

FACT SHEET  
**Big Fishweir Creek, FL (206)**  
 Construction (C)  
 Congressional District: 5

### **1. DESCRIPTION**

Big Fishweir Creek is an urban tributary of the St. Johns River, approximately 4 miles south of downtown Jacksonville. Big Fishweir Creek enters the St. Johns River (An American Heritage River) just north of the Ortega River, and is considered Essential Fish Habitat. This tributary is tidally influenced. The contributing sub-basin to Big Fishweir Creek has been urbanized predominantly with residential land use, much of it occurring prior to promulgation of storm water regulations. Therefore, limited storm water management has been implemented in the sub-basin, resulting in sediment deposition in the creek. Urbanization included encroachment along the banks of the creek. Over time, sediments transported by storm events have covered the natural creek bottom. The sediment deposition and encroachment from urbanization have reduced the natural habitat in the creek and along the creek banks. The purpose of this project is to reestablish healthy aquatic habitat in Big Fishweir Creek. The reestablishment of healthy aquatic habitat can provide nursery areas, a source of food and shelter, and improved water quality in the creek.

### **2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Cost	\$7,161,000
Estimated Federal Cost	\$5,000,000
Allocation thru FY 15	\$987,014
Allocation for FY16	\$0

Project is a Section-206 Continuing Authorities Program project.

### **3. SPONSOR**

City of Jacksonville, Department of Public Works  
 117 West Duval Street  
 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

### **4. STATUS**

The Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) was approved in FY 2003, but funding was suspended in FY 2004 and FY 2005, delaying the project schedule. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) was initiated in FY 2006 and submittal of the draft report was anticipated for Fall 2008. However, the existing condition characterization required more effort than anticipated due to a necessary constituent analysis of the sediments. Draft report submitted and released for public comment December 2011. Final report approval Summer 2012. Initial \$100,000 of Design & Implementation (Construction) funding provided in FY 2013. Project put on hold due to sponsor request.