

Sustainability & Adaptation

August & September Report

- **Adaptation:**

- Adaptation Plan: The draft Chapter actions are currently under final review and then will be scored. Staff has provided comments for the Historic, Economic, Housing, Infrastructure, Power/Water, and Environmental chapters thus far.
- Green Building Program: Stakeholder outreach plan is complete and the presentation is posted on the City's website. The Program was presented to the Planning Board on September 18th, who provided staff with great guidance. The Program will go back to the Planning Board on October 16.
- Duval Revitalization: The consultants are providing final draft product for review. The effort expects to bring a final version to staff the week before agenda setting for a final presentation at the December Commission meeting.

- **Grants:**

- DOD Housing Grant: DOD staff is routing language through Congress to expand it's authority to help with our Housing Study. We expect final passage between October and December 2025.
- DOD Wastewater Treatment Plant: Awaiting approval for time extension. May be delayed by federal government shutdown.
- FDHR Historic Adaptation Surveys Grant #1: Waterfront Playhouse and Meson de Pepe's. Finalizing grant reports for close out.
- FDHR Historic Adaptation Surveys Grant #2: Aquarium & Hospitality House. Agreement has been received and will be on the October City Commission agenda. Working on Task Order for November City Commission agenda.
- FDHR Historic Special Category Grant: Diesel Plant. Entire budget slashed.
- FDHR Historic Surveys Grant #3: Tift Icehouse. Submitted June 2. Waiting for ranking meeting.
- FDHR Historic Special Category Grant: Waterfront Playhouse. Ranked high for FY27. Won't know if the State budget survives until next year.
- FDEM Watershed Master Plan: The final plan was submitted to the City Commission Aug 6th. We are now closing out the grant.
- ACOE Water Quality Improvements: CM's office is readdressing the allocation formula. Next steps are an ILA between the partners and a partner MOU with ACOE.
- FDEP Recreation Development Assistance Program: Bayview Fitness Area. Submitted 9/30.
- USDOT Innovative Finance and Asset Concession. Park N Ride and KWIC. Submitted 10/1.
- USDOT Safe Streets Demonstration Grant: Data Collection. Submitted June 25th
- NEA Grants for Arts Project - Bus Shelters. Submitted July 22
- FEMA HMGP Tier 3: Duval Stormwater. Submitted July 25
- FDEP Resilient Florida: Fire Station 3 & Harris/10th stormwater. Submitted Sept 1
- Evaluating:
 - FDEP Coastal Partnership Initiative (10/31)
 - FDOF Community Forestry Grant (10/20)
 - FDOF Urban and Community Forestry IRA Grant (11/17)
 - FDOT Transportation Alternative funding (Dec)
 - NPS Save America's Treasures (Dec)
 - Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program (1/19/26).

- **Water Quality:**

- The Water Quality Monitoring Program RFP was reworked and released for bid again. Submissions were received Sept 17.
- The Water Quality Monitoring Program RFP #2 received 5 submissions that were ranked on Sept 29th. The highest-ranking submission, Stantec was approved at the October 9th City Commission meeting for approval to negotiate a contract.

- **Energy**

- The ESCO Task 1 was approved at the October 9th City Commission meeting. The consultant team of NV5 will investigate the City's buildings and bills and present a financial estimate for efficiencies and adaptation projects in early 2026.
- The DOE Strategic Energy Plan draft has been received, and the City was nominated to advance to the next level, that of a "Deep Dive" of creating an Energy Efficiency and Resilience Map. We will know soon whether we were chosen.
- Adaptation and Energy Coordinator completed benchmarking of electricity (two years of data) and water (one year of data) for City facilities.
- Adaptation and Energy Coordinator accepted a new position as a Planner 1 in the City Planning Department. The position has been temporarily suspended as per City Commission wishes during Budget Hearings.

- **Community Outreach**

- Green Drinks and the eNewsletter will go on hiatus until the Adaptation and Energy Coordinator position is reposted and filled.