



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Request to Consider Authorizing the Town Manager to Award a Contract for Preliminary Engineering for a Stream Restoration Project

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider authorizing the Town Manager to select a contractor and award a contract, with funds from the Stormwater Enterprise Fund, for preliminary engineering for a stream restoration at Public Works.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works, Finance

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INFORMATION: Following on Hurricane Florence, staff have been pursuing FEMA Public Assistance support, including a stream restoration project (Public Works). The Public Assistance process does not obligate funding in advance, but is rather on a reimbursal basis. Therefore, Town funding is needed up front and is at risk until approved through the Public Assistance process. Staff are working diligently to comply with all Public Assistance requirements. The Public Assistance process is time limited, so there is time sensitivity in approving this request to maximize the potential for federal funding support. Staff are moving forward and intend to issue a Request for Qualifications for related engineering services and subsequent negotiations with one or more engineering firms. Staff recommend \$80k be appropriated for the stream restoration project from the Stormwater Enterprise Fund, with the final cost to be determined through detailed project scoping and negotiation with the chosen firm. A second construction phase will be needed after the preliminary engineering work.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: It is estimated that up to 80\$k is needed for the preliminary engineering work. Staff time for selecting an engineering firm and project coordination/oversight will also be needed.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board adopt the resolution (Attachment A) appropriating \$80k for engineering services from the Stormwater Enterprise Fund and authorizing the Town Manager to move forward with entering into contract with an engineering firm for this project.