



Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: December 5, 2023

Renovation Solution, LLC Consistency Letter Request

Renewable Energy Project

1680 Dixon Airline Road, Augusta, Georgia

File Reference: 23-014 (A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik
Caption:	Motion to deny Renovation Solution. LLC (RLS) “Consistency Letter” request for Construction & Operation of Renewable Energy (Biofuel) Facility at 1680 Dixon Airline Road, Augusta, Georgia. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee November 28, 2023)
Background:	No solid waste handling facility or expansion to an existing facility can be sited in Augusta, Georgia legal boundaries without a determination that the proposed facility or expansion is consistent with the Augusta, Georgia (City) current Solid Waste Management Plan (PLAN). The procedure that City follows to demonstrate whether to issue Consistency letter is described under PLAN Section 6.1 (Local Procedures for Demonstrating Facility Consistency with Solid Waste Management Plan). On August 15, 2023, Augusta Commission reviewed & discussed this request. However action decision was postponed until a future date due to concerns raised by nearby Historic Church members. Commission decision also included that the requester shall have a town meeting with concerned citizens and Historic Church members. This meeting was conducted on August 29, 2023 and over 100 concerned citizens & stakeholder attended this meeting. RSL presented key elements of proposed Biofuel facility operations.
Analysis:	Following Augusta Commission August 15, 2023 meeting discussion, Augusta Engineering & Environmental Services (AEES) conducted additional relevant material research and had further discussion with RSL to ensure submitted information by RSL satisfies the PLAN applicable conditions. AEES also attended August 29, 2023 public meeting and listened to discussion between RSL representatives and concerned stakeholders. In addition AEES provided reviewed RSL submitted supporting information & provided response letters to RSL on August 15, 2023 with determination that RSL provided information is insufficient and AEES recommendations to

Augusta Commission will be not to issue requested consistency letter. In response RSL submitted additional information letter. AEES reviewed provided additional information and sent response letter to RSL on October 12, 2023 with determination that based on the information provided and site specific community opposition to placing proposed facility at Dixon Airline Road parcel, AEES recommendation to Augusta Commission Engineering Services Committee will be not to issue “Consistency Letter” until the site specific community concerns are fully addressed in satisfactory manner.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Alternatives:

Do Not Approve

Recommendation:

Discuss approval or denial of Renovatio Solution. LLC (RSL) “Consistency Letter” request for Construction & Operation of Renewable Energy (Biofuel) Facility at 1680 Dixon Airline Road, Augusta, Georgia. AEES recommendation to Augusta Commission Engineering Services Committee is not to issue “Consistency Letter” until the site specific community concerns are fully addressed in satisfactory manner. Requested by Engineering

Funds are available in the following accounts:

N/A

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

HM/SR