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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-0890

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Ferraro

Date of Introduction: December 14, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates $267,798.00 in funds from the AES Cedar Bay Settlement Stipulation Fund to contribute to the acquisition cost of approximately 345± acres on Black Hammock Island by the Trust for Public Land which will, after the acquisition, convey the land to the State of Florida and the National Park Service for Conservation Purposes (The "Project"). It authorizes the Mayor and the Corporate Secretary to execute a contract; provides for reverter language and appoints the Department of Parks, Recreation, Community Services to oversee the project.

Background Information: Approximately 345± acre parcel of land, containing 1.6 miles of frontage on Pumpkin Hill Creek and 0.25 miles on Sawpit Creek (the "Property"), with access to the Intracoastal Waterway, is under contract by The Trust for Public Land ("TPL") to purchase for conservation and passive recreation such as hiking, wildlife viewing, and fishing. The property lies within the Nassau River-St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve and is designated as a Florida Outstanding Waterway; the property was listed for acquisition as part of the City's Preservation Project Jacksonville Land Program in 2002 but was never obtained because the owners were unwilling to sell the land. The TPL has formed a partnership with the State of Florida Divisions of State and Land and the National Park Service to pursue the acquisition of the property.

Policy Impact Area: Land Acquisition and Conservation

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of $267,798 from the AES Cedar Bay Settlement Stipulation Fund

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