

TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Title: Consideration of Professional Services Proposal – NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Background:

This proposal from Seamon, Whiteside & Associates (SW+) provides the professional engineering, environmental, and program management services necessary to administer the grant funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program related to damages from Tropical Storm Debbie and meet federal grant requirements.

Project Purpose

The NRCS EWP program provides federal funding to address watershed damage caused by natural disasters. The proposed work focuses primarily on the California Branch watershed area and includes measures intended to reduce future flood risk and improve stormwater conveyance.

The project includes two primary components:

- Stream cleanup and bank stabilization to reduce erosion and improve hydraulic capacity of the stream corridor.
- Voluntary property buyouts and demolition of structures in areas that experience repetitive flooding.

The proposal anticipates services associated with up to 41 parcels identified in the flood mitigation study for potential buyouts.

Scope of Services

- The proposed services include:
- Program and grant management coordination with NRCS
- Property owner coordination and voluntary buyout administration
- Surveying and environmental site assessments
- Appraisals, title work, and property closings
- Design of stream restoration and stabilization improvements
- Permitting with state and federal agencies
- Bidding assistance and contractor selection
- Construction administration and project closeout

Cost and Schedule

The proposal outlines professional service fees across multiple divisions of work including program management, surveying, environmental investigations, buyout services, engineering design, permitting, bidding, and construction administration.

Technical Assistance (100% Grant Funded)

TA Budget: \$740,580.67

TA Fee: \$700,000.00 (Division 1, 2A, 5A & 5B, 7, and 8)

Financial Assistance (75% Grant Funded)

FA Budget: \$9,874,409.00

FA Eng Fee: \$991,282.50 (Division 2B, 3, and 4)

FA Remain: \$8,883,126.50 (for property buyouts and construction of stream stabilization)

Permitting (0% Grant Funded)

Permitting Fee (Town): \$57,500 (Division 6)

Total From Grant: \$1,443,461.88

Total From Town: \$ 305,320.62

The project is estimated to take approximately 20 months, including roughly 12 months of construction activities.

Exhibits: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates (SW+) Proposal

Funding: NRCS EWP Grant
Stormwater Fund

Council Action requested: Accept proposal from Seamon, Whiteside & Associates (SW+) for NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program Professional Services for \$ 1,748,782.50.