

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-464**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S
6 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ACCELERATION OF FUNDING
7 FOR THE MCCOYS CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT TO
8 ACHIEVE FLOOD MITIGATION AND RESTORE THE
9 NATURAL CHANNEL DESIGN AND URGING THE
10 ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEDITE THE PROJECT IN THE
11 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR; REQUESTING ONE-CYCLE
12 EMERGENCY ACTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, McCoys Creek is located west of downtown, with the
15 headwaters of McCoys Creek beginning west of Leland Street and
16 traveling through several neighborhoods, including Lackawanna,
17 Mixon Town, the Rail Yard District, and Brooklyn. The creek
18 outfalls to the St. Johns River near the Acosta Bridge; and

19 **WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, chronic flooding from McCoys
20 Creek has impacted McCoys Creek Boulevard and adjacent
21 neighborhoods; as widely reported on July 4, 2021, multiple people
22 had to be rescued from vehicles trapped along McCoys Creek
23 Boulevard when an afternoon rain event caused the streets to flood;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has committed \$105 million
26 over the next three years to restore McCoys Creek to a natural
27 state and in the process, mitigate the ongoing and chronic flooding
28 on McCoys Creek Boulevard and in nearby neighborhoods; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the restoration project is planned to restore the
30 natural channel design, expand the flood plain and give room for
31 water runoff and is anticipated to take almost two years (pending

1 weather and other delays); and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council would urge the
3 Administration to accelerate funding for the McCoys Creek
4 Restoration Project and expedite construction of the improvements
5 in the 2021-2022 fiscal year to alleviate the chronic flooding and
6 to improve drainage for McCoys Creek and affected neighborhoods;
7 now therefore

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its strong
10 support for the McCoys Creek Restoration Project and urges the
11 Administration to accelerate the funding for the project so that
12 the project can be expedited and completed in the 2021-2022 fiscal
13 year.

14 **Section 2. One-cycle emergency action requested**
15 **pursuant to Rule 4.901.** One cycle emergency action is requested
16 for this legislation. The nature of the emergency is that chronic
17 and seasonal flooding has caused severe hardship on residents
18 living in communities around McCoys Creek. The Council desires to
19 show its support for expediting the McCoys Creek Restoration
20 Project prior to consideration of the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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