File #: 18-4920, **Version:** 1

Title:
North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program Agreement

Summary
ACTION:
1. Affirm submission of N.C. Agriculture Cost Share Programs Application for Assistance to restore a portion of West Branch Rocky River Tributary

2. Authorize the County Manager (or his/her authorized designee) to execute the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Agreement

3. Recognize, receive and appropriate an amount up to $29,964.00 upon execution of the Agreement

4. Authorize the carry forward of unspent funds until expended

Staff Contact: **David Woodie, LUESA - Storm Water Services**

Presentation: **No**

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services (Storm Water) plans to restore approximately 15,000 linear feet of the West Branch Rocky River Tributary. Storm Water staff have worked with (a) Barger Farms, LLC, (Barger) which owns the property located at 1335 Concord Road, Davidson, North Carolina), and (b) the Mecklenburg County Soil and Water Conservation District (NCSWCD) to facilitate funding for the removal and exclusion of cows from the tributary (the Project), in order to protect the tributary and reduce fecal coliform bacteria levels therein. This Project will include (a) installation of an alternative watering system (including a new pump), (b) approximately 6,820 feet of fencing, and (c) construction of stream crossing, which in the aggregate shall come to an estimated cost of $39,952.00. Storm Water will enter into the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Agreement (Agreement) with Barger and the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation District (NCSWCD) to complete the Project. Storm Water will initially complete the Project, at its cost. Twenty-five (25%) of the costs of the Project will ultimately be paid for by storm water revenue fees, and upon completion of the Project, NC Agriculture Cost Share Programs will reimburse Storm Water

for seventy-five (75%) of the cost. Pursuant to the Agreement, Barger must maintain all cattle exclusion requirements for a minimum of 10 years, or otherwise reimburse up to seventy-five percent of the initial funding to NCSWCD. This application was submitted on behalf of NCSWCD on May 30, 2018 with pending approval of Mecklenburg County upon execution of the attached agreement. This grant/partnership, along with the restoration will help to improve water quality along the West Branch Rocky River Tributary.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:
N/A

POLICY IMPACT:
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:
Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services - $9,988
North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program - $29,964

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