12/3/99

Date 12/49

Mayor
City of Jacksonville

#### RENEWAL

THIS RENEWAL is made this 15th day of Novemb., 2004 by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA, Department of Environmental Protection, acting through the Division of Recreation and Parks, hereinafter called "DRP," and the CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, acting through the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment, hereinafter called "COJ," and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the National Park Service, hereinafter called "NPS," hereinafter collectively called "the Parties" or individually "Party."

#### RECITALS

- The Parties entered into that certain non-binding Memorandum of Agreement dated A. December 1, 1999 for cooperative management of the Cooperative Zone as described therein.
- The non-binding Memorandum of Agreement may be extended by the mutual written B. agreement of the Parties for an additional five (5) years.
  - The Parties desire to extend the non-binding Memorandum of Agreement. C.

NOW THEREFORE, for and consideration of the premises, and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree as follows:

The non-binding Memorandum of Agreement between the Parties dated December 1. 1, 1999, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the cooperative management of the Cooperative Zone, is hereby renewed for an additional five (5) year period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Renewal on the day and year set forth above.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Department of Environmental Protection, acting through the Division of Recreation and **Parks** 

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY

**OF JACKSONVILLE** 

Attest

int Name:

MAYOR Daniel A. Kleman

Chief Operating Officer For: Mayor John Peyton Under Authority of

Executive Order No. 04-03

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the National Park Service

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RM APPROVED

Office of General Counsel

