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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Between Parties' Regarding In-Stream Trash Traps Installation, Maintenance, and Access

July 14, 2026

BETWEEN

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc., (“CRK”), (a Georgia-based non-profit organization), headquartered at 6020 River View Rd. SE Suite 100, Smyrna, GA 30126.

And

The Columbus Consolidated Government, Georgia (“CCG”)

PURPOSE

To 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, which deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from tributaries of Chattahoochee River.

To maintain and operate existing trash traps located at Cooper Creek Park and Dinglewood Park, and to install, maintain, and operate additional trash traps at mutually agreed upon locations within Columbus for a period of one year (the “Initial Term”). CRK will consult with the Columbus Department of Engineering to identify suitable locations for trash traps.

The Initial Term shall automatically renew for subsequent periods of the same length as the Initial Term unless either party gives the other written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the then-current Term. If appropriate, the parties may mutually agree to 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.

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.

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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 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.

OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNERS

CRK agrees to:

- Own and operate the trash traps;
- Bear responsibility—through organization staff, volunteers or other partners—for maintenance and clean-outs of the trash traps;
- Monitor the trash traps and empty trash as needed;
- Report any impacts to the project site to CCG in a timely manner;
- Remove trash traps if requested by CCG; and
- Provide a Certificate of Insurance or other proof of coverage where necessary.

Columbus Consolidated Government agrees to:

- Provide CRK right of entry and access to the project sites at any time for the purpose of installing, maintaining and emptying the trash traps;
- Ensure that the project sites remain accessible by CRK for the duration of the project period;

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CRK shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Columbus Consolidated Government, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, including Environmental Losses, resulting from, arising out of or associated with, in any manner, the exercise by CRK of the rights granted under this Agreement. The term "Environmental Losses" shall mean any liability, loss, cost or expense including costs of investigation, cleanup, remedial or response action, the costs associated with posting financial assurances for the completion of response, remedial or corrective actions.

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN AGREEMENT

The persons signing this MOA on behalf of CRK and Columbus Consolidated Government hereto certify by said signatures that they are duly authorized to enter the parties into this agreement.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, (CRK) (A Georgia-based non-profit organization)

Signed: _____
Print: _____
Title: _____

Date: _____

Columbus Consolidated Government, Georgia

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