

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDING FROM THE TREE BANK RESERVES TO FUND LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO BELUTHAHATCHEE PARK AND CORA HARRISON PRESERVE

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department seeks Tree Bank Funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for landscaping projects at Beluthahatchee Park located at 1523 State Road 13, Fruit Cove, FL 32259, and Cora Harrison Preserve located at 8989 State Road 207, Hastings, FL 32145; and

WHEREAS, \$10,000 will be used to restore approximately one acre through the replanting of native trees and shrubs at Cora Harrison Preserve; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000 will be used to install Florida friendly native landscaping at Beluthahatchee Park; and

WHEREAS, the landscaping project is a permissible use of Tree Bank funds in accordance with all applicable sections of the County's Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the landscaping projects, once complete, will be maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the use of these funds address Florida Communities Trust Special Management Conditions, which require the development of a comprehensive landscaping plan emphasizing the use of native plant species; and

WHEREAS, transfer of the funds to complete the landscaping project serves a public purpose and the best interests of the County.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute all paperwork associated with, or necessary to accomplish the overall goal set forth as part of this project.

Section 3. The Board approves the transfer of no more than \$60,000 from the Tree Bank Fund Reserves and authorizes its expenditure for the Beluthahatchee Park and Cora Harrison Preserve projects consistent with the Tree Bank Fund criteria set forth in the Land Development Code.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 24 day of March 2026.

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

Rendition Date MAR 24 2026

By: Clay Murphy
Clay Murphy, Chair

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

By: Arthur Hall
Deputy Clerk

