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INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT**

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1. Introduction

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, in partnership with the City of Atlanta (the Non-Federal Sponsor), is conducting a general investigation study to evaluate the feasibility of restoring Proctor Creek in Atlanta, Georgia. The specific focus of the study is to identify restoration actions to enhance the aquatic ecosystem of the Proctor Creek Watershed. This appendix contains communication documentation in support of the Proctor Creek Draft Feasibility Report.

2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency

The following letter of support for Proctor Creek is shown below.



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July 7, 2017

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RE: Letter of Support for Proctor Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Zettle,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is writing as a partner of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, under provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (16 U.S.C. 661, et seq.), for the ecosystem restoration project in the Proctor Creek watershed of west Atlanta, Georgia.

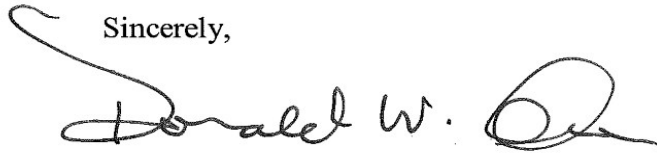
Proctor Creek presents a classic example of ecological degradation common in urban streams. The headwaters of this watershed drain the most urbanized portions of downtown Atlanta as the stream flows west to the Chattahoochee River. Common drivers and stressors in this watershed include combined sewer over-flows, extremely high impervious surface coverage (> 30% on average), and other industrial and residential sources of pollution (Horowitz et al. 2008, Peters 2009, Wright et al. 2012). High rates of poverty, crime, property abandonment, illegal dumping, and interior flooding are also common within this watershed (EPA 2015). Owing to these challenges, this watershed was selected as one of nineteen nationwide sites for the urban waters federal partnership, in which a consortium of fourteen federal agencies are partnering with local communities to revitalize urban waters, restore stream ecosystems, and improve the lives of residents (Muir 2014, EPA 2016b). In partnership with the City of Atlanta (non-Federal sponsor), the USACE, Mobile District is leading a general investigation project associated with aquatic ecosystem restoration in this watershed.

The Service is completing an Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) within the Proctor Creek watershed at select USACE sampling points, in addition to previously sampled sections of the watershed. As of the signature date, the Service has found approximately three dozen species of fish, macroinvertebrates, and other aquatic species. The Service will record specific water quality information such as dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and pH, and complete visual assessments of each site to supplement the baseline information collected by the USACE. These assessments, in addition to information collected in previous years, will aid the Corps in fulfilling its ecosystem

restoration objectives under Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The Service will also provide both a draft and Final FWCA Report, based on IBI data collected during summer 2017.

The Service offers their support for all aspects for the Proctor Creek ecosystem restoration project, and is available to provide technical assistance under the guidance of the mentioned authorities. For future assistance, please contact staff biologist Tamara Johnson, at our Athens, Georgia Office (706) 613-9493 ext 229.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Imm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a distinct "W".

Donald W. Imm
Field Supervisor