

From: rfqa2003@comcast.net
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: COMMENTS CONCERNING DEEPENING SAVANNAH HARBOUR AND TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF FLOWS FROM THURMOND DAM
Date: Sunday, December 26, 2010 10:15:43 AM

Please use the data from the previous drought.

Please do not deepen the Savannah harbor.

From: [Gary Crider](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah harbor deepening
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011 10:13:35 PM

Please improve your plans for the Savannah harbor deepening to better protect the environment.
Thank you.
Gary Crider

From: KATIESWANAS1@aol.com
To: [CEAS-PD, SAS](#)
Subject: RIVER
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 8:05:04 AM

NO NO TO DEEPING OF THE SAV RIVER. BIGGER IS NOT BETTER !
ITS ALL ABOUT THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR. THE SHIPS COMMING IN THE PORT
NOW ARE BIG ENOUGH. MAYBE THE BIGGER SHIPS SHOULD FIND BIGGER PORTS,
SHARE THE WEALTH. SAVANNAH CAN NOT HANDLE BIGGER.

The two comments above oppose the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. However these comments have raised no issues to be addressed.

The following comments are comments of support that have no issues to address.

From: [McLeod Rominger](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deepening Savannah Harbor Federal Navigation Project
Date: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:39:42 AM

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Upon reviewing the EIS and the GRR, please add my name to the list in support of the Harbor deepening to -48 feet MLW. It is the belief of most of the business community that the benefits of the deepening to the region, the market, and the well being of our community at large will far outweigh the perceived damages to the river system.

Thank you.

McLeod Rominger
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From: [Coffman, Margaret G \(Meghan\)](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Humes, Christopher Eugene \(Chris\)](#)
Subject: Comments on the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project General Re-Evaluation Report (GRR) and Tier II Environmental Impact Statement
Date: Friday, January 07, 2011 6:19:25 PM
Attachments: [1 7 11 Letter Re Comments on SHEP.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Attached are comments of Mr. Chris Humes, director of LNG Operations for El Paso Corporation, the owner/operator of the Southern LNG terminal located near Savannah, Georgia in support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP).

Thanks,
Meghan

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To: Mr. William Bailey
Attn: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640
CC: Todd Wilson; Bill Jakubsen; Hope Moorers; Thomas Wright
Date: January 6, 2011
Subj: Savannah Harbor Deepening Project

Mr. Bailey,

First, we would like to thank the Army Corp of Engineers for their time and efforts on this project. You have done a great service to your community and I'm sure it will pave the way for a successful future for Savannah and beyond. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my company and how the deepening project will affect us and our employees.

Martin Marietta Materials is the second largest supplier of stone aggregate in the United States and has been doing business in Georgia for decades. We operate 20 quarries and yards in the state, which includes a marine terminal in Savannah. At this terminal, we import limestone from Freeport, Grand Bahamas and granite from Nova Scotia, Canada for use primarily in the construction industry.

Our materials are used in the production of asphalt and concrete, and also in the construction of roads, bridges, schools, churches and countless other applications. We are also supplying the 150,000+ tons of armor and rip rap stone for the Revetment Project currently under construction on the north side of the river.

With the deepening of the harbor, we would be capable of bringing in larger ships and therefore reducing our costs while being able to more readily serve our customers. Our company and employees would also benefit from the growth the deepening is sure to encourage in this area.

So it is in our opinion, the deepening of the harbor is a necessity for both Savannah and Georgia. Again, I thank you for your service and the time you have taken in listening to our thoughts.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett L. Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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January 5, 2011

Mr. William Bailey
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ATTN: PD
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing you today to express my full support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). This project is critical to the continued growth of metro Atlanta, Georgia and the Southeast Region. International trade and the movement of goods are essential to our economic prosperity. Increasing the capacity of Savannah's Port will enable increased trade throughout the region, promote future growth, and create jobs for Georgia.

As you know, the Port of Savannah has been the fastest growing container port in the country over the past decade and its continued success is critical to economic recovery in Georgia and throughout the Southeast. The Savannah River Navigation Channel must now be deepened from 42 feet to as deep as 48 feet to accommodate the new generation of deep-draft vessels that will dominate trade when the expanded Panama Canal opens in 2014. The efficiency gained by these larger ships will lower transportation costs of U. S. exports and will solidify Georgia's role as a national leader in international commerce and could shift as much as 25% of ocean trade flows from west to east coast. In Georgia alone, our ports support more than 286,000 jobs, contribute some \$14.9 billion in income, \$3.5 billion in federal taxes, and \$2.8 billion in state and local taxes each year. Most importantly, more than \$6 Billion worth of goods were shipped through Georgia's ports to counties within the Metropolitan Atlanta area. With SHEP, that will continue to grow.

