

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-496

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

Date of Introduction: June 9, 2026

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

Date of Analysis: June 5, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; provide for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$72,300, including \$36,150 in grant funds from the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and a required City match of \$36,150 from the General Fund Operating-Repairs and Maintenance account, to provide funding for FDEP's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Parks Invasive Species Removal Initiative, for the protection of natural resources located in Jacksonville. The bill provides for oversight by the Natural and Marine Resources Division of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to receive grant funds from FDEP and allocate those funds, along with required City match funds, for the Invasive Species Removal Initiative. Historically, the City's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services has undertaken efforts to identify and map invasive species within City parks. This funding will allow for continued removal of certain invasive species and also provide for the installation of signage that will educate the public on how to control the spread of invasive species within the following parks and preserves: Arlington Lions Club Park, Blue Cypress Park, Castaway Island Preserve, Helen Cooper Floyd Park, Joe Carlucci Sisters Creek Boat Ramp, Reddie Point Preserve, Ribault River Preserve, Riverview Park, and Tillie K. Fowler Park. The grant term begins upon execution of the Grant Agreement and continues through March 31, 2027.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental protection, Invasive Species Removal Initiative

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$72,300, including \$36,150 in FDEP grant funds and a City match of equal amount.

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