

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 8, 2018

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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager  
FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P. E., Director of Public Works  
RE: Angler Avenue Parcel Conveyance from Palm Beach County to the Town of Palm Beach  
DATE: April 19, 2018

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

No action is necessary by Town Council regarding the Angler Avenue parcel conveyance.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

In 1945, a 0.2-acre parcel on the east side of North Ocean Boulevard was dedicated on a plat to all homeowners within the platted subdivision for access to the beach. After development of the subdivision was completed, the developer discontinued paying taxes. Palm Beach County received a tax deed in 1971. Because the property was acquired by tax foreclosure, the County did not have clear title to sell the property. The County had no practical use for the parcel and the County has not maintained the land.

According to Florida Statute, Section 197.592(3), delinquent tax lands located within the boundaries of an incorporated municipality of the County shall be conveyed to the governing board of the municipality and shall be freely alienable to the municipality without regard to third parties.

On January 17, 2018, Mayor Coniglio requested that the parcel be transferred to the Town to assist with heavy equipment access for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' inlet maintenance dredging project. On March 13, 2018, following action by Palm Beach County staff, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution authorizing the conveyance of the parcel to the Town and approved a County Deed conveying the parcel to the Town. The deed was granted on the condition that the land shall not be sold or conveyed to others by the Town and that the land shall be used for public beach access and support of coastal management.

The property is in need of regular maintenance and the hedges require frequent trimming along North Ocean Boulevard. A decorative wall and concrete patio, which were constructed by a previous owner, presently exists partially within the Town's right-of-way for Angler Avenue.

Residents along Angler Avenue have expressed a desire to improve the parcel. Town staff will return to Town Council with a beach access agreement to consider if the residents request improvements.

## Attachments

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager  
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager