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Advocating responsible decisions to sustain coastal Georgia's environment and quality of life.

Glynn County Commissioners:

I am writing in reference to the proposed realignment of Frederica Road in the vicinity of Christ Church on Saint Simons Island.

Given the historic and environmental resources at risk due to the proposed project and a dubious rationale being advanced to justify it, I believe that the county is obligated to hold at least one public hearing on the matter prior to making any decisions.

The need for a hearing is further substantiated by misleading and legally vulnerable statements and factual errors in the correspondence on record among and between various parties and agencies involved, including DNR, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Corps, and the applicant's representatives.

Additionally, we are concerned about the potential destruction and/or loss of archaeological resources caused by the disturbance of the historic ditch, which contrary to an assumption stated in the letter from DCA, will unquestionably occur to that area if the project is permitted as proposed.

We firmly believe that the historic conditions establishing the church's property as a bequest by the county should be honored and, further, that the degradation of adjacent environmentally sensitive wetlands is not justified by this proposal.

Please advise when you would be willing to schedule a hearing on the matter.

Thank you.

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