

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

**ORDINANCE 2022-652-E**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A \$1,369,117 GRANT  
AWARDED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ("FDEP") FOR THE  
WILLS BRANCH DREDGE PROJECT, AS INITIATED BY  
B.T. 22-110; AMENDING THE 2022-2026 FIVE-YEAR  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE  
2021-505-E TO REFLECT FDEP GRANT FUNDING FOR  
THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year,  
within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the  
indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to  
the account(s) listed in subsection (b):  
(B.T. 22-110, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 22-110	\$1,369,117
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 22-110	\$1,369,117
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of grant  
funding in the amount of \$1,369,117 from the State of  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for  
the Wills Branch Creek Dredge Project.

1           **Section 2.           Purpose.**   The purpose of the appropriation in  
2 Section 1 is to provide funding to dredge approximately 42,213  
3 cubic yards of sediment and vegetation from the bottom of Wills  
4 Branch Creek and an additional 1,156 cubic yards from the creek  
5 embankment (the "Project").   The dredging will occur from Old  
6 Middleburg Road to approximately 2000 feet east of Lane Avenue.  
7 The Project will also include the addition of rip rap reinforcement  
8 and plantings along the creek embankment.   This area is one of the  
9 main drainage pathways along the St. Johns River and has  
10 historically been prone to flooding.   The Project will provide  
11 crucial flood relief and increased resilience for the residential  
12 properties along Wills Branch Creek.   A copy of the State of  
13 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant  
14 Agreement (Agreement Number: 22FRP101) providing the terms and  
15 conditions relative to receipt and expenditure of the grant funds  
16 has been placed **On File** with the Office of Legislative Services.

17           **Section 3.           Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.**   Ordinance  
18 2021-505-E, adopting the 2022-2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement  
19 Plan (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent  
20 agencies, is hereby amended to reflect additional funding for the  
21 Project as more fully described in the Project Information Sheet  
22 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this  
23 reference.   The City Council finds that the deferral of this  
24 amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review  
25 will be detrimental to the best interests of the community because  
26 such deferral will result in unnecessary delay of the Project and  
27 loss of grant funding for the Project.

28           Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of  
29 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
30 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP  
31 amendment set forth in this section.   This Ordinance shall

1 constitute an amendment to Ordinance 2021-505-E. In all other  
2 respects, the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by  
3 Ordinance 2021-505-E shall remain unchanged and continue in full  
4 force and effect.

5 **Section 4. Oversight.** The Public Works Department shall  
6 oversee administration of the grant and the Project described  
7 herein.

8 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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