



Commission Meeting

May 22, 2024

Section 319(h) FY21 Grant-Element 12

Phase 2 Biota Implementation in an Urban Stream through Aquatic Habitat Restoration

No-Cost Time Extension

File Reference: 24 – 014(A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Motion to approve and authorize Augusta Engineering accepting no-cost time extension to Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Section 319(h) FY21 Grant – Element 12 Phase 2 Biota Implementation in an Urban Stream through Aquatic Habitat Restoration and authorize mayor to execute associated documents. AE. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee May 14, 2024)
Background:	The Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Water Quality grant funds support activities to identify and implement projects for reduction of prioritized risks and concerns in the community such as source assessment and control of pollutant of interest load within state listed impaired water bodies. Biota grant targeted activities include restoring healthy macroinvertebrate and fish through instream aquatic habitat restoration practices. On September 6, 2022, Augusta Commission authorized Augusta Engineering (AE) acceptance of this grant and Augusta entered associated contract with EPD on September 20, 2022 with June 30, 2024 expiration date. No-cost time till 12/31/2025 is needed to complete sufficient data collection and analyze the data collected. Target watershed is Rocky Creek basin.
Analysis:	Grant is reaching its end of current contract period, however, additional monitoring and data collection needed to analyze effectiveness of instituted improvements within the creek base flow zone. EPD & AE discussed no-cost time extension for completing data collection and analyzing it. Accordingly, EPD has provided a contract amendment reflecting the time extension. There is no cost associated with the extension.
Financial Impact:	No additional funding is required.
Alternatives:	1). No alternatives are recommended.
Recommendation:	Approve and authorize Augusta Engineering accepting no-cost time extension to Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Section 319(h) FY21 Grant – Element 12 Phase 2 Biota Implementation in an Urban

Stream through Aquatic Habitat Restoration and authorize mayor to execute associated documents. AE

Funds are available in the following accounts:

N/A

**REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY:**

HM/SR