

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

**ORDINANCE 2025-374-E**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$200,000, INCLUDING \$100,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ("NFWF"), AND \$100,000 FROM THE RESILIENCY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - DM OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT FOR THE REQUIRED CITY MATCH, TO FUND THE NFWF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-073; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2024-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF RESILIENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(B.T. 25-073 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-073	\$200,000.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-073	\$200,000.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation

The funding above represents an appropriation of \$200,000.00, including \$100,000.00 in grant funding awarded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation ("NFWF"), and \$100,000.00 from the City Resiliency Infrastructure Improvements Project for the City match, for the NFWF Green Infrastructure Project ("Project") to provide funding for the Project. The grant period commenced on January 1, 2025 and continues through December 31, 2027. A local match of \$100,000.00 is required.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funding for the Project which is intended to create a framework for prioritizing green infrastructure projects on public lands to increase resilience and create wildlife habitat. The Project will develop a prioritized list of green infrastructure projects to progress toward implementation in the next five years to reduce heat stress, reduce flooding, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitats. The Project will help identify the most effective types of green infrastructure projects for specific locations where flooding mitigation is needed to ensure continued access to and provision of valuable services. The Project will facilitate the implementation of green infrastructure projects across the City of Jacksonville, which will benefit community resilience by reducing flooding. The completion of the Project will also make Jacksonville competitive for grant funding to construct green infrastructure projects. A copy of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Agreement providing the terms and conditions applicable to the grant awarded for the Project has been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.

**Section 3. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

(the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is hereby amended to provide funding for the Project, as more fully described in the Project Information Sheet, attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev CIP Sheet, June 16, 2025 - NCSPHS" and incorporated herein by this reference. The Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the community because such deferral will result in unnecessary delay of the Project and loss of grant funding for the Project.

Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Oversight.** The Planning and Development Department, Office of Resiliency, shall oversee the Project and administration of the grant described herein.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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