

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Restoring Locks and Dams on the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint (ACF) Rivers System
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for a resolution encouraging the Congressional Delegations to request the US Army Corps of Engineers dedicate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds to make necessary repairs to the ACF System
INITIATED BY:	Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

Recommendation: Approval is requested for a resolution encouraging the Congressional Delegations to request the US Army Corps of Engineers dedicate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds to make necessary repairs to the ACF System, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

Background: The locks, spillways, and associated dams on the ACF are a \$6.2 billion infrastructure investment and give southwest Georgia a comparative economic advantage. Operational and Maintenance repairs on the ACF have been habitually underfunded for the past 25 years. Locks are in a failed state of repair and spillway systems are becoming a major concern. An estimated \$136 million is needed to make repairs on the system and bring it to a functional state. This comparative advantage is crucial in a region where the poverty rate is almost twice the national average.

Financial Considerations: The City is expected to benefit from the economic impact of commercial and recreational vessel navigation on the ACF between Columbus and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

**RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GEORGIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS TO WORK WITH NEIGHBORING STATE DELEGATIONS AND COLLECTIVELY DIRECT THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO OBLIGATE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT FUNDS TO MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS ON THE APALCHICOLA CHATTAHOOCHEE FLINT RIVERS SYSTEMS LOCKS AND DAMS

WHEREAS, existing lock, spillway, and dam structures are a \$6.2 billion dollar infrastructure investment on our inland waterway; and,

WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers has not invested enough operations and maintenance funds in the system over the past 25 years to maintain an functional status; and,

WHEREAS, the locks are in a failed state of repair and spillways are beginning to show signs of possible failure, and necessary repairs are estimated at \$136 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that our Georgia Congressional Delegations work with those delegations in Alabama and Florida to direct the US Army Corps of Engineers to invest necessary funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or other appropriations, as suitable to make necessary repairs to the waterway infrastructure in order to restore them to full operational capacity.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation with interests in the navigable portions of the Chattahoochee River.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____ 20__ and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