As a real estate professional specializing in supply chain logistics, I believe the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) will provide a highly cost-effective return on investment to Georgia and the federal government. This expansion represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to significantly enhance Georgia's economic prosperity. Based on the importance and the potential long range impact of this project for metro Atlanta, Georgia and the Southeast's economy, I fully support this project.

Sincerely,



Blaine Kelley
Senior Vice President
Global Supply Chain Practice

From: [Joe Marchese](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 4:46:38 PM

Sir,

Please accept this email as my support of the Harbor Deepening project. As a contractor I am in favor of growth. As the father of three Georgian girls I am a steward of the future. As a LEED AP I believe that the studies show that this is an environmentally sound project. It has my unqualified support.

Thanks

joe

From: [Voth, Rhoda](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support for Savannah Harbour Expansion Project
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 3:51:40 PM

Dear Sir or Madame:

This email is written in support of the Savannah Harbour Expansion project.

I would like for my children to be able to find a job in Savannah one day, and believe this is a critical project for the economic development of Savannah. This will increase both blue collar and white collar demand for labor.

The larger ships are where the business is going to go in the future due to the economies of scale. We are one of the best port cities in the United States and would like to continue to be.

Please support this project.

Best regards,

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December 15, 2010

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I want to make you aware of my support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). As the Chairman and CEO of JCB, I believe this expansion project is paramount to our continued success as a Savannah based manufacturer.

We as a company are heavily reliant the Georgia Ports for the import and export of our products. The proximity and strength of the Georgia Ports were primary factors in JCB's decision to base our North American headquarters here in Savannah, GA. The SHEP will allow larger, deeper draft ships to call on the Port of Savannah. The economies of scale offered by Post Panamax ships will result in an average of 17% cost savings to exporters, and importers, such as JCB, when compared to the operating costs of Panamax vessels. At a time when the costs of doing business are continually in flux, a savings of this size is critically important to our business.

After reading the study documents released by the Army Corp of Engineers, I am confident that proceeding with the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is the right thing to do. I am in full support of the SHEP and deepening the harbor from its current 42ft depth to 48ft.

Sincerely,

John Patterson
Chairman/CEO

From: [Matt O'Connor](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Saturday, December 04, 2010 9:18:38 AM

Mr. William Bailey,

The deepening of the port of Savannah is critically important for the expansion of commerce for Rockline Industries. We completely support the initiative and welcome a speedy implementation. If you wish to talk further about the effects of this expansion, please do not hesitate to give me a call and we can discuss.

Regards,

Matt O'Connor
Vice President of Logistics
Rockline Industries
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From: byron@shipportservices.com
Subject: Savannah Deepening project
Date: Saturday, December 04, 2010 2:46:53 PM
Attachments: [sajima1](#)

I writing this email as a vote of support for this project. It is long overdue and will be at a critical juncture when underway due to the widening of the Panama canal completion scheduled for 2014. Decisions will be made by shippers and carriers on port choices and those choices will depend largely on port capability. Th business of the Port, the State and the entire southeast hang in the balance, not to mention small business owners such as myself who are dependant upon efficient port operations.

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From: jkaufman@GAPORTS.COM
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support of Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 4:30:02 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in the utmost support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). I have been a resident of Savannah, GA for the last six years, and an employee of the Georgia Ports Authority for the last seven months.

I have been hearing about this project in the community for several years and have always been extremely supportive of this initiative, as this is a vital step to ensure our ports remain competitive; not to mention the tremendous financial impact it will have not only in our local community, but for the entire state of Georgia.

We are extremely excited about what the future will bring when the river is deepened. Again, I express my complete support for this crucial step for Georgia's future.

Thank you for your time,
Julie Kaufman
Trade Development, Georgia Ports Authority

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Julie Kaufman
Trade Development

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From: byron@shipportservices.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah deepening project
Date: Saturday, December 04, 2010 3:24:59 PM
Attachments: [sigma1](#)

I writing this email as a vote of support for this project. It is long overdue and will be at a critical juncture when underway due to the widening of the Panama canal completion scheduled for 2014. Decisions will be made by shippers and carriers on port choices and those choices will depend largely on port capability. The business of the Port, the State and the entire southeast hang in the balance, not to mention small business owners such as myself who are dependant upon efficient port operations.

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From: [Matt Huey](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening Project
Date: Monday, December 06, 2010 9:32:33 AM

Dear Sir,

As a citizen of Georgia and one of the thousands of people who's job is tied to the port of Savannah I urge you to support the deepening of the harbor. The warehousing, truck, rail, and distribution network that currently flow through the port cannot be recreated without significant economic impact to the southeast and, some would argue, the entire country. One thing to keep in mind is the impact the opening of the Panama Canal will have on the flow of cargo to the east coast. The port of LA/Long (the largest terminal complex in the US in terms of volume) beach have implemented programs like Pier Pass, Alameda Corridor Tax, Clean truck that add from \$150 to \$200 in cost to each container that move through the terminal. Oakland and Seattle are implementing similar program. Importers and exporters are targeting east coast ports to avoid these costs. Combine projected population growth in the southeast with the economic benefits of the larger vessels and the cost savings associated with shifting from the west coast the need to deepen the Savannah terminal becomes clear. I urge you to support this initiative.

