

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (the "AGREEMENT") is made and entered into as of its EFFECTIVE DATE (as defined below) by and between the ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Florida water management district created and operating under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, (the "ST. JOHNS DISTRICT"), and the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Florida water management district created and operating under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, (the "SUWANNEE DISTRICT").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT is a Florida water management district created and operating under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes with boundaries as shown in Section 373.069(2)(c), Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the SUWANNEE DISTRICT is a Florida water management district created and operating under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes with boundaries as shown in Section 373.069(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, BRADFORD COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the "COUNTY") is a Florida local government with the geographic area as shown in Section 7.04, Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the geographic area of the COUNTY crosses the boundaries of the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT such that the geographic area of the COUNTY is divided between the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT; and,

WHEREAS, most of the geographic area of the COUNTY lies within the boundaries of the SUWANNEE DISTRICT; and,

WHEREAS, Florida law provides:

When the geographic area of a . . . local government crosses water management district boundaries, the affected districts may designate a single affected district by interagency agreement to implement in that area, under the rules of the designated district, all or part of the applicable regulatory responsibilities under this chapter. Interagency agreements entered into under this subsection which apply to the geographic area of a local government must have the concurrence of the affected local government.

Section 373.046(6), Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, both the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT believe that it will be more efficient and in the best interest of the residents of the COUNTY to have the SUWANNEE DISTRICT implement part of the regulatory responsibilities assigned to water management districts under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes in the entire geographic area of the COUNTY, under the SUWANNEE DISTRICT's rules; and,

WHEREAS, both the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT wish to enter into an interagency agreement as provided in Section 373.046(6), Florida Statutes, for the purposes set out above and wish to formalize such agreement by committing such agreement to writing and thereby create a legally enforceable interagency agreement; and,


WHEREAS, the COUNTY concurs with the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT entering into an interagency agreement as set out above.

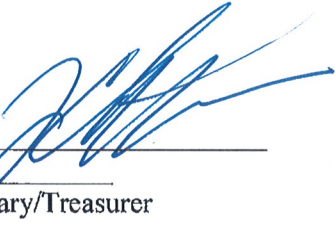
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT hereby agree as follows:

1. RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. AFFECTED AREA. For the purposes of this AGREEMENT, the term "AFFECTED AREA" shall mean that portion of the geographic area of the COUNTY that lies within the boundaries of the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT.
3. APPLICABLE REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES. For the purposes of this AGREEMENT, the term "APPLICABLE REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES" shall mean those regulatory responsibilities which are to be implemented by water management districts and which are contained in part III of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, "Regulation of Wells," but shall not include those regulatory responsibilities which are contained in any other part of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.
4. DESIGNATION OF THE SUWANNEE DISTRICT. The ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and the SUWANNEE DISTRICT hereby designate the SUWANNEE DISTRICT to implement the APPLICABLE REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES in the AFFECTED AREA under the rules of the SUWANNEE DISTRICT.
5. TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT. The "EFFECTIVE DATE" of this AGREEMENT shall be the first date that all of the following have occurred (1) approval and execution of this AGREEMENT by the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT, (2) approval and execution of this AGREEMENT by the SUWANNEE DISTRICT, (3) both the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT


APPROVED upon motion, second and majority vote of the governing board of the ST. JOHNS DISTRICT and EXECUTED on this 10th day of MARCH, 2024.5

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: 
Rob Bradley
Its chair

ATTEST: 
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



General Counsel

APPROVED upon motion, second and majority vote of the governing board of the SUWANNEE DISTRICT and EXECUTED on this 11th day of March, 2024⁵

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: 
Virginia H. Johns
Its chair

ATTEST: 
Charles Keith
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

George T. Reeves
General Counsel