

LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 02/08/22

BT or RC No: BT 22 - 055
(Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Neighborhoods/Environmental Quality Division/Environmental Protection Board
(Department/Division/Agency/Council Member)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide; Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation. (Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The purpose would be to authorize funding from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund to the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District to provide support for the expansion of natural resources education to K-12 students, beginning farmers and underserved populations residing in the urban core. \$36,000 is being requested to fund the various components for the next 3 years in Duval County.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated \$36,000.00 as follows:

List the source name and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

Name of Federal Funding Source(s)	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of State Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of City of Jacksonville Fundin	From: Environmental Protection Fund - Fund Balance	Amount: \$36,000.00
	To: Environmental Protection Board Trust Fund	Amount: \$36,000.00
Name of In-Kind Contribution(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name & Number of Bond Account(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____

PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs.

(Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The funding will come from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund for the educational activities. The Duval Soil and Water Conservation District will complete this project with no General Fund contribution.

ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

ACTION ITEMS:	Yes	No	
Emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of emergency.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px;"></div>
Federal or State Mandate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px;"></div>
Fiscal Year Carryover?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Through FY2025</div>
CIP Amendment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.</p>
Contract / Agreement Approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attachment & Explanation: If yes, attach the Contract / Agreement and name of Department (and contact name) that will provide oversight. Indicate if negotiations are on-going and with whom. Has OGC reviewed / drafted?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">The Neighborhoods Department will provide oversight.</div>
Related RC/BT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).</p>
Waiver of Code?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Waive 111.755 and 360.602 to allow for the continuation funding. Waive 110.112 to allow for the advance of City funds as the initial payment is before the completion of the project.</div>
Code Exception?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Legislation will be specifically for Duval Soil and Water Conservation District to provide services. For this reason, an exception to Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code (supplies or services to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same), is required.</div>
Related Enacted Ordinances?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Code Reference: If yes, identify related code section(s) and ordinance reference number in the box below and provide detailed explanation and any changes necessary within white paper.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">2018-835</div>

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

ACTION ITEMS:

	Yes	No
Continuation of Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund?

	Yes	No
Surplus Property Certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reporting Requirements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate form(s).

Explanation: List agencies (including City Council / Auditor) to receive reports and frequency of reports, including when reports are due. Provide Department (include contact name and telephone number) responsible for generating reports.

Annual reports to the JEPB are required by September 30th throughout the term of the agreement.

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(signature)

Date: 2/14/22

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(signature)

Date: 2/8/2022

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Legislation from Independent Agencies requires a resolution from the Independent Agency Board approving the legislation.

Independent Agency Action Item: Yes No

Boards Action / Resolution? X

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?
Minutes from the Environmental Protection Board Meeting are attached.

FACT SHEET IS REQUIRED BEFORE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED

**Environmental Protection Fund
Request for Funding Assistance
DSWCD – NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION FUNDING**

Purpose

The purpose of the bill is to authorize funding from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund to the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District to provide support for the expansion of natural resources education to K-12 students, beginning farmers and underserved populations residing in the urban core. \$36,000 is being requested to fund the various components for the next 3 years in Duval County.

Background

The Fund, which was created in 1984, was established under the Board's purview to be used by the Board for the purposes described in [Section 360.602 O.C.](#) The established purposes for use of the Fund include:

- Restoration of polluted areas subject to Board actions.
- Restoration where costs exceeded amount recovered from responsible party in judicial or administrative proceedings.
- To recover the costs and expenses of the Board in administering the Fund.
- To pay for the removal (emergency) or remedial actions (cleanup).
- To fund education and outreach activities, studies, surveys, tests and investigations pertaining to the duties of the Board.

Sources of Fund revenue include:

- Fines collected by the City
- Moneys received as a result of an administrative or judicial proceeding
- Moneys recovered as punitive damages
- Moneys recovered as civil penalties

Description

The natural resources educational programs of the DSWCD are some of their most important projects. Annual events like Envirothon attract interested K-12 students through extracurricular school programs and fulfill their mission by educating future generations of stewards to the land. Their Start Farming Workshops and mentorship program instill a conservation ethic in beginning farmers and help stimulate more sustainable agricultural enterprises in Duval County. Their Regeneration Park green infrastructure and stewardship workshops bring ongoing technical assistance from soil scientists and conservationists directly to urban core residents right where they live and work.

Project Goals

Funding is needed to expand Envirothon outreach and involve new schools and teachers in the program. Funding support will also allow hosting both a speech contest and poster contest in a topic chosen nationally by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Other educational activities will include:

- The promotion of and identification of a Conservation Teacher of the Year
- Introduction of a Land Judging activity for middle and high school students
- The launch of a Start Farming Mentorship Program to support new farmers in Duval County by providing tours of diverse farm operations and onsite workshops about regenerative practices, including water conservation, composting and permaculture.
- Support for Regeneration Park which is a green infrastructure and community stewardship project that will create a safe space to demonstrate urban agriculture, cultivate environmental stewardship and empower residents to build with nature for social, economic, and environmental health. Educational workshops at Regeneration Park will help remedy decades of persistent environmental inequality which has disproportionately affected poor and minority communities in the urban core.

Funding

- The EPB has authorized funding, pursuant to Section 111.755 O.C., in the amount of \$36,000 to support the project. The EPB unanimously approved the project at its January 2022 meeting.
- The Environmental Protection Fund consists of non-General Revenue monies collected by the City pursuant to O.C. Chapter 362, Chapter 368 or Chapter 376.