

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0643

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

Date of Introduction: August 26, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 25, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment; provide for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$6,752,972.00 from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Christobel Septic Tank Phase-Out project, as initiated by BT 25-112. The bill amends the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E to reflect EPA grant funding for the project. It provides for oversight by the Department of Public Works, Engineering and Construction Management Division.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to replace onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems with central sewage connections to provide central water and sewer services to unserved areas. The Christobel neighborhood, which borders the Ribault River, was identified as a high-priority area under the agreement with JEA to phase out septic tanks. The appropriation will provide funding for the construction of a complete gravity sewer collection system with two submersible pump stations and force main piping, and central sewer service to the project area. The expected outcomes include the abandonment of approximately 310 septic systems, resulting in reduced bacteriological and nutrient loading to the St. Johns River and its tributaries. Additionally, the project will provide infrastructure to support future development and offer central sewer service to 495 parcels.

Policy Impact Area: Septic tank removal

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$6,752,972.00 from the EPA, as initiated by BT 25-112

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