

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2021-710

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

**Date of Introduction:** September 28, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, JWC

**Date of Analysis:** September 28, 2021

**Type of Action:** Authorization of Notice of Federal Participation

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes the Notice of Federal Participation (Bogey Creek Expansion) by and among the City of Jacksonville, North Florida Land Trust, Inc. and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Land Trust purchased the Property for the Service-approved purpose of protecting highly threatened, sensitive coastal wetlands, and maritime forest in Duval County in perpetuity for conservation purposes.

**Background Information:** North Florida Land Trust and the City of Jacksonville are fee simple owners of the Bogey Creek Landing Property located off Cedar Point Road. The Property fills a gap within a 6,000-acre matrix of conservation lands owned by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as conservation non-profits, referred to as the "7 Creeks Recreation Area." This Property expands an existing public park and opens possibilities for development of a trail connecting miles of lands managed by the National Park Service, Florida Park Service, City of Jacksonville, and the Land Trust. The property will be maintained in perpetuity as conservation land.

**Policy Impact Area:** Coastal Wetlands-Bogey Creek Preserve

**Fiscal Impact:** The Property was acquired for \$150,000 using funds from the National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program

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