

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-617

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 27, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F

Date of Analysis: August 29, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$4,084,269 from the Environmental Compliance – Countywide Account to the Confederate Park – MGP Waste Remediation Account to fund activities involved in the cleanup of manufactured gas plant waste required by the Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement between and among the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the City of Jacksonville, Southport Financial Real Estate, LLC, Jacksonville Hospitality Holdings, L.P., and Shoppes of Lakeside, Inc. The bill amends the 2019-2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program to reduce funding for the project entitled “Environmental Compliance – Countywide” and provide funding for the project entitled “Manufactured Gas Plant Waste Remediation”.

Background Information: The bill authorizes the transfer of existing debt authorization from a non-site-specific countywide environmental remediation project to fund the specific Manufactured Gas Plant Waste Remediation project. From approximately 1874 to 1912, there was a private manufactured gas plant located on the corner of State Street and Main Street, which deposited its waste into nearby Hogan’s Creek in what is now Confederate Park. Once the contamination was discovered, the FDEP required the City to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study. The City has entered into a multi-party Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) among the surrounding property owners that spells out what actions, documents and time frames for the documents that need to be submitted to the FDEP. The remedial action plan has not been prepared yet. A feasibility study was done as part of the ramp up to the BSRA that reviewed various technologies that could be used to clean the site up and ranked them accordingly to cost and effectiveness to reach cleanup goals and the City is currently doing a work plan (that has four components) that is determining geochemical and geophysical data that will be used to design the remedial action plan. For now the current anticipated plan from the feasibility study is to do a hydraulic containment system with a groundwater treatment component to reduce or eliminate the impacted groundwater plume.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental cleanup

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates just over \$4 million in debt authorization from a countywide, non-specific environmental account to a specific remediation project account.

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