



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Hurricane Helene Debris Removal Monitoring Services- Supplement Funding – Waterways Debris Removal Monitoring RFP: 24-916

File Reference: 25-014 (A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik
Caption:	Approve supplement funding in amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Construction Plans & Monitoring Services with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. (GMC). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. Services expenses are reimbursable by NRCS. AE/ 24-916
Background:	Hurricane Helene passed through Augusta-Richmond (ARC) last week (September 26-27, 2024). The entire ARC service area was severely impacted. Hurricane strength winds caused significant trees and infrastructure damage, both to roadway right of way and area waterways (Streams). Augusta, Georgia initiated request for proposals (RFP) to select disaster debris removal and monitoring contractors for continuity of services beyond emergency contract period and similar services future needs. GMC was the selected firm based on RFP evaluation & selection criteria. On January 7, 2025, Augusta Commission awarded disaster debris monitoring services contract to GMC.
Analysis:	GMC is presently providing hurricane Helene debris removal monitoring & management services under RFP 24-196 contract. Area creeks were also impacted by hurricane Helene. However, waterways debris removal federal assistance is under jurisdiction of USDA-NRCS (NRCS). To receive such assistance, NRCS prior approval and work authorization is required. Augusta Engineering coordinated with NRCS and submitted waterways damages survey reports (DSRs) for review and determination of federal assistance eligible segments. NRCS determination is complete. Accordingly, NRCS allocated funds to eligible segments debris removal and is in the process of completing the Notice of Authorization (NOA) that is needed to commence waterways debris removal. Debris removal onsite monitoring required

Augusta Commission approval for this request and is needed in order for GMC to mobilize promptly once Engineering releases Notice to Proceed.

Financial Impact:	Funds – General Fund fund-balance. It is reimbursable expense. NRCS allocated \$875,390.13 funds under Technical Assistance. NRCS NOAs attached.
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Approve supplement funding in amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Construction Plans & Monitoring Services with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. (GMC). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. Services expenses are reimbursable by NRCS. AE/ 24-916.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	(\$600,000) General funds-funds balance (Reimbursable by NRCS)
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	HM/sr