

RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO CONSIDER THE MODIFICATION OF THE DESIGN ASPECTS OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE 9TH AVENUE BRIDGE CROSSING CARPENTERS CREEK BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF RIP RAP AND UTILIZING MATERIALS THAT WILL CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IMPROVES WATER QUALITY, BANK STABILIZATION, AND REVIVES THE NATURAL HABITAT AS A HOME FOR AQUATIC LIFE AND THE WILD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Carpenters Creek is a protected urban water of the United States that meanders through the northeast portion of the City of Pensacola and drains to Bayou Texar; and

WHEREAS, Carpenters Creek is considered an impaired water body under the Clean Water Act's 303(d) legislation; and

WHEREAS, over the past sixty years, the Carpenters Creek watershed has become greatly impaired with the destruction of the riparian zone due to hydromodification caused by urban development, clear-cutting and impetus of unmanaged storm water; and

WHEREAS, aquatic species that reside in the Carpenters Creek watershed have been disconnected due to streambank armoring; and

WHEREAS, property owners along Carpenters Creek have been subjected to mass wasting and flooding due to the installation of culvert style bridges, which have been armored; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola residents desire to restore the creek and protect it from further destruction of the watershed that could be caused by FDOT armoring the creek banks with rip rap; and

WHEREAS, Carpenters Creek is a RESTORE PROJECT of Escambia County which seeks to restore the creek, improve water quality, provide recreational opportunities for the public and mitigate damage to private property caused by the velocity of water that has washed away banks of the creek and caused dangerous flooding conditions on 9th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola urges FDOT to seek other means of stabilizing the bridge with material that is designed to not only protect the stability of the bridge, but create an environment that improves water quality, bank stabilization, and revives the natural habitat as a home for aquatic life and the wild; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of Pensacola hereby requests the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to modify the design aspects of the replacement of the 9th Avenue Bridge crossing Carpenters Creek by eliminating the use of rip rap and utilizing materials that are designed to stabilize and create an environment that improves water quality, bank stabilization, and revives the natural habitat as a home for aquatic life and the wild.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided, pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk