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**CITY HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR  
PALMETTO LEAVES REGIONAL PARK CANOE LAUNCH**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 13, 2008** – Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton was today joined by City Council Member Jack Webb and the Recreation and Community Services Department for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of the Palmetto Leaves Regional Park canoe launch.

Palmetto Leaves Regional Park is a multi-phase project currently under construction. This phase of the nearly 363-acre park is now complete and features a canoe launch/floating dock, parking, landscaping, nature trails, restroom, pavilion and grills. The cost of design and construction was \$610,900 supported by a Florida Inland Navigational District (F.I.N.D.) grant, city match funds and bond funds.

“This canoe launch will provide incredible opportunities for residents to experience one of our city’s greatest attributes—its waterways,” said Mayor Peyton. “Expanding access to our waterfront properties marks another milestone in our efforts to take our park system from ‘biggest to best’ and reinforces the importance of protecting our natural resources.”

Palmetto Leaves Regional Park is located west of the Phillips Highway/I-95 corridor and is bordered on the north by Greenland Road and on the south by Old St. Augustine Road. The parcel was purchased in 1998 with a Florida Communities Trust grant in the amount of \$4,000,000 and city match funds.

The active recreation area of the park, which will be complete in December 2008, will feature baseball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, picnic areas, baseball scorer’s booth building, entrance drive, parking, landscaping, concrete walks and stormwater ponds.

Amenities to be added in future phases include soccer fields, additional baseball fields, picnic areas and nature trails connecting the northern and southern ends of the park.

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