

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Professional Services Contract – Abercorn Landing Waterfront Design (Phase 1)

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Department: Procurement, Project Management

Meeting Date: July 1, 2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve a professional services agreement with Moffatt & Nichol for design, permitting, and bid-phase support for the Abercorn Landing Waterfront Project – Phase 1.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the professional services agreement with Moffatt & Nichol in the amount of \$246,500.00 for engineering design, environmental permitting, and bid-phase assistance associated with Phase 1 of the Abercorn Landing Project.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County is initiating Phase 1 of the Abercorn Landing Park redevelopment in Rincon, Georgia. This initial phase focuses on key waterfront features including a fixed timber fishing pier, floating dock for boating and paddle sports, and ADA-compliant access from designated parking areas.

The scope also includes the extension of potable water for washdown stations and sanitary sewer infrastructure for a future comfort station. All components are subject to state and federal environmental permitting, and the design will be fully coordinated to meet accessibility and permitting standards.

Moffatt & Nichol will manage the full design, permit submissions, and provide support during the construction bidding process. This work follows the conceptual plan completed in April 2025 and represents the next step in realizing the County's long-term vision for public waterfront access at this site.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the professional services agreement with Moffatt & Nichol as presented.
2. Do not approve and advise.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: FY26 Capital Projects

Attachments: Moffatt & Nichol Proposal Letter (May 23, 2025), Scope of Work – Abercorn Landing Phase 1