

Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

From: Erica McClelland, Southern Georgia Regional Comm **Date:** April 2, 2020

Subject: Resolution 319(h) Grant Bear Creek Watershed **Item Number:** VIII-D

During our last meeting, Ms. Erica McClelland spoke regarding grant funds through the Clean Water Act 319(h) grant, this grant would help support efforts to reduce the levels of fecal coliform and low dissolved oxygen in Bear Creek and Giddens Mill Creek. This is a joint grant with the City of Sparks and the City of Adel with no matching funds required.

Chairman will need a motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Application for 319(h) Grant Funds for the Bear Creek Watershead.

Motion made by _____

Second made by _____

Any discussion: _____

Votes _____ yes _____ no

Motion carried/ failed

A Resolution Supporting the Application for 319(h) Grant Funds for the Bear Creek Watershed

WHEREAS, Bear Creek and Giddens Mill Creek have been identified by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division as waterbodies which are not supporting their designated use due to high fecal coliform and low dissolved oxygen, respectively

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan, which address the impairments within Bear Creek and Giddens Mill Creek, completed in December 2002, was developed in a collaborative manner with diverse stakeholder input; and

WHEREAS, the Bear Creek and Giddens Mill Creek Watershed area includes the City of Sparks, part of the City of Adel, and portions of Cook County, Georgia, and is a tributary to the Withlacoochee River in the Suwanee River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the stewardship of watershed resources, including recreational activity, is important to the prosperity of residents and landowners in the Bear Creek and Giddens Mill Creek Watershed, and elsewhere in the Withlacoochee River and Suwanee River Basin; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of the Withlacoochee River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan is to identify opportunities for watershed communities to integrate watershed management goals and objectives in local planning, natural resource protection, and development activities; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of the Withlacoochee River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan is to identify opportunities to protect and improve surface water, groundwater, and habitat quality by implementing best management practices and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Withlacoochee River Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan offers reasoned guidance to urban and rural landowners, and decision-makers alike for conserving the land, soil, and water resources of the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act 319(h) grant may assist in providing funding towards reducing impairments by way of accomplishing goals and activities identified within the Withlacoochee River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners supports a collective effort to develop and submit a Clean Water Act 319(h) grant proposal to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on April, XX, 2020.

Name
Chairman, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Sometimes they have a clerk certify the resolutions also, if they want they can add that.