

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
by and between
The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah
and
Savannah Riverkeeper, Augusta, Georgia

This Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) is made this _____ day of _____, 2022, by and between the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as “Savannah”), and Savannah Riverkeeper, Augusta, Georgia, (hereinafter referred to as “SRK”).

WHEREAS, SRK’s mission is to inform the public of water quality in the Savannah River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public who swims or uses the creeks and rivers in Savannah for sustenance to know if water quality is outside standards set forth by state and federal regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, currently the citizens of Savannah do not have one location to access water quality data for the Savannah River or the Ogeechee river; and

WHEREAS, SRK has developed a very comprehensive website to collect water quality data from local governments, nonprofits, state and federal agencies in both South Carolina and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this website also contains water quality data for the Ogeechee River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, SRK is working to further develop the website so that it is accessible to the public and a user friendly portal for water quality information; and

WHEREAS; the City has a partnership with the City of Augusta, Columbia County, and BJWSA to work together to protect water quality in the Savannah River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Savannah has determined it would be of benefit to its citizens to contribute funding for the continuity of developing this website www.KNOWYOURRIVER.com as it covers the watersheds for all of the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, Savannah’s contributions are reimbursable through state water planning funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, as a desire of Savannah and SRK to enhance the website KNOWYOURRIVER.com to benefit and promote the public’s access of water quality information, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Savannah shall contribute up to \$75,000 to SRK for a period of two years from the date of this MOU.
2. SRK shall be the professional partnering entity and ensure progress and completion of the website for the Savannah and Ogeechee River Watersheds.
3. These funds will be used to:
 - a. Enhance the system’s usability for public use. Create a dashboard with a web crawling bot to display data coming from the National Water Planning Council dataset as well as additional batch data. This will automate the data information for users utilizing not only raw data but charts and graphs (www.knowyourriver.com)

- b. Enhance the data collection systems to create a better and more compatible platform for agencies, municipalities and industries to upload data.
- c. Increase the data provided on the site to include USEPA data and incorporate ground water and real-time rainfall data.

4. SRK will submit a quarterly update to Savannah providing information on progress of the project.

TERMINATION:

Upon completion of the work and allocation of funds or two years from the execution date of this agreement.

CHOICE OF LAW:

This Memorandum of Agreement shall be controlled by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

NOTICE:

Any notice given under this Agreement shall be deemed given when provided in writing to the following persons:

TO: City of Savannah, GA:

Jay Melder
Lester Hendrix
City of Savannah
706 Stiles Avenue, Savannah GA 31415

With a copy to:
City Attorney
P.O. Box 1027
Savannah, GA 31402

TO Savannah Riverkeeper, Augusta, Georgia:

Tonya Bonitatibus
Savannah Riverkeeper
328 Riverfront Dr. Augusta, GA 30901

Savannah Riverkeeper, Augusta GA

City of Savannah, GA

By _____

By _____

Date _____

Date _____

Attest _____

Attest _____

Date _____

Date _____