

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS AGREEMENT entered into on _____ between Nassau County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and the University of Florida, Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as "UNIVERSITY."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Florida and the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914 (38 Statute 372), the University of Florida, through its Cooperative Extension Service, is charged with disseminating the latest knowledge and applicable technologies in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences to the public in order to sustain and enhance the quality of human life in the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, this function is performed through the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (a partnership between state, federal, and county governments) that includes extension faculty members, scientists, educators, administrative staff, and volunteers working cohesively throughout Florida's 67 counties;

WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating educational programs for producers, families, homeowners, and young people within the County;

WHEREAS, said programs will be developed and implemented in the County by Extension Agents employed by the UNIVERSITY and the County to work directly with local advisory committees and Extension personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Extension Agents will use appropriate Extension personnel from the University of Florida and the County and educational methods including the program development process, area subject matter information and other materials or methods as deemed necessary by Extension Agents in various program areas to conduct the aforesaid education programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and provisions contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I **PURPOSE**

The Florida Cooperative Extension Service, an integral part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), University of Florida, was established to extend non-biased, research-based educational information from the University to the people of the State of Florida on subjects related to agriculture, horticulture, water quality and quantity, natural resources and the environment, energy, family and consumer sciences, community development, 4-H youth development, and other programs deemed necessary. The Florida Cooperative Extension Service makes the findings of research in these areas available to the people of Florida through the UF/IFAS Extension Service in partnership with Florida Boards of County Commissioners.

To assure that educational programs meet the needs of local clientele, and comply with Section 1004.37 of the Florida Statutes, it is essential that the University of Florida and the County identify respective responsibilities.

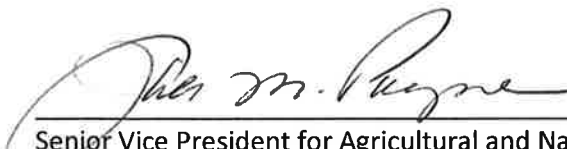
1. **Governing Law.** This AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely in the State.
2. **Binding Effect.** The terms, covenants, conditions and provisions of this AGREEMENT shall bind and endure to the benefit of the COUNTY and UNIVERSITY and their respective legal representatives, successors, and assigns.
3. **Nondiscrimination.** The COUNTY and UNIVERSITY agree that there will be no discrimination against any person, and it is expressly understood that upon a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that discrimination has occurred, this AGREEMENT automatically terminates without any further action on the part of any party, effective the date of the court order. The COUNTY and UNIVERSITY agree to comply with all Federal and Florida statutes, and all local ordinances, as applicable, relating to nondiscrimination.
4. **Covenant of No Interest.** The COUNTY and UNIVERSITY covenant that neither presently has any interest, and shall not acquire any interest, which would conflict in any manner or degree with its performance under this AGREEMENT, and that only interest of each is to perform and receive benefits as recited in this AGREEMENT.
5. **Code of Ethics.** The COUNTY agrees that officers and employees of the COUNTY recognize and will be required to comply with the standards of conduct for public officers and employees as delineated in Section 112.313, Florida Statutes, regarding, but not limited to, solicitation or acceptance of gifts; doing business with one's agency; unauthorized compensation; misuse of public position, conflicting employment or contractual relationship; and disclosure or use of certain information.
6. **No Solicitation/Payment.** The COUNTY and UNIVERSITY warrant that , in respect to itself, it has neither employed no retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this AGREEMENT and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or other consideration contingent upon ore resulting from the award or making of this AGREEMENT. For the breach or violation of the provision, the University agrees that the COUNTY shall have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT without liability and at its discretion, to offset from monies owed, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.
7. **Public Access.** The COUNTY and UNIVERSITY shall allow and permit reasonable access to, and inspection of, all documents, papers, letters, or other materials (including electronic documents) in its possession or under its control subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the COUNTY and UNIVERSITY in conjunction with this Agreement; and the COUNTY shall have the right to unilaterally cancel this AGREEMENT upon violation for this provision by UNIVERSITY.
8. **Non-Waiver of Immunity.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 768.28, Florida Statutes, the participation of the COUNTY and UNIVERSITY in this AGREEMENT and the acquisition of any commercial liability insurance coverage, self-insurance coverage or local government liability insurance pool coverage shall not be deemed a waiver of immunity to the extent of liability coverage, nor shall any contract entered into by the COUNTY be required to contain any provision for waiver.
9. **Privileges and Immunities.** All of the privileges and immunities for liability, exemptions from laws, ordinances, and rules and pensions and relief, disability, workers' compensation and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents, or employees of any public agents or employees of the COUNTY, when performing their respective functions under this AGREEMENT within the territorial limits of the COUNTY shall apply to the same degree and extent to the

performance of such functions and duties of such officers, agents, volunteers, or employees outside the territorial limits of the COUNTY.

10. Legal Obligations and Responsibilities: Non-Delegation of Constitutional or Statutory Duties. This AGREEMENT is not intended to, nor shall it be construed as, relieving any participating entity from any obligation or responsibility imposed upon the entity by law except to the extent of actual and timely performance thereof by any participating entity, in which case the performance may be offered in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility. Further, this AGREEMENT is not intended to, nor shall it be construed as, authorizing the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of the COUNTY, except to the extent permitted by the Florida constitution, state statute and case law.
11. Non-Reliance by Non-Parties. No person or entity shall be entitled to rely upon the terms, or any of them, of this AGREEMENT to enforce or attempt to enforce any third-party claim or entitlement to or benefit of any service or program contemplated hereunder, and the COUNTY and UNIVERSITY agree that neither the COUNTY nor the UNIVERSITY or any agent, officer or employee of either shall have the authority to inform, counsel, or otherwise indicate that any particular individual or group of individuals, entity or entities, have entitlements or benefits under this AGREEMENT separate and apart, inferior to or superior to the community in general or for the purposes contemplated in this AGREEMENT.
12. No Personal Liability. No covenant or agreement contained herein shall be deemed to be a covenant or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the COUNTY in his or her individual capacity, and no member, officer, agent or employee of the COUNTY shall be liable personally on this AGREEMENT or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution of this AGREEMENT.
13. Execution in Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument and any of the parties hereto may execute this AGREEMENT by signing any such counterpart.
14. Section Headings. Section headings have been inserted in this AGREEMENT as a matter of convenience of reference only, and it is agreed that such section heading are not a part of this AGREEMENT and will not be used in the interpretation of any provision of this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE VII
NOTICES

Any notice, request, demand, consent approval or other communication required or permitted by this AGREEMENT shall be given or made in writing and shall be served (as elected by the party giving such notice) by one of the following methods: a) hand delivery to the other party; b) delivery by commercial overnight courier service; or c) mailed by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid), return receipt requested. For the purposes of notice the addresses are:



Senior Vice President for Agricultural and Natural Resources
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

2/13/20
Date



Dean for Extension and Director
Florida Cooperative Extension Service

Feb. 12, 2020

Date

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Date

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Date

County Attorney

Date