Thanks and best regards,

Matt Huey

From: GVANBRUNT@GAPORTS.COM
To: CFSAS-PD_SAS
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Monday, December 06, 2010 11:15:20 AM

Dear Mr. Bailey,
I am sending you this email to express my Support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. I believe that bringing the Harbor levels to a depth of 48 feet is crucial to the future success of the Port of Savannah & the surrounding economies not only in Georgia, but also in South Carolina, & Northern Florida, too.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information or support is needed.

Best Regards,
Greg Van Brunt
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From: [Carl Varner](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: RE: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) Update
Date: Monday, December 06, 2010 11:58:53 AM

Dear Mr. William Bailey,

We are a mid-sized Agriculture exporting company. We export between 20-40,000 containers annually. We work closely with Ga Ports and maintain a Transloading facility in Ga.

We are very excited about the recent news with regards to the expansion. We feel it is imperative that the facilities at the Ga Ports be ready to better handle the big ships once the new Panama Canal locks open up.

Sincerely,

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From: JTHOMAS@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 1:46:06 PM

Dear Sir:

I am a seven year employee with the Georgia Ports Authority, my name is Jeannette Thomas.

I would like to explain to you how much the harbor deepening project at the Savannah River means to my family & me. I am second generation GPA and my family is fourth generation ILA. The Savannah River has provided and is providing us with meaningful & lasting employment opportunities.

In my seven years with the GPA, I have seen the awesome level of growth first hand. I am in the Communications department and with every milestone reached my team and I have been actively involved.

The GPA is not only a dynamic economical force because of the jobs we support or the contributions to the state income & revenue, we are a pillar in the community. I have had careers with several Fortune 500 companies, but none can compete with the GPA's level of caring.

I am very proud to call the Georgia Ports Authority my employer and I can assure you we will care for the harbor after deepening to 48ft even more so than at 42ft because we are a company with environmental integrity.

Thank you for the opportunity to sing my praises and show my pride for and of the GPA!

Jeannette Thomas
Georgia Ports Authority
Support Services Supervisor

From: [Schnede, Klaus](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 9:06:57 AM

Dear Mr. Bailey:

This email is in support of the proposed Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. Eastman Chemical Company is an export centric company with focus on the east-west trades, i.e. shipping to Asia and Europe mostly.

Over time the port of Savannah developed as the "main gate" to Asia and as such we are very interested in seeing the port of Savannah continue to grow and expand to be able to accommodate larger than current vessel size in the future.

As we expect Eastman to grow in the future, we will have a need to be able to ship larger volumes via the port of Savannah. It is healthy to see two ports compete with each other, i.e. Savannah and Charleston over export/import volumes and it is in our interest to keep competition alive, see the port of Savannah to be able to grow and expand its current facilities. Without SHEP Savannah competitiveness will be in jeopardy which certainly is not in our interest!

We appreciate all the work that's being done on this project and look forward to its progress.

Happy Holidays and a great New Year.

Regards,

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From: PYARBOROUGH@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP support
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 11:57:25 AM

Dear Mr. William Bailey,

This letter is to manifestate my personal commitment and support for this project of national interest to the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Secretary of the Army, Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior, Department of the Army and the Environmental Protection Agency for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor to 48 ft. at low water.

As you know, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is funded and tasked by Congress to provide information to our Senators and House of Representatives offering detailed analysis of such opportunities in the Corp's General Evaluation Reports; therefore, ensuring that international commerce has a safe and adequate access to ports throughout North America. In a decade long, \$40 million dollar study and with extensive communication and collaboration with all mandatory agencies, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers economic and environmental model has undoubtedly confirmed the need to fund and complete this project with immediate financial insistence from Congress and the President.

At this occasion, we must prepare to accommodate the larger vessels navigating the Panama Canal in 2014. This project, if correctly implemented, will assist the nation in successfully meeting the National Export Initiative created by Executive Order of President Obama, as well as secure the current and future Statewide employment base in Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Yarborough, Sr.

From: DGRONE@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support for SHEP
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 12:46:00 PM

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I support the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project and the need for a 48 foot channel depth. The success of the project will have positive results for the state of Georgia in terms of commerce, job creation and much needed revenue generation.

I express my support, not only as an employee of the GPA, but as a private citizen.

