



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Hurricane Helene Debris Removal Services- Supplement Funding – Waterways Debris Removal RFP: 24-915

File Reference: 25-014 (A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik
Caption:	Approve supplement funding in amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Services with CERES Environmental Services (CERES). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. Services expenses are reimbursable by NRCS. AE/ 24-915
Background:	Ceres is under contract with Augusta, Georgia to provide Hurricane Helene debris removal services. Services are acquired under RFP 24-195 and in compliance with applicable federal rules & requirements. Hurricane strength winds caused significant trees and infrastructure damage, both to roadway right of way and area waterways (Streams). Augusta Engineering completed Augusta area streams damaged assessment survey and report (DSR). DSRs were submitted to NRCS for review and approval per NRCS eligibility criteria. NRCS determination is complete. Accordingly, NRCS allocated funds to eligible segments debris removal and in process of completing Notice of Authorization (NOA) that is needed to commence waterways debris removal.
Analysis:	Waterways (Streams) 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 and NRCS allocated funds to eligible segments debris removal. Presently NRCS is completing Notice of Authorization (NOA). Augusta Commission approval of this request is needed so CERES can mobilized promptly once NOA is received.

Financial Impact: Funds – General Fund fund-balance. It is reimbursable expense. NRCS allocated \$10,000,000.00 funds for Augusta’s waterways debris removal from eligible segments. NRCS approved budget SF424C NRCS NOAs attached.

Alternatives: N/A

Recommendation: Approve supplement funding in amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Services with CERES Environmental Services (CERES). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. Services expenses are reimbursable by NRCS. AE/ 24-915.

Funds are available in the following accounts: (\$10,000,000) General funds-funds balance (Reimbursable by NRCS)

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: HM/sr