

RESOLUTION BR-2024-08

**ADOPTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR
ATHENS STREET CORRIDOR PARK, RECREATIONAL TRAIL, AND LIGHTING,
PEDESTRIAN, AND GENERAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Hall County and the City of Gainesville each were awarded a State *Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities* Grant to improve neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes such as parks, greenspaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, transportation, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, and other projects that revitalize public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Athens Street-129 South Corridor Master Plan illustrates a stakeholder-driven vision to invest in Athens Street and to reconnect it both visually and physically as well as outlines recommendations related to sidewalk connectivity, improved pedestrian safety, greenspace and gathering places in the Athens Street corridor and lists several activities under the "Implementation Plan" intended to realize the vision of a safe, connected community; and

WHEREAS, Hall County and the City of Gainesville are committed to assisting with the implementation of the 2022 Athens Street Master Plan and intend to use their respective \$2.4 million *Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities* grants to provide a complete pedestrian network in order to enhance safety and walkability, to beautify the corridor with street trees and other landscaping, and to provide new or improved parks, trails, greenspaces and gathering places; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated improvements along Athens Street which will be funded by the INODIC grant funds will benefit both residents of the City of Gainesville and residents of unincorporated Hall County as unincorporated residential areas exist both adjoining and close to Athens Street; and

WHEREAS, both Hall County and the City of Gainesville recognize the benefits of efficiency, effectiveness and continuity in coordinating projects, and using one engineering firm to design both the City and County INODIC funded projects; and

WHEREAS, both Hall County and the City of Gainesville believe that it is in the best interest of the community to coordinate efforts towards a successful park, trail, and pedestrian facility, and towards transportation improvements along the Athens Street corridor; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the responsibilities have been reduced to writing in the Intergovernmental Agreement for Athens Street Corridor Park, Recreational Trail, and Lighting, Pedestrian, and General Facility Improvements, which is attached hereto.

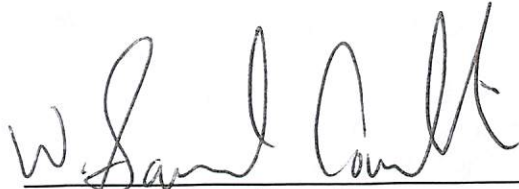
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governing body for the City of Gainesville hereby authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney to execute the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Gainesville Mayor, City Manager, and/or City Attorney are authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of the Agreement.

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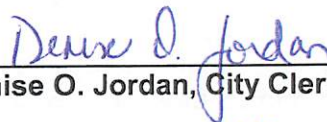
Adopted this 5th day of March, 2024.



W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

This is to certify that I am City Clerk of the City of Gainesville. As such, I keep its official records, including its minutes. In that capacity, my signature below certifies this resolution was adopted as stated and will be recorded in the official minutes.

ATTEST:



Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk

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