

**Action Requested/Required:**

- ☒ Vote/Action Requested
☐ Discussion or Presentation Only
☐ Public Hearing
Report Date: _____
Hearing Date: _____
Voting Date: _____

Department: Community Development**Presenter(s) & Title:** Bethany Watson

City Engineer

Agenda Item Title:

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution of Support Authorizing the Preparation, Submission, and Funding Commitment of a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant Pre-Application for the River Mill Pedestrian Bridge Project

Summary:

The City is currently in design phase of the River Mill Pedestrian Bridge. Staff has identified the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant as a potential funding source. The grant offers up to \$3 million in matching funds for projects that support local parks and trails of state and regional significance. The projected budget for the project is \$6,165,938.40, which includes the pedestrian bridge, put in/take out, and 20% contingency. The application requires a resolution of support from the local government.

Budget Implications:Budgeted? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/ATotal Cost of Project: \$ 6,165,938.40 Check if Estimated ☐Fund Source: General Fund ☐ Water & Sewer ☐ Sales Tax ☐ Other: SPLOST, GRANT, IMPACT FEE**Staff Recommendations:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution of Support Authorizing the Preparation, Submission, and Funding Commitment of a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant Pre-Application for the River Mill Pedestrian Bridge Project

Reviews:Has this been reviewed by Management and Legal Counsel, if required? ☐ Yes ☐ No**Attachments:**

Resolution

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF CANTON

Resolution 2024-

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION, SUBMISSION AND FUNDING COMMITMENT OF A GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM GRANT PRE-APPLICATION FOR THE RIVER MILL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, The City of Canton, Georgia has identified the River Mill Pedestrian Bridge (Formally Known As the Etowah River Bridge) in the City of Canton Transportation Master Plan, which includes construction of a bridge from the Mill at Etowah to the Etowah Trail network on the west side of the Etowah River and Put In/Take Out location; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is receiving pre-applications for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP); and

WHEREAS, The City of Canton, Georgia desires to make an application for grant funds from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) to assist in the construction of The River Mill Pedestrian Bridge Project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Canton, Georgia agrees that in the event the pre-application is recommended for funding by the Board of Trustees and Department of Natural Resources, the Mayor and City Council certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance all project elements that will be submitted for reimbursement, as well as the 52% total project match as submitted, and will move forward with due diligence to prepare, or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a second-level GOSP application.

BE IT SO RESOLVED on this the 12th day of September, 2025.

Bill Grant, Mayor
City of Canton, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Annie Fortner, City Clerk
City of Canton, Georgia

Robert M. Dyer, City Attorney
City of Canton, Georgia