



## City of Gainesville Agenda Report

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**File #:** 2022-131

**Agenda Date:** August 4, 2022

**Department:** Public Works

**Title: Interlocal Agreement for the Implementation of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Programs**

**Explanation:**

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville for the allocation, implementation and establishment of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements and programs.

The Clean Water Act requires the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and the Florida Department of Transportation to maintain NPDES Phase II Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems (MS4) permits for the Gainesville Urbanized Area. In 2001, the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and FDOT established the Gainesville Clean Water Partnership (Partnership). The purpose of the Partnership is to jointly and cost effectively implement permit responsibilities.

The Alachua County Public Works Department contributes funds to the Partnership. The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is an environmental service provider to the Partnership. The City seeks to continue annual agreements with Alachua County Public Works to continue funding for the Partnership for FY 23 and the foreseeable future, and with the Alachua County Environmental Protection to continue to provide environmental services to the Partnership for FY 23 and the foreseeable future.

**Strategic Connection:**

Goal 2: Sustainable Community - a normal priority item.

**Fiscal Note:**

Alachua County Public Works will contribute up to \$200,000 annually to the City of Gainesville for implementation of Clean Water Partnership NPDES programs. The Partnership shall fund County EPD up to \$350,000 annually for environmental services.

**Recommendation:**

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into agreements with Alachua County to provide the City up to \$200,000 annually for implementation of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System programs and for the City to contract

with the Alachua County for environmental services up to \$350,000.00 annually, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.