

RESOLUTION NO. 025-042

**A RESOLUTION OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE ATLAS PARK
PROJECT PHASE II**

WHEREAS, the Effingham County Board of Commissioners is committed to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of its natural, recreational, and coastal-related resources; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, through its Coastal Incentive Grant program, provides financial assistance to local governments for projects that support the Georgia Coastal Management Program's goals and

WHEREAS, the Effingham County Board of Commissioners proposes the Atlas Park Project Phase II, which includes park improvements, multi-use pedestrian paths, stormwater enhancements, natural area restoration, and site development features including trail systems, parking circulation, environmental buffers, and low-impact development areas; and

WHEREAS, the Atlas Park Project Phase II aligns with the Coastal Management Program's mission to balance economic development with natural resource preservation by enhancing public access and creating educational opportunities through interpretive signage and environmental programming; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division administers the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) Program – Cycle 29, which provides federal funds to support coastal resource protection, habitat restoration, resiliency planning, and public-access initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Effingham County is eligible to request up to \$80,000 in federal funds under Cycle 29 and is required to provide a 1:1 non-federal match, to be supplied through County labor, materials, professional services, or budgeted project funds supporting Atlas Park – Phase II; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners that the County is authorized to apply to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for a Coastal Incentive Grant to fund the Atlas Park Project Phase II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute all necessary documents related to the grant application and any subsequent grant agreements.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Attest:

County Clerk