



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council, Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** August 4, 2026
FROM: Greg Bauer, Acting Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Clay County and the City of Green Cove Springs for the City's use of designated Disaster Debris Management Sites.

BACKGROUND

The City of Green Cove Springs does not currently maintain a disaster debris management site authorized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Section 403.7071, Florida Statutes, permits a municipality and county to jointly authorize the use of disaster debris management sites through an interlocal agreement.

Clay County annually seeks FDEP preauthorization for seven disaster debris management sites. The proposed agreement would authorize the City's non-exclusive use of four County sites following a hurricane, storm, or other disaster event for which FDEP issues an Emergency Final Order applicable to Clay County. The authorized sites are Sleepy Hollow DDMS, DDMS-104841 on Sergeant Bradley Crose Road, Clay County Rosemary Hill SWMF, and Twin Lakes Pit. Depending on the site, eligible materials include yard trash and construction and demolition debris.

The County retains sole discretion to activate sites and determine which activated site the City may use, together with applicable debris types, volumes, and operating limitations. Before the City uses an activated site, the parties must execute a separate event-specific agreement addressing operational responsibilities, monitoring and environmental compliance, documentation, cost allocation and reimbursement, contractor coordination, staffing, security, insurance, and site restoration.

The agreement will remain in effect while the County continues to receive annual FDEP preauthorization for the applicable sites and will renew automatically each year. Either party may terminate without cause upon at least 60 days' written notice. Following execution, the agreement and any amendments must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court pursuant to Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this interlocal agreement creates no immediate fiscal impact and does not require either party to make a payment or incur a financial obligation.

If the City uses a County site after a disaster, all event-specific costs and payment responsibilities will be established in a separate written agreement and will remain subject to the City Council's annual appropriation. Eligible disaster-related costs may be submitted for state or federal reimbursement when authorized, but reimbursement is not guaranteed by this agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Clay County and the City of Green Cove Springs for the City's use of designated Disaster Debris Management Sites and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

