

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-166-W**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING: (1) \$300,000 FROM  
6 THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY,  
7 AND (2) \$200,000 FROM THE RESILIENCY  
8 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT INTO THE  
9 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT RESILIENCY  
10 OFFICE - OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT,  
11 FOR A TOTAL OF \$500,000, IN ORDER TO PROCURE THE  
12 SERVICES OF A PLANNING CONSULTANT TO CREATE AN  
13 URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN (“UFMP”) FOR THE  
14 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE; PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION;  
15 AMENDING THE 2024-2028 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL  
16 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED BY ORDINANCE  
17 2023-505-E TO REFLECT THIS APPROPRIATION OF  
18 FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO  
19 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT  
20 BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT;  
21 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Tree Commission utilized a  
24 professional facilitator to aid the Commission in the generation of  
25 a strategic plan for the Commission (the “Strategic Plan”); and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Strategic Plan identified as a primary goal the  
27 creation of an Urban Forest Management Plan (“UFMP”); and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Resilient Jacksonville report, dated October  
29 2023, which is part of the launch of the City’s 50-year Resilience  
30 Strategy, also includes an UFMP in its strategy for resilience; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the planting and maintaining of urban forests are

1 part of what is referred to as "green infrastructure" which includes  
2 a range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement  
3 or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and  
4 reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire  
5 stormwater and reduce flows to storm sewer systems or to surface  
6 waters; and

7 **WHEREAS,** runoff from stormwater continues to be a major cause  
8 of flooding and water pollution as it has the potential to carry  
9 trash, bacteria, heavy metals, and other pollutants through storm  
10 sewers into the St. Johns River and its tributaries. Heavy rainstorms  
11 can cause flooding that damages property and infrastructure; and

12 **WHEREAS,** historically, communities have relied exclusively on  
13 gray infrastructure – systems of gutters, pipes, and tunnels – to move  
14 stormwater away from where we live to treatment plants or straight  
15 to local water bodies. However, the gray infrastructure in many areas  
16 of our community is aging, and its existing capacity to manage  
17 large volumes of stormwater is not enough to meet current and future  
18 high levels of rainfall inundation; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the installation of green infrastructure systems can  
20 bolster the capacity of gray infrastructure to effectively manage  
21 stormwater and reduce flooding. Trees are an important form of green  
22 infrastructure as they help absorb stormwater and slow the flow of  
23 water into the drainage system, allowing the drains to perform better  
24 during storm events. Tree plantings as a green infrastructure solution  
25 allows our city to be more resilient and achieve environmental, social  
26 and economic benefits. Trees are an essential part of our green  
27 infrastructure response to flooding; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,  
30 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
31 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)

1 listed in subsection (b):

2 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and  
3 incorporated herein by this reference)

4 (a) Appropriated from:

5 See **Exhibit 1** \$500,000

6 (b) Appropriated to:

7 See **Exhibit 1** \$500,000

8 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

9 The funding above represents an appropriation of \$300,000  
10 from the Council President's Designated Contingency and  
11 \$200,000 from the Resilience Infrastructure Improvements  
12 project to provide funds to procure the services of a  
13 planning consultant to create an Urban Forestry Management  
14 Plan ("UFMP") for the City of Jacksonville.

15 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
16 Section 1 is to provide funding to procure the services of a planning  
17 consultant to create an UFMP for the City of Jacksonville that will  
18 encompass the geographic area of the City. This UFMP will be a plan  
19 that will support resilience through the planting of trees for the  
20 uptake of stormwater, reduction of the heat island effect, and other  
21 ecosystem purposes. The services of a qualified planning consultant  
22 will be procured through a competitive procurement process for the  
23 UFMP.

24 **Section 3. CIP Amendment.** Ordinance 2023-505-E, being the  
25 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (the "CIP") for the  
26 City and certain of its independent agencies, is hereby amended to  
27 reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project, as outlined  
28 **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. The UFMP will  
29 provide a plan, backed by data and analysis, that will guide future  
30 tree plantings projects and utilization of the Tree Protection and  
31 Related Expenses Trust Fund which currently contains several million

1 dollars in unallocated funds. This will allow a more proactive  
2 approach to utilization of those funds and support the resilience  
3 efforts of the City in its capital projects. Additionally, the UFMP  
4 will assist in the design of green infrastructure solutions within a  
5 multitude of current and future CIP projects and will ensure that CIP  
6 dollars can achieve the maximum results. The scope of work for the  
7 UFMP consultant will include project initiation and pre-planning,  
8 environmental assessments, existing conditions analysis, community  
9 outreach and education, policy analysis, and a report that will  
10 synthesize these factors and provide an implementation plan and  
11 accountability. The City Council finds that the deferral of this  
12 amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will  
13 be detrimental to the best interests of the community because such  
14 deferral could result in loss of opportunity to combine the efforts  
15 of the Resilience Office's FUSE Fellows efforts to create a broad  
16 resilience plan for the City with this critical green infrastructure  
17 piece of that plan.

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

25 **Section 4. Carryover.** The funds appropriated by this  
26 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year  
27 2024-2025.

28 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Planning and  
29 Development Department shall oversee the project described herein.

30 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5           /s/ Susan C. Grandin          

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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