

Notice of Public Meeting and Comment Period Extension

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps) is pleased to invite the public and interested parties to an in-person public meeting for the Disposition Study, Multiple Waterways, Coastal Georgia. The public meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM (ET) at the Darien City Hall in the David Bluestein Meeting Room located on the 2nd floor, 106 Washington St, Darien, GA, 31305. The Corps will start the meeting with a 30–35-minute presentation regarding the disposition study, followed by a discussion where attendees will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of the Corps team. The public will also be provided an opportunity to submit written public comments at the meeting.

Comment Submittal: The Corps is extending the public comment period is accepting comments through August 16, 2024. The public is invited to submit comments using one or more of the following methods:

Email: Written comments may be sent via email to CESAS-planning@usace.army.mil. Emailed comments must be received by midnight on August 16, 2024. Please include in the subject line: Disposition Study Draft IR/EA

Mail: Mailed comments may be sent to the address below and must be postmarked August 16, 2024.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District
Attn: Planning Branch, CESAS-PMP
Subject: Disposition Study Draft IR/EA
100 West Oglethorpe Ave
Savannah, GA 31401

Public Meeting: Comments may be submitted at the August 14, 2024, public meeting using a provided comment form.

Background:

The Corps has prepared a Draft Integrated Report/Environmental Assessment (IR/EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, for the Disposition Study, Multiple Waterways, Coastal Georgia. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps) evaluated two alternatives, including the No Action Alternative (NAA) and Action Alternative to deauthorize nine waterways in Coastal Georgia that no longer meet Congressionally authorized purposes and do not provide national security needs. Those waterways include the Altamaha River, Bellville Point Harbor, Darien Harbor, Fancy Bluff Creek, Ocmulgee River, Oconee River, Sapelo Harbor, Satilla River, and St. Marys River.

The purpose of this disposition study is to determine whether a federal interest continues to exist for commercial navigation within the nine waterways in coastal Georgia. If no federal interest exists, the Corps may recommend deauthorization of the navigation channel. If Congress concurs with deauthorization, the Corps should save federal dollars and staff oversight time (e.g., less funds required for annual surveys).

Additional Information and Questions: Additional project information is available on the Corps website at: <https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Branch/Plans-and-Reports/>

Questions may be directed to Madison Monroe, Biologist at CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil or by phone at (912) 710-1268.