

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-30

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

Date of Introduction: January 9, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, Waterways Commission

Date of Analysis: January 11, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment; authorization to execute agreements; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates grant funds in the amount of \$11,424,000 received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Northbank Bulkhead Resilience Improvements Project. It authorizes the Mayor to execute grant agreement documents. The bill amends the 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to reflect this appropriation of funds to the Project and designates the Engineering and Construction Management Division of the Public Works Department as the City's oversight agency for the grant and the project.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to receive and allocate FDEP's funding for the Northbank Bulkhead Project which consists of the upgrading two critical sections of bulkheads in downtown Jacksonville to strengthen the riverwalk and protect nearby assets from damage during major storms and compound flooding events. The total scope of the project includes approximately 7,070 linear feet of bulkhead (including 1,400 linear feet at the former Metropolitan Park site), which will be completed in phases. It is estimated that the complete replacement cost will be over \$31 million. Replacement of the bulkhead may require removal and replacement of, or repairs to, the adjacent existing Riverwalk and CIP funds may be used to construct new Riverwalk segments adjacent to new bulkhead sections. The term of the grant commenced on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2026. The required local match in the amount of \$11,424,000.00 has been met through previous Capital Improvement Plan appropriations for this project.

Policy Impact Area: Northbank downtown river bulkhead replacement

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates FDEP grant funds in the amount of \$11,424,000, with the local match having been provided by previous CIP allocations to this project.

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