

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-242

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

Date of Introduction: April 27, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F, JWC

Date of Analysis: April 30, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation for preliminary design and feasibility assessment

Bill Summary: The bill

- appropriates \$100,000.00 in fund balance from the Environmental Protection Fund to assist in the Ecological Restoration of Hogans Creek to Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc., for a Preliminary Design and Feasibility Assessment, as initiated by B.T. 21-067;
- provides a carryover of funds through September 30, 2023;
- invokes the exception of Section 126.107(G)(Exemptions), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, to direct contract with Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.;
- approves and authorizes the Mayor or his designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver that certain funding agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.;
- waives Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against), Part 1 (The City Treasury), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), *Ordinance Code*, to allow for partial advance payment by the City;
- provides for City oversight by the Neighborhoods Department, Environmental Quality Division; and
- requires annual reports and a final report to the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Background Information: Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc (GWJ) is a non-profit organization specifically created to restore urban creeks, connect urban neighborhoods, and convert neglected and contaminated land into parks, playgrounds, trails, and other public greenspaces. Hogans Creek, a small tributary of the St. Johns River, flows south/southeast through Springfield neighborhood/downtown area before it empties into the river. The creek has been neglected over the years and in need of environmental cleanup and restoration. GWJ will provide a Preliminary Design and Feasibility Assessment to assist in the ecological restoration of Hogans Creek.

Policy Impact Area: Hogans Creek, ecological restoration, Groundwork Jacksonville

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$100,000.00, as initiated by B.T. 21-067.

Analyst: Mitchell