

cc Bill Johnson

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE ST. JOHNS RIVER ACCORD, BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, JEA, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND THE WATER SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY

This Agreement is made this 27th day of July, 2006, by and among the **CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**, a body corporate and politic, and a consolidated government within the State of Florida, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202, **JEA**, a body politic and corporate, whose address is 21 West Church Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202 ("JEA"), the **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590 ("FDEP") and **ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, a public body existing under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, whose business address is Post Office Box 1429, Palatka, Florida 32178-1429 ("SJRWMD"), and the **WATER SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY**, ("WSEA") 21 West Church Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Whereas, the City, JEA, the SJRWMD, FDEP, and the WSEA (collectively, the "Parties") have been working together cooperatively to address ongoing St. Johns River water quality concerns; and

Whereas, the City and JEA have contributed over \$395 million toward improving the health of the St. Johns River and its tributaries over the past 9 years, and;

Whereas, SJRWMD has endeavored to assist financially in this mission with the contribution of funds to increase and enhance the use of wastewater, as a cost-effective method of decreasing unwanted pollutants in the St. Johns River, and diminishing the demand on the aquifer for non-potable uses of water; and

Whereas, WSEA, as an agency of the consolidated City of Jacksonville, has similarly endeavored to remove or repair failing septic tanks and connect those homeowners to JEA and city systems; and

Whereas, the City participates in stormwater management through its construction and permitting of roadways, the construction of properly planned stormwater retention areas, and through its permitting of buildings and residences and related appurtenances; and

Whereas, the Parties are in agreement that further reductions in pollutants in the St. Johns River is necessary and the parties are committed to working together to accomplish this through such methods as improving stormwater management, upgrading wastewater treatment plants, enhancing reuse of reclaimed water, removing failing septic tanks, and implementing other water quality improvement measures.

WITNESSETH

1. JEA, SJRWMD staff, the City, FDEP, and WSEA, each of whom have independent funding sources and missions, each commit to strive for the funding in the attached Exhibit A and to address such funding in successive budgets.

2. The Managing Director of JEA, the Northeast District Director of FDEP, the Operating Officer for the City, the Executive Director of SJRWMD and the Executive Director for WSEA each agree to meet biannually, on the first Tuesday of December and the first Tuesday of May, to review progress made to date and to discuss any modifications necessary to improve the water quality of the St. Johns River. Thereafter, the parties will submit a joint report to the City Council and to their respective Boards regarding progress made to date two times a year.

3. Each assigns a senior staff member to manage the progress made on reducing pollutants from storm water and other effluents into the St. Johns River and to otherwise help fulfill the goals of the parties herein. The City intends to introduce legislation confirming its intent and obligations, and identifying the funds committed to the implementation of these goals.

4. The Mayor, by Executive Order, will create a Technical Working Group, which will make recommendations to the Mayor on the means and methods of reducing the amount of pollutants entering the St. Johns Waterway. This Technical Working Group will be comprised of individuals with the scientific and environmental skills necessary to provide this technical guidance.

5. SJRWMD staff intend to bring to their Board a resolution of support for the St. Johns River Accord and to recommend to the Board funding for implementation of the Accord in its FY 2006/2007 budget and to seek funding in subsequent years.

6. FDEP and WSEA each commit to identifying the funding for the actions here, and coordinating with the group to maximize efficiencies and to minimize overlapping bureaucracies.

7. JEA intends to bring a resolution to its Board, approving identifying funding relating to wastewater management, and further identifying the programs available for public use to improve the health of the St. Johns River, such as available re-use; sewer system availability, and similar programs.

8. For the next ten years, the Parties will work toward providing funding and implementing the efforts identified herein

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, JEA has executed this instrument, this 27 day of

July, 2006.

WITNESSES:

JEA

Print Name: _____

By: Jim Dickenson

Print Name: Jim Dickenson

Title: Managing Director

Mailing Address:

21 West Church Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SJRWMD has executed this instrument, this 27th day of July, 2006.

WITNESSES:

**ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Print Name: _____

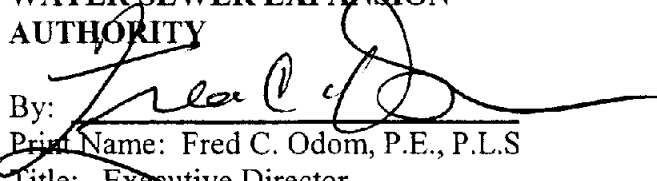
By: Kirby B. Green
Print Name: Kirby Green
Title: Executive Director
Mailing Address:
Post Office Box 1429
Palatka, Florida 32178-1429

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Water Sewer Expansion Authority has executed this instrument, this _____ day of _____, 2006.

WITNESSES:

Print Name: _____

**WATER SEWER EXPANSION
AUTHORITY**

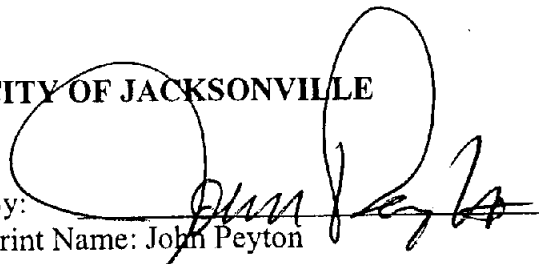
By: 
Print Name: Fred C. Odom, P.E., P.L.S
Title: Executive Director
Mailing Address:
21 West Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City of Jacksonville has executed this instrument, this _____ day of _____, 2006.

ATTEST:

By _____
Neill W. McArthur, Jr.
Corporation Secretary

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

By: 
Print Name: John Peyton
Title: Mayor
Mailing Address:
117 West Duval Street, Suite 400
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Date: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
has executed this instrument, this 27th day of JULY, 2006.

Witnesses:

Print Name: _____

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

By: _____

Print Name: Greg Strong

Title: Northeast District Director

Mailing Address:

7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200

Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590