



## **Engineering Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025

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: 25 – 014(A)

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<b>Department:</b>	Engineering & Environmental Services
<b>Presenter:</b>	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
<b>Caption:</b>	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
<b>Background:</b>	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 into the associated contract with EPD on September 20, 2022. The grant is expiring on the December 31, 2025 expiration date. No-cost time until 3/31/2026 is needed to complete sufficient data collection and analyze the data collected. The target watershed is Rocky Creek basin.
<b>Analysis:</b>	Grant is reaching its end of current contract period, however, hurricane Helene caused delayed completing needed field work to analyze the effectiveness of instituted improvements within the creek base flow zone. EPD & AE discussed no-cost time extension until March 31, 2026 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.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	No additional funding is required. It is no cost time extension.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	No alternatives are recommended.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve and authorize Augusta Engineering accepting no-cost time extension to Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Section

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**Funds are available in the following accounts:** N/A

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:** HM/sr