

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-166

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem

**Date of Introduction:** February 27, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** February 29, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; CIP amendment; authorization of fiscal year carry-over; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates a total of \$500,000 (\$300,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency and \$200,000 from the Resiliency Improvements Infrastructure CIP project) to the Planning and Development Department’s Resiliency Office - Professional Services account to provide funding for a planning consultant to create an urban forestry management plan for the City. It amends the 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan to create a project listing for this use. The funds are authorized to carry-over to FY24-25 and the Planning and Development Department is designated as the oversight agency for the project.

**Background Information:** The development of an urban forestry management plan was recommended by the Tree Commission as a result of the commission’s strategic planning process and was also recommended in the 2023 Resilient Jacksonville report which is part of the launch of the City’s 50-year Resilience Strategy. The planting and maintenance of “green infrastructure” such as urban trees are part of an overall strategy to use natural features as assets to absorb and control stormwater, improve air quality, reduce heat islands, and beautify urban areas.

**Policy Impact Area:** “Green” infrastructure

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates \$500,000 to the Planning Department’s professional services budget

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