

CHAPTER 2026-195

House Bill No. 4025

An act relating to Martin and Palm Beach Counties; providing for the transfer of specified real property, together with the improvements thereon, from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta; providing requirements for the use, ownership, and sale or disposition of the real property; providing for the conveyance of the real property by a specific date; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall convey to the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta, in fee simple, and for all uses as permitted by law, the following described 41.1 acres more or less of real property, together with the improvements thereon, located in Martin County and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Range Line 43 East marking the West boundary line of Section 19, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Martin County, where said line intersects an imaginary line 50 feet North of and parallel to the centerline of the County Road marking the boundary line of Martin and Palm Beach Counties, this as a point of beginning; thence, East along a line paralleling the County Road centerline as aforesaid, a distance of 848.25 feet; thence, North along a line parallel to the aforesaid Range Line, a distance of 1320 feet; thence, West along a line parallel to the aforesaid West-to-East Line, a distance of 848.25 feet to the aforesaid Range line. All of the aforesaid parcel being located in Section 19; thence, continuing West, a distance of 826 feet more or less to the Easterly right-of-way line of Old Dixie Highway, lying East of and running parallel to the Florida East Coast Railway; thence, Southeasterly along the Easterly right-of-way line of Old Dixie Highway to a point where said right-of-way line intersects a Westerly extension of the first described imaginary line parallel to the County Road; thence, East along said extended line a distance of 191.75 feet more or less, to the point of beginning. All of the last described parcel being located in Section 24, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, Martin County.

Section 2. The Village Council of the Village of Tequesta shall manage and protect the real property described in section 1, together with the improvements thereon, and use the real property, together with the improvements thereon, continuously as a public park and greenspace for resource-based outdoor public recreation activities, resource-based education activities, conservation activities, and the protection of natural and historical resources located thereon.

Section 3. The Village of Tequesta shall retain ownership of the real property described in section 1, together with the improvements thereon, including all improvements funded in whole or in part by the Village of Tequesta, in perpetuity. Any sale or disposition of the real property described in section 1, together with the improvements thereon, by the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta shall result in ownership of the real property, together with all improvements thereon, including all improvements funded in whole or in part by the Village of Tequesta, reverting to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund on behalf of the state.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall convey the real property described in section 1, together with the improvements thereon, to the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta within 60 days after the effective date of this act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law or on June 1, 2026, whichever occurs earlier.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2026.

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