

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-415

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: May 24, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 26, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$8,000,000 (\$2,000,000 from current year revenue and \$6,000,000 as a transfer from fund balance) from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304 for the Level 2 Program, administered by the Department of Public Works. The funds appropriated in this ordinance will not lapse but will carry-over to subsequent fiscal years. The Public Works Department will continue to oversee the Level 2 Program.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for tree planting as suggested by individuals or groups throughout the City (the Level 2 program). The Level 2 program was established in 2019 and is funded yearly. The annual expenditures are 2020 - \$1,915,918; 2021 \$1,868,292, and 2022, to date - \$1,500,000. The Level 2 Program provides individual citizens, organizations, City departments, and/or Council Members with the opportunity to suggest a location for a tree planting project on public property within Duval County.

The appropriated funds will go to the Public Works Mowing and Landscape Division for tree plantings (averages \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000) per year, the tree plantings for the Gold Star Parkway as the new entrance roadway to the City's Veteran's Cemetery (estimated to be \$3,000,000), and the following projects:

- District 1 – including Blue Cypress Phase 2, Lake Lucina, Rondette, Bruce Park, Parkwood Heights, Justina Road, Arlingwood, Sunny Acres - \$500,000
- District 2 – Buck Park, Ed Austin Skate Park, Sheffield, Fort Caroline Playground - \$200,000
- Miscellaneous Parks – Flossie Brunson, S-Line, 4-Corners, Warren Schell, Crystal Springs, Grunthal, Woodstock, Ringhaver, Dinsmore, Albert Field, Greenland Park - \$400,000
- RiversEdge – Southbank Riverwalk – Four parks and right-of-way- \$600,000
- McGirts Creek Preservation Park Restoration - \$500,000
- Hanna Park Proposed Special Events Pavilion - \$300,000
- Northbank Riverwalk Phase 2 - \$300,000

Policy Impact Area: Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund - Level 2 Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$8,000,000

Analyst: Hampsey