Thank you kindly,

Danica Grone

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From: MTROUGHTON@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Sign me up as a supporter of the harbor deepening
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 1:53:24 PM

Thanks
Regards,
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From: [Ron Barnett](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Why Deeper
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:50:49 AM

It is said that the back bone of this country is small business if you stand at the gate of the port and look at the door of the trucks running in out of the port is thousands of small business. needing to grow. If the river is deeper it will make way for larger ships to load and unload at the Savannah, GA Port. This is revenue for Garden City, GA, The State of GA and every small Business in GA, SC, FL and all other states that will take the advantage of this opportunity. With our States Unemployment so high this should be done without question.

Thank you ofr your time.

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From: JBLOESS@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Project
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 4:33:12 PM

December 8, 2010

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Re: SHEP Project

I am sending you an email concerning the importance in which the SHEP Project has on both my personal livelihood and the overall economy. The depth needed to keep the Georgia Ports competitive in global trade is essential for our entire community as well as for our future generations. Studies reveal that this project has a five to one benefit cost ratio that will allow not only the Georgia Ports but the city, county, state, region and the entire nation to prosper. I request that you please press forward with this extremely important and worthwhile investment in a timely manner so that our ports and economy continue to grow. Failure to do so will jeopardize our future.

Best regards,

John Bloess

From: [Buehn, Elfriede](#) on behalf of [Nardi, John](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 4:59:08 PM
Attachments: [deepening of savannah harbor support letter to Army Corps of Engineers december 7, 2010.doc](#)

Please find attached a copy of our letter to Mr. William Bailey, US Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District pertaining to this project which we fully support.

Kind regards,

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From: dalrhe32@aol.com
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: PD, US Army Corps Of Engineers, Savannah District
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 7:56:12 PM

My fiancée is a Longshoreman, I am a Supervisor at Savannah Hilton head International Airport. He told me about the Harbor being deepening. I support this and I think this will be very beneficial to Savannah and Georgia. I vote YES, YES, YES, YES!!!!

From: [Richard Mike](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 7:58:15 PM

I am a Longshoreman from local 1414 and I vote YES, YES for the Harbor deepening. See you on the 15th!!!!

From: [Harper, Susan](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: port deepening project
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 9:11:02 AM

Dear Mr. Bailey,

In such an unstable economic time, anything we can do to bring commerce into our community, and area, can only be viewed as a gain.

I urge you to give as much weight to the economic benefits of this project as possible, as I am sure the environmentalists will be very vocal.

Thank you for helping keep jobs in Savannah!

Sincerely,

Sue Harper

From: [Georgina Geremia](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [GVANBRUNT@GAPORTS.COM](#)
Subject: Dec 15th Work Shop
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 9:41:41 AM

Dear William,

Thank you for the invite...However I will not be able to attend.

I will keep in contact with Greg for any future working with the GA Ports, as we just signed a deal to purchase Oxford Industries based in Lyons Georgia who imports into Savannah and rails to Atlanta.

Kind regards, and Happy Holidays.

Georgina Geremia

Director of Logistics

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From: [Camille Russo](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Channel Deepening
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 11:37:12 AM

Dear Corps of Engineers,

I am writing to express my support for the deepening of the Savannah River channel to accommodate the larger vessels that will be coming through the Panama Canal upon its completion. I am a partner in a business started and based in Savannah called Alta Innovations. We build distribution networks for medical equipment that is new to the market, and oftentimes we serve as the import site and logistics coordinator for our foreign vendors. Our business is fast-paced, and constant innovations in the medical industry require us to be nimble. Our proximity to the Georgia port in Savannah plays a key role in our effectiveness. Please do everything within your power to ensure that our port stays at the forefront of the shipping industry by not limiting the types of ships that can call on it.

Sincerely,

Camille Russo
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From: [Barri Marshall](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 2:13:02 PM

The deepening of the harbor would be a great thing for Savannah. Let's get and keep more money for our beautiful city!

Thank you

From: [Michael J Carbo](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 2:49:52 PM

To the attention of:

Mr. William Bailey

PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Sir,

Our company is a small electrical engineering service firm located in Savannah, Ga. We have been serving this area for over twenty years and over time have seen our customer base erode by virtue of companies shutting down completely or cutting production as much as one half. We have had to search for our work outside the 100 mile radius we set up years ago. Expansion and growth of the Georgia Ports by implementing the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project will bring more jobs, more ships, and bottom line more revenue to our local economy. More business for the ports means more business for many local contractors like ourselves. Please take my vote and count it for support of 48 feet of opportunity.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Carbo
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From: [Charlie Porter](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [chawkins@qanports.com](#); [cfoltz@qanports.com](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 3:45:57 PM

Mr. William Bailey

ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

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Dear Mr. Bailey,

Having been in the transportation business for over 30 years and either worked for, with or along side of trucking companies, steamship lines, customhouse brokers , freight forwarders and warehouses,

I can tell you that the need for deepening the Savannah River is essential to the continued leadership of Savannah and the state of Georgia in the economic world as well as well as the economic growth of the Southeastern part of the United States.

