



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: July 29, 2025

Hurricane Helene Debris Removal Services

Waterways Debris Removal - Augusta Engineering Additional Work

RFP: 24-915

File Reference: 25-014 (A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Approve funding in amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Services with CERES Environmental Services (CERES) to cover cost of non-reimbursable work. Funding is Augusta Engineering SPLOST Grading & Drainage & On-Call Construction funds. 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. US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conversation Service (NRCS) provides funding for disaster assistance for waterways debris removal under its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. The Augusta Engineering (AE) team compiled Hurricane Helene impacted area creeks Damaged Assessment Report (DSR) and submitted to NRCS seeking funding assistance under its EWP program. After several discussions and site inspections, NRCS approved AE submitted requests for all areas with potential resulting in impacting adjacent developed areas if no action is taken now.
Analysis:	Although NRCS is covering 100% of cost of significant length (roughly 33 liner waterway miles), there are gaps between NRCS approved segments. There It is a good chance that trees & vegetative debris may be present at gap areas (NRCS non-approved segments). It is cost effective to remove such trees & debris as CERES is performing NRCS funded work near that segment. In addition, CERES offered rates significantly lower compared to mobilizing a Tree Company to perform this work. AE will track this work separately and pay Ceres under Augusta Commission with this authorization.
Financial Impact:	Funds in amount of \$500,000 available Engineering allocated SPLOST funds as follow. On-Call Construction = \$67,665.00 (SPLOST VII) Grading & Drainage = \$167,605.00 (SPLOST VII)

On-Call Construction = \$164,730.00 (SPLOST VIII)

Grading & Drainage = \$100,000.00 (SPLOST VIII)

Alternatives: N/A

Recommendation: Approve funding in amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Services with CERES Environmental Services (CERES) to cover cost of non-reimbursable work. Funding is Augusta Engineering SPLOST Grading & Drainage & On-Call Construction funds. AE/ 24-915

Funds are available in the following accounts: (500,000) SPLOST Funds 7 & 8 as follows:

(\$67,665.00) SPLOST 7 - On-Call Construction / 329-041110-54.14910 / 219829902-54.14910

(\$167,605.00) SPLOST 7 – Grading & Drainage / 329-044320-54.14910

(\$164,730.00) SPLOST 8 – On-Call Construction/ 330-041110-54.14910

(\$100,000.00) SPLOST 8 – Grading & Drainage / 330-044320-52.23110 / 222830907-52.23110

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APPROVED BY: HM/sr