



Finance Committee

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

GACD Agreement

Department:	USDA-Natural Resources Conservation
Presenter:	Donna B Williams
Caption:	Motion to approve the Contribution Agreement between the Ga Association of Conservation Districts and Augusta-Richmond County Board of Commissioners
Background:	Conservation partnership serves to facilitate the implementation of planned conservation practices. The partnership is to assist interested landowners with the NRCS application process and conservation practice implementation. The provider is responsible for providing technical support to participants for planned conservation as outlined in the agreement. This agreement supports the objectives of both organizations and leverages their capabilities to efficiently and effectively implement conservation activities as outlined in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and subsequent Farm Bills.
Analysis:	This agreement is to assist landowners with Farm Bill applications, design and layout of conservation practices, development and management, contract planning and eligibility determinations.
Financial Impact:	Total cost to Augusta for this two program is \$40,000 (\$20,000 ea. for FY2024 and FY2025. Agreement expires September 30, 2025
Alternatives:	Not approve agreement
Recommendation:	Approve 2023 Contribution Agreement with GACD and Augusta
Funds are available in the following accounts:	101071212/5212119 Professional Services 101071212/5911110 Reimbursements
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A