

RESOLUTION 2023- 113

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING \$450,000 AWARDED TO THE COUNTY BY FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNDER THE RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ALPINE GROVES PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE REQUIRED 50% LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, through the Resilient Florida Grant Program (the “Program”) provides financial assistance to Florida communities for the implementation of projects which help to adapt critical assets to the effects of flooding and sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 16, 2022, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners authorized the submittal of grant applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection seeking funding for projects on the County’s Capital Improvement Plan which may be eligible under the Program (Resolution 2022-289); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2023, the County was notified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that the County was awarded Resilient Florida Program Grant 23FRP10 in the amount of \$450,000.00 with a 50% local match requirement for the Alpine Groves Park Shoreline Stabilization project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department will provide the 50% local match with funds budgeted in its fiscal year 2023 Capital Improvement Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County, when preparing the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, was unaware that this funding would become available; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has reviewed the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the Grant Agreement, and has determined entering into same will serve the best interests of St. Johns County and its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

**Section 1.** The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes and appropriates \$450,000 awarded to the County by Florida Department of Environmental Protection under the Resilient Florida Grant Program for the Alpine Groves Park Shoreline Stabilization project to the Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects Fund and the Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects department expenditure budgets.

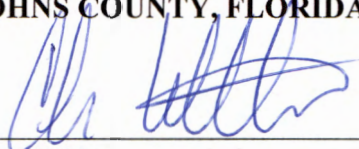
**Section 3.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and accepts the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the Grant Agreement and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

**Section 4.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute any other paperwork necessary or associated with Resilient Florida Program Grant 23FRP10.

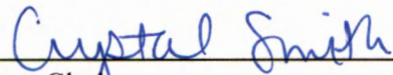
**Section 5.** To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised with subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
Christian Whitehurst, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By:   
Deputy Clerk

Rendition Date APR 18 2023





**GROWTH MANAGEMENT  
DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
**Florida Department of Environmental Protection –  
Resilient Florida Grant Program**

**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Westly Woodward, Principal Resiliency Planning Analyst

**Date:** March 15, 2023

**Subject:** Recognition and allocation of funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Resilient Florida Grant Program.

**Applicant:** St. Johns County

**Hearing dates:** BCC – August 16, 2022  
BCC – April 18, 2023

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**SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-113 recognizing the \$450,000 award from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Resilient Florida Program as unanticipated revenue and authorizing its appropriation and expenditure in the Fiscal Year 2023 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund.

**NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), through the Resilient Florida Grant Program (the Program), offers funding to assist Florida communities to implement projects which help to adapt critical County assets to the effects of flooding and sea level rise. On August 16, 2022 the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners authorized the submittal of grant applications to the FDEP for projects that are on the County's approved Capital Improvement Plan which may be eligible under the Program.

On March 1, 2023, the County was notified by the FDEP that that the County was awarded \$450,000 through the Resilient Florida Program for the Alpine Groves Park

Shoreline Stabilization project. The shoreline at Alpine Groves Park has been significantly eroded and remains vulnerable to the effects of flooding and sea level rise. The objective of the project awarded by the FDEP is to improve the stability of the park shoreline, reduce additional risk to public safety, avoid and minimize impacts to existing resources, restore native habitat, and provide reasonable service under design storm and flooding conditions. The project will involve the construction of a complete rock revetment to stabilize the shoreline to include natural plantings to preserve the natural elements of the park to the greatest extent practical. The award from the FDEP has a 50% match component which will be provided by the previously adopted Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the project.

**TIMELINE**

BCC 8/16/2022 - BOCC authorized the submittal of an FDEP grant application via Resolution 2022-289

BCC 4/18/2023

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Resolution