

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-404

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

Date of Introduction: May 27, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F, JWC

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; waiver of ordinance code

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$106,000 from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund to St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc. to conduct an environmental quality assessment of the Ribault River and Moncrief Creek watersheds. The bill waives Section 110.112 (advance of City funds) to allow for a partial advance payment, Section 118.107 (nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) to allow for a direct contract, and invokes the exemption under Section 126.108(g) (exemptions from competitive solicitation). The bill authorizes execution of a funding agreement with St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc., allows for the carryover of funds into FY 28-29, assigns oversight to the Office of Administrative Services, and requires a final report to the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to appropriate funding from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund to support an environmental quality assessment of the Ribault River and Moncrief Creek watersheds. The Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board approved this expenditure at its meeting on February 18, 2025. The bill waives certain procurement requirements to authorize a direct contract with St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc., who is uniquely positioned to perform the work. The Office of Administrative Services will oversee the project, and a report will be submitted to the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board upon completion.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental Protection

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$106,000 from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

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