Manufacturers and retailers have had to cut costs in all areas to keep up with this global economy that we find ourselves living in today. After all labor costs have been cut as far as they can, transportation costs are the next line item that has to be kept competitive to survive either in an export or import industry. With the carriers moving to larger vessels, they will have to bypass any port that cannot handle them. This will increase transportation costs for all shippers and receivers of cargo in the entire Southeastern area of the United States. When costs go up, demand goes down and the eventual market falling begins a chain of economic dominos falling making our economy worse than it already is today.

Georgia and the leadership of the Port of Savannah have done a superlative job of surviving the present and preparing for the future growth of our area of this country. The only " leg" left to insure survival and growth in the future is the deepening of the Savannah River. During a recent conference, I attended in Atlanta, leaders from the port , Mayor of Atlanta, CEOs of leading retailers and shippers as well as Presidents of Atlanta and Georgia Chambers of Commerce attested to the dire need, to their areas, for the deepening of the river. Our economic survival is dependent on the river bed being lowered to 48 feet.

Being in the Corps, you have seen all the impact reports done over the last several years. All seem to indicate a minimal, if any, adverse effect on our environment. A failure to lower the river bed would have a catastrophic impact in the loss of thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly if the river bed is not lowered. This would be a direct result of larger steamship carriers bypassing the Port of Savannah. Even today ships have to enter and leave according to the prevailing tide. This situation will only get worse and the steamship lines will have to eventually bypass the port of Savannah.

As you may know, the lowering of the river bed would not be complete until 2014 to coincide with the widening of the Panama Canal. Time is also critical for our economy and all of the workers in the South East. We are dependent on your unwavering support.

Thank you for your time and consideration as well as your support.

Best regards,

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From: [Bryan Bailey](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support For the River Deepening Project
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 3:47:50 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a GA resident, and resident of Savannah, I feel that the deepening of the Savannah River to accommodate the larger ships coming through the newly deepened Panama Canal is the most important project to impact the economy of our city and state. We need to be able to compete with the other ports along the east coast. The bigger ships are coming, and if we can't handle them, they will simply go elsewhere. This was an issue that influenced how I voted in this past midterm election.

Thank you for your time
Steve Gerard

From: [ansley harrison](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Harbor Deepening
Date: Thursday, December 09, 2010 11:23:18 PM

I for one support the project. I can tell you first hand how important the project is. I work at the GPA as a Crane operator and I see first hand of how many jobs this company creates. Please whatever you do make this lifelong dream for me my family and my coworkers a reality

From: [Eric Holmes](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Harbor Deepening Project
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:09:18 AM

The SHEP project in Savannah is of vital importance for the economic future of Georgia. Please move forward with all haste to keep Georgia Ports up to speed to handle the changing shipping needs of the World Market.

Eric Holmes
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From: [Al Dallas](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Importance of the SHEP
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:14:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is of absolute importance to this region. The State of Georgia and the entire Southeast region has continued to increase its investment in the logistics community. The number of families that are dependent of this vibrant industry sector continues to grow as a result of the State's commitment to making the necessary infrastructure improvements to support this growth. The SHEP will be a monumental step in continuing the work that many have done and support over the last few decades.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: [Pratt Summers](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP - Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 4:22:24 PM

To Whom it May Concern –

I would like to register my support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. The true value of the Port of Savannah to the local and national economy is immeasurable. Over the past fifteen years, Local, State, Federal and private funds have been spent to develop the Port of Savannah into the fastest growing and third largest port in the United States and a true economic engine with the capacity for continued growth. Without the development of the harbor to accommodate post-panamax vessels, this effort will be relegated to history. It is imperative that we deepen the harbor for the continued growth of the Southeastern economy.

Best Regards,

T. Pratt Summers

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From: [Lee Hardeman](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 11:10:59 AM

We STRONGLY support the project to keep Savannah competitive. If this project is not completed by 2014, the "post Panamex" vessels will not be able to call Savannah, putting our port at a great disadvantage. Your favorable consideration is essential to the economic well-being of our area.

Sincerely,

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To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 1:10:46 PM

Mr. William Bailey
PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
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Please consider the positive impact that the SHEP will have on our community and the future of our State.

I am in support of this project.

Teamwork,
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Subject: SHEP Project in Georgia
Date: Friday, December 10, 2010 2:29:45 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I wanted to e-mail my support of the SHEP project for Georgia. This is a very important project that will offer new jobs for Georgia and surrounding areas. AS the US participates in the global market, port growth will be key to that market. Also, with the opening of the Panama canal, the East Coast will become more of a player in cargo traffic.

States like Florida will also benefit as it will bring more opportunities to the Southeast.

Please support this project and continue the growth of the Southeastern United States.

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From: [Ed Thomas](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2010 7:19:47 PM

I am in full support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. This is necessary to keep commerce in the Southeastern United States growing now and in the future.

Please try to move forward with this project as soon as possible.

