

FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

June 3, 2026



Mayor Donna Deegan and Members of the Jacksonville City Council
117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Support for Comprehensive Watershed Analysis of Hogpen Creek

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Dear Mayor Deegan and Council Members:

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) supports the efforts of Jacksonville residents and local stakeholders seeking a comprehensive watershed analysis of Hogpen Creek to better understand the causes of ongoing sedimentation and shoaling within the creek and its connection to the Intracoastal Waterway.

Hogpen Creek serves as an important tributary for residential access to the Intracoastal Waterway, and the continued accumulation of sediment has raised concerns regarding navigation, water quality, habitat conditions, and long-term watershed management. Available information suggests that multiple factors may be contributing to sediment transport and deposition within the system, including upstream drainage infrastructure, stormwater runoff, shoreline and channel erosion, and in-water construction activities.

A comprehensive scientific analysis of the watershed would provide the City with the information necessary to identify sediment sources, quantify impacts, and evaluate potential management strategies. Such a study would establish a sound technical foundation for future decisions and help ensure that any corrective actions are effective, cost-efficient, and based on a thorough understanding of watershed conditions.

Accordingly, FIND supports the inclusion of funding within the City of Jacksonville's budget for a comprehensive Hogpen Creek watershed analysis and encourages consideration of this important effort as part of the City's long-term commitment to protecting local waterways and maintaining safe navigation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued stewardship of Jacksonville's water resources.

Sincerely,

Janet Zimmerman, Executive Director
Florida Inland Navigation District