

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIEFING DRAFT

MEETING DATE: MAY 7, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM NC DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION UNDER THE HURRICANE FLORENCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT FOR A WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

NC Cooperative Extension received notification on February 5, 2020, that they were eligible to accept a grant of up to \$194,375 from the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation under the Hurricane Florence Emergency Response Act for a Watershed Restoration Project. The purpose of this contract is to implement needed repairs to streams and drainage ways resulting from Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding. This project would include cutting and removing downed trees, broken tops, woody/vegetative debris and sediment that impede or potentially impede water flow in the streams and tributaries in various places. The stream/ditch segments to be repaired (debris removal, crossing replacements, tree & shrub planting, bank stabilization) are Abbotts Creek (Harmon Lane), Buffalo Creek (Tesh Road), UT-Salem Creek (Westridge Road), Lowery Mill Creek (Whirlwin Drive), and Salem Creek (West St). The contract shall be effective on January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The total contract amount with matching funds is \$444,272.50. The grantee has a matching requirement of \$249,897.50, which consists of USDA funds and will be responsible for obtaining necessary landowner authorization for site access and all permits needed to complete the planned work. The USDA funds are part of a separate contract and will be reimbursed. Any unexpended grant funds shall revert to the Agency upon contract termination.

ATTACHMENTS:

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SIGNATURE: _____

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: _____

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WHEREAS the NC Division of Soil and Water has awarded a grant to the Forsyth County NC Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$194,375.00 to implement needed repairs to streams and drainage ways resulting from Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding; and

WHEREAS these grant funds will be applied to achieve the following items: cutting and removing downed trees, broken tops, woody/vegetative debris and sediment that impede or potentially impede water flow in the streams and tributaries at Abbotts Creek (Harmon Lane), Buffalo Creek (Tesh Road), UT-Salem Creek (Westridge Road), Lowery Mill Creek (Whirlwin Drive), and Salem Creek (West St);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County and its NC Cooperative Extension, necessary documents to receive grant funds in the amount of \$194,375.00 from the NC Division of Soil and Water to implement needed repairs to streams and drainage ways resulting from Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 7th day of May 2020.