Ed Thomas

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From: bowenbo@comcast.net
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Project
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 8:31:16 AM

It would be in the best interest of every person in Georgia and the south east for the Ga Ports Authority to be able to get the harbor deeper to accommodate the larger vessels. The Ports provides and supports more good paying jobs than any other employer in the region. It needs to be able to compete when the Panama Canal gets larger they have invested every resource to maintain its competitive role in the shipping industry they have purchased the largest and fastest ship to shore cranes in the world and have already proved that they can still be productive even in the most challenging economies in decades. Thank you for your time.

Thanks Again:

Gerald Bowen

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From: MRUSHING@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah River Deepening
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 9:12:34 AM

The Savannah river deepening is very important to our local community and the whole state of Georgia. The first and most important contribution from this project is jobs. In an atmosphere of layoffs and a sinking economy, good jobs would spur the Georgia economy and help to take us out of the Great Recession.

The second most important contribution from this project is jobs. Deepening the harbor would insure that the ports of Savannah would stay competitive or even exceed other ports as the foremost port of the coast. Larger ships would be able to enter our ports to discharge their larger cargos and more of our Georgia products could be loaded on these vessel. If the river is not deepened, our ports would become a less desirable place for this new cargo and even our existing cargo would go to rival locations.

The third most important contribution from this project is jobs. Larger ships, carrying and loading more cargo, decreases the transportation charges. We all know that by decreasing costs, more shippers would import and export more cargo. With more shippers and more cargo, comes more jobs all over the state and greater prosperity for all the citizens of Georgia.

There is also an added benefit for the state and the federal government that these institutions love more than all others, more taxes to levy to help finance much needed projects like roads, education, and reducing debt.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter in advance
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To: [McIntosh, Margaret \(Mackie\) SAS](#)
Cc: [Bailey, William G SAS](#); [Garrett, Thomas A SAS](#); [Oddi, Peter A SAS](#)
Subject: FW: Extension of Comment Period Sav Harbor Expansion Draft Envir Impact Statement (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 9:58:11 AM
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This action should have had a suspense on it. Please prepare a response by Wed, 15 Dec.

Thanks,
Doris

Doris J. Deutsch
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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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From: [Joe Tyre](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Project
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 10:48:25 AM

The Georgia Ports Authority has for a number of years been a customer of our shop. This project will help the families of not only Ga Ports but families that depend on the support businesses such as ours. We welcome any opportunity that Ga Ports has to expand their business. The effects of that expansion will be felt throughout this community. In this economy any opportunity to stimulate the businesses associated with Ga Ports will be approached with open arms. In short we here at TAW Savannah Service Center see this project as a much needed opportunity to continue to support the families that are employed by this facility and it has our full support.

Regards,

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From: [Stephanie Wagner](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: vickie.brown@accelatrans.com
Subject: SHEP
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 11:31:31 AM

Mr. William Bailey,

I am writing to express my support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). I operate a 3rd party warehouse about 1.5 miles from the port of Savannah and I also operate a trucking agency named Falcon Transport. Between these two companies, we are directly responsible for employing directly or through subcontractors about 70 people. Our business success is highly dependent on the growth and continued competitiveness of the Georgia Ports Authority. I know that SHEP will allow the GPA to continue to be a first ranked port. If not completed, we won't continue to compete on a national scale and the GPA will suffer which will in turn hurt the my 2 businesses as well as the local maritime community at large and in effect the regional and state economy will suffer resulting in more job losses. Please ensure SHEP moves forward so that our community can continue to grow and prosper. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you and Best Regards,

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From: [Steve Waters](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Harbor Widening
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 12:26:21 PM

This is of the utmost importance. We need this project now to stay competitive. This must not be delayed any longer.
Our economy in Georgia needs this. Georgia needs jobs.

Steve R. Waters, RLS

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From: [Thompson, Ryan](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Georgia Ports Authority - SHEP
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 12:36:26 PM

I am sending this email in support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

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Subject: ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 1:18:11 PM

Good Afternoon Mr Bailey,

I am writing you in regard to SHEP. I have been in the transportation business for over 30 years. I have never seen as an important issue come up as the Harbor deepening project. If this does not pass it will put the port of Savannah years behind most other ports in the United States. Due to the enormous impact this will have on the Southeast I feel we need to do whatever it takes to make this project happen. As a small business owner in both the transportation and warehousing industry in the Savannah area this project will directly affect our business as well as many, many others. I really hope this gets passed so I will not be forced to lay off some of my 70 employees. It appears we are already behind on this project and need to get it moving forward as soon as possible. I look forward to watching this project mature.

