

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc (CRK)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. This will address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper that deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from the Chattahoochee's tributaries.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. This will address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper that deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from the Chattahoochee's tributaries.

Background: The volume of garbage in the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries is a growing crisis requiring an array of creative solutions. During every rainstorm, stormwater carries litter pollution from roads, parks, and sidewalks into streams, where it can break down and harm critical habitats. If left unchecked, plastic litter from the Chattahoochee Basin will break down into microplastics, which eventually flow into the ocean.

Solving the problem requires effective and scalable strategies implemented at the community level. To address this issue, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper employs devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from tributaries of the Chattahoochee River.

The trash traps are small-stream litter collection devices designed to catch floating garbage from stormwater runoff. The devices use booms to guide trash into a collection area where it can be captured and emptied after a rainstorm. Since the program’s inception in 2019, CRK’s trash traps have collected more than 15,000 pounds of floating trash. Approximately 30 percent of the volume of collected trash is recycled annually.

Analysis: CRK will install, maintain, and operate a trash trap at various locations for a period of one year, with automatic renewal. At the end of the initial period, the parties may mutually agree to extend the period of maintenance and operation, or, if appropriate, seek a mutually agreed-

upon site for relocation or remove the trash trap. Upon removal, CRK will maintain ownership and possession of the trash trap.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will approve as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (“CCG”) AND CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER, INC. (“CRK”) TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE TRASH TRAPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH AN AUTOMATIC RENEWAL.

WHEREAS, CRK is a Georgia-based nonprofit headquartered at 6020 River View Rd. SE Suite 100, Smyrna, GA 30126; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to own and operate the trash traps; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to bear responsibility – through organization staff, volunteers or other partners – for the maintenance and clean-outs of the trash traps; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to monitor the trash and empty trash as needed; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to report any impacts to the project site to CCG in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to remove the trash traps if requested by CCG; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to provide a certificate of Insurance or other proof of coverage where necessary; and,

WHEREAS, CCG agrees to provide CRK right of entry and access to the project site at any time for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and emptying the trash trap; and,

WHEREAS, CCG agrees to ensure that the project site remains accessible to CRK for the duration of the project period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

The Mayor, City Manager, or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Council Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Chambers voting _____.

Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor