

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-644

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carlucci

Date of Introduction: August 11, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 11, 2026

Type of Action: Park renaming

Bill Summary: This bill renames the public park currently known as Cedar Point Preserve, to be known as Middlebrook Preserve.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to change the name of a City owned park to honor Mark Middlebrook. Mr. Middlebrook was a steadfast advocate for preservation, and he served as the primary architect of the Preservation Project under former Mayor Delaney, and he oversaw the purchase and preservation of more than 80,000 acres in and around Duval County in Northeast Florida. Mr. Middlebrook also served as the Executive Director of the Timucuan Parks Foundation, and he conducted conservation work with organizations including the St. Johns River Alliance and the North Florida Land Trust. Mark Middlebrook passed away in March of 2026.

Policy Impact Area: Park renaming

Fiscal Impact: Minimal cost for signage

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