Best Regards,

Vickie Brown

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From: [Lolly Whatley](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010 1:44:32 PM

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing you in regard to SHEP. I have been in the transportation business for over 10 years. But my mom has worked in it ALL MY life so it has been a part of me for 37 years. I have never seen an important issue come up as the Harbor deepening project. If this does not pass it will put the port of Savannah years behind most other ports in the United States. Due to the enormous impact this will have on the Southeast I feel we need to do whatever it takes to make this project take effect. As me and my mom are both in this business me on the warehousing industry and her in the custom house broker industry in the Savannah area this project will directly affect our business as well as many, many others. I really hope this gets passed so I will not lose my job. It appears we are already behind on this project and need to get it moving forward as soon as possible. I look forward to watching this project mature.

Thank You,

Lolly Whatley

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From: [Ruth Wilson](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: river deepened
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 8:51:24 AM

for the sake of Savannahs future RUTH WILSON ISLE OF HOPE 7637 LaRoche Ave,
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From: [Paul Wilson](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deepening Savannah harbor
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:05:53 AM

Deepening Savannah harbor is a necessity as it will benefit Savannah, Georgia and the entire country.

This endeavor is to be supported at all levels!

Paul & Marie Wilson

From: [Ray Nickens](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deepening of Savannah Harbor
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:31:19 AM

Sirs:

I am in favor of the deepening of the Savannah Harbor to 48'. I feel that this would be an economic plus to our community that would offset any of the adverse effects caused by this process. Also, I feel that problems caused by this could be corrected.

Thank You

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From: helen.beasley@oocl.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:34:47 AM

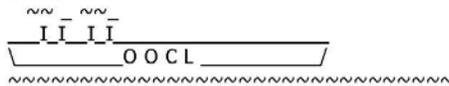
I work for OOCL which is a Steamship line that currently calls the port of Savannah. To remain competitive in the market it is vital the harbor be deepened to allow larger

vessels into the port especially after the Panama Canal expansion is completed. Larger vessels will be coming through and if Savannah cannot accommodate, business for Georgia

will be directed to other ports.

Thanks for Choosing OOCL,
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To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:14:06 AM

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,

As a Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) employee and local resident, I consider the final approval and completion of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) to be especially vital to regional, state and local economies. I am a personal witness of over 29 years that the GPA has implemented strong, responsible economic strategies that have been of enormous benefit to numerous entities in a highly competitive global shipping market. GPA, the fourth busiest container port in the United States of America, is poised to fully take advantage of benefits associated with larger capacity cargo vessels requiring deeper water to efficiently transit the Savannah Harbor.

As the anticipated Panama Canal Expansion completion date quickly approaches, it has become more evident that the SHEP approvals and funding are now necessary without delay. The inter-modal port community is in strong support of this project. The U.S. Corps of Engineers continued support and partnership is greatly needed and appreciated.

Best regards,

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From: [mark.bowers](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deepening of the harbor
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 2:29:30 PM

I believe that this project is in the best interest of all of Georgia because of the economic impact it will have towards Georgia's future. Without it, South Carolina or Florida could gain all of the benefits.

From: [Tom Wiley](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 2:22:36 PM

Sir or Madam:

I am writing to offer my support for The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). I have been following this project for many years and recognize it as not only significant to our local, state and southeast economy but truly one of national importance. The port of Savannah is responsible for already moving 8.3% of all containerized cargo throughout the United States. It is the fourth largest container port in our nation and the fastest growing. It currently serves approximately 21,000 companies in all 50 states, over 75% of which are headquartered outside of Georgia.

The SHEP will allow larger, deeper draft ships to call on the Port of Savannah, the import/export gateway to 44% of the US population. The economies of scale offered by Post Panamax ships will result in an average of 17% cost savings to US exporters and importers when compared to the operating costs of Panamax vessels. This deepening is a must to remain competitive in the market and ensure shipping companies do not find other alternatives.

I understand the SHEP serves as a model for future Corps projects with significant Federal Agency collaboration throughout the study process.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Wiley

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From: [Mark Lytle](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Channel Deepening
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 2:31:08 PM

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers

Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Re. Savannah River Channel Deepening Project

Dear Mr. Bailey,

As a citizen of Georgia for nearly forty years, I can tell you that I am not aware of any project since the interstate highway system that can have a greater positive impact on the overall economy of southeast region of the US than the Savannah River Channel Deepening project. Enhancing the Savannah port capacity is one of the most effective and cost efficient ways to create long-term quality jobs and investment both from foreign and domestic companies across the entire southeast region.

As a federal level officer I certainly appreciate that Georgia's economy is not your only concern. I also know that there are other candidates for this type of channel deepening all the way from Miami to Charleston.

With that said, I am convinced that none of those other locations will provide the significant logistical advantages to shipping companies that Savannah possesses. That container handling advantage, port expansion potential and closer access to markets is what brings the shipping companies. Savannah's more central and western location on the east coast means that products coming and going through the Port of Savannah can easily reach any city from Miami to Kentucky to the Northeast states in only one day's truck drive, thereby bringing jobs and investments in the logistical network across that entire region vs. at isolated hubs with other locations.

