



# Northwest Florida Water Management District

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(U.S. Highway 90, 10 miles west of Tallahassee)

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September 24, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor  
State of Florida  
The Capitol PL-01  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Northwest Florida Water Management District respectfully submits the District's Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 in accordance with section 373.536, Florida Statutes.

On September 23, 2021, the District's Governing Board adopted a \$94.8 million budget, which uses the rolled-back millage rate for taxpayers while maintaining a focus on priority areas including funding of water quality projects that help maximize nutrient reductions, consistent with Executive Order 19-12.

The District's budget is built on a foundation of projects that are directly in line with its statutory mission of water quality, water supply, natural systems, and flood protections, including:

- \$54.0 million for springs projects. This funding will enable the District to implement restoration and protection projects for Wakulla Spring, Jackson Blue Spring, and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Chipola River, Econfina Creek, and Holmes Creek.
- \$10.6 million for alternative water supply development, water supply development assistance, and water resource development. Alternative water supply development funding includes support for cooperative, multijurisdictional efforts to expand reuse of reclaimed water in northwest Florida. Water resource development activities include hydrogeologic investigations in Gulf County and continuing technical assistance for water use efficiency in the Jackson Blue Spring groundwater contribution area.

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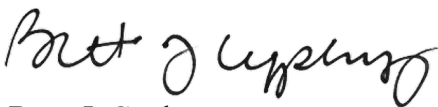
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- \$7.0 million for watershed restoration. This funding will facilitate continued efforts to protect and restore water quality and aquatic habitats through cooperative water quality improvement projects and best management practices. Funded projects include stormwater retrofits and septic tank abatement benefitting St. Joseph Bay, Apalachicola Bay, and St. Andrew Bay; innovative technology to address harmful algal blooms and nutrient enrichment in the Wakulla Spring contribution area; and a dedicated assessment of water quality and freshwater inflow in St. Joseph Bay, Lake Wimico, and East Bay.
- \$5.0 million for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts and reforestation. This funding will continue debris clean-up on District lands with a focus on those areas deemed catastrophically or severely damaged, reforestation with prescribed burns and tree planting, and repairs and maintenance efforts for public access and recreational amenities on District lands.
- \$2.1 million for data collection and Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels technical assessments for Jackson Blue Spring; the Gainer Spring Group; Sylvan Spring Group; and Williford Spring Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the District's FY 2021-22 Budget. If I can be of any assistance or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brett J. Cyphers  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Wilton Simpson, President, Florida Senate  
 The Honorable Chris Sprowls, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
 The Honorable Kelli Stargel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
 The Honorable Ben Albritton, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
 The Honorable Jason Brodeur, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
 The Honorable Jay Trumbull, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
 The Honorable Josie Tomkow, Chair, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee  
 The Honorable Ralph Massullo, MD, Chair, House State Affairs Committee  
 The Honorable James Buchanan, Chair, House Environment, Agriculture and Flooding Subcommittee  
 Executive Office of the Governor  
 Shawn Hamilton, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection



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## RESOLUTION NO. 897 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature created the Northwest Florida Water Management District under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the ensuing 2021-2022 fiscal year of the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall extend from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Florida Water Management District is authorized by Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to adopt a budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 200.065, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Florida Water Management District held a Public Hearing as required by Section 200.065, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the District has adopted Resolution 896, which establishes the millage-levy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, programs and projects which are of District benefit will be supported with ad valorem tax revenues and other funding sources as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget of \$94,822,881.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, that:


1. The Fiscal Year Final 2021-2022 budget be adopted; and
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon the adoption.

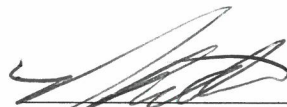
**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2021, A.D.

Time Adopted 5:12 PM

The Governing Board of the  
**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

  
George Roberts, Chair

  
Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer



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**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FY 2021-2022 ADOPTED BUDGET COMPARISON  
BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Special Projects	Lands Management	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
<b>Cash Balances Brought Forward</b>	15,584,311	310,879	4,010,550	3,205,135	3,765,177	2,617,899	29,493,951
<b><u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u></b>							
Ad Valorem Taxes (rolled back rate) <b>0.0294</b> mills	1,311,546		344,290		2,032,063		3,687,899
Water Management Land Trust Fund			820,303				820,303
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	70,323	11,271,981	46,028,674	1,443,819	1,913,377		60,728,174
Water Protection & Sustain. Pgm. Trust Fund			280,000				280,000
Internal Improvement Trust Fund				4,000,000			4,000,000
Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund			71,975				71,975
Permitting and Licensing					537,000		537,000
Federal Grants			2,978,493				2,978,493
State Funds			11,247,737	40,000	14,698	1,659,851	12,962,286
Local Government Units			154,808	278			155,086
Timber Sales				600,000			600,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		813,798	3,422,583	303,392	10,000	30,000	4,579,773
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,818,425</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>1,021,000</u>				<u>2,889,425</u>
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>18,784,605</u>	<u>12,446,658</u>	<u>70,380,413</u>	<u>9,592,624</u>	<u>8,272,315</u>	<u>4,307,750</u>	<u>123,784,365</u>
<b><u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u></b>							
Salaries & Benefits	2,019,603	85,401	2,597,503	1,376,953	2,879,414	298,834	9,257,708
Other Personal Services			21,453	44,375	280,033	2,884	348,745
Contractual Services	295,829	310,991	8,482,922	4,406,323	157,491	1,280,538	14,934,094
Operating Expenses	517,071	1,300	539,818	1,159,370	612,179	39,758	2,869,496
Capital Outlay	91,851	11,719,598	125,711	304,733	59,622	2,520	12,304,035
Grants and Aids	600,000		54,508,803				55,108,803
Reserves	14,063,311	310,879	3,537,222	1,943,159	3,599,589	2,617,899	26,072,059
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,196,940</u>	<u>18,489</u>	<u>566,981</u>	<u>357,711</u>	<u>683,987</u>	<u>65,317</u>	<u>2,889,425</u>
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>18,784,605</u>	<u>12,446,658</u>	<u>70,380,413</u>	<u>9,592,624</u>	<u>8,272,315</u>	<u>4,307,750</u>	<u>123,784,365</u>