I encourage you to make a positive recommendation for the deepening of the Savannah River channel. If there is any information I can provide to support your decision making process, please let me know how I can help.

Sincerely,

Mark Lytle
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From: [Henry Minis](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: FW: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 2:40:19 PM
Importance: High

We must keep up with the needs of THE PORT OF SAVANNAH. The port is a major part of the economic pie for our city, state and the country, so it is of utmost importance the the HARBOR OF SAVANNAH MUST BE 48 FEET.
Henry H Minis

From: Cliff McCurry [<mailto:cliff.mccurry@seacrestpartners.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:54 AM
To: seacrestpartners.com users
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Subject: FW: Savannah Harbor Deepening

Seacrest team,

I am forwarding this email from my son Jamie to you for information and hopefully your support for this project that is critical to our city, state and region. The economic impact for all of Georgia will be huge, when this project is completed and will allow our Savannah port to continue to grow and accommodate the "mega ships" that are coming when the Panama Canal expansion and deepening is completed in 2014.

On the other hand, if this project is not approved and funded, it will be devastating to our local and state economy.

Please see the statistics and information below and take the time to send your comments to the Corps of Engineers email address below, and share with others as well.

Thank you!

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From: JMCCURRY@gaports.com [<mailto:JMCCURRY@gaports.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:25 AM
To: JMCCURRY@gaports.com
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening

Friends,

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) reached a milestone on November 16, 2010, when the US Army Corps of Engineers released the study documents for public comment. While this marked an important step toward project study completion, your participation remains important to completing this project of national significance.

A Public Workshop will be held this Wednesday, December 15 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center on the second floor. This workshop is an open format meaning with no formal presentation, but will include exhibits for the environmental, engineering and economic aspects of the project. Comment cards and a court recorder will be available for public comments on the project. Individual participation in this workshop is welcomed and encouraged.

Your formal comments either by US mail or via email are critical to assisting the agency authorities in understanding the importance of this project to you or your business. The Corps of Engineers needs to know why you think the river should be deepened to 48 feet.

The deadline for comments is January 10, 2011. Please send your written support via US mail to:

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Comments can also be emailed to: CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil <<mailto:CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil>> .

Please take the time to communicate your support for the SHEP. This is an important project to the future of our state and to the future transportation infrastructure needs of our nation. The decision makers need to know the importance of this project to you.

Thanks for your continued support.

Jamie

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About the SHEP.....

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From: frichard388@aol.com
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 3:32:17 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very much in favor of the SHEP project, to increase the depth of the Savannah River to 48 feet. Savannah is a lovely, historic city; however, our reliance upon tourism as a major source of income is tenuous and overly dependent on the vicissitudes of consumerism. Making our seaport more accessible and desirable will have immediate and positive effects on our local economy for the indefinite future. Savannah is poised to be THE port city for the southeastern States, and this project is instrumental to that eventuality.

Respectfully yours,

The Rev. Richard Nelson, rector
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Isle of Hope, Savannah

From: [John A. Henry, J.D.](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Comments SHEP
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 3:58:48 PM
Attachments: [John A Henry.vcf](#)

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Mr. Bailey,

I would like to lend full support to the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) as it represents a tremendous economic benefit to Effingham County, the Coastal Georgia region, the State of Georgia and the entire Southeast. We rely heavily upon the benefits that the Georgia Ports Authority's terminals in Savannah to recruit new industry to this area. We have been the direct beneficiary of several industrial projects that have provided jobs, tax receipts and other economic benefits directly related to the importing and/or exporting through the ports here.

I believe that as we see burgeoning foreign markets continue to grow, we will see the need for greater import and export functions through the ports in order to maintain our national competitiveness. Maintaining a competitive port is an essential ingredient in maintaining a competitive economy in this region.

Best Regards,

John A. Henry, CEO
Effingham County Industrial Development Authority

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From: teresa.gates@wellsfargo.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:21:04 AM

I am a Savannah resident and work in downtown Savannah and I am in full support of the SHEP. It will be beneficial to our growth and the future infrastructure of Savannah and it's port.

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From: GSMITH@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 4:43:47 PM

Mr. Bailey:

The Savannah river deepening is very important to our local community and the entire state of Georgia. Deepening of the Harbor will insure that the ports of Savannah stay competitive when larger ships start going through the Panama Canal. It would enable them to enter our ports to discharge more cargo and more of our Georgia products could be loaded on these vessels. I see the larger vessels as a way for the Shipping Lines to minimize their costs so probably more will put them into service. If they are not able to call here, larger vessels would be forced to go elsewhere, which would result in job losses for Georgia and surrounding areas.

I am afraid that this could be detrimental to our economy.

I am in full support of SHEP and hereby cast my vote in support of deepening the Savannah Harbor.

Thank you,
Glenda Smith
Savannah, Georgia
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From: bill.shira@gulfstream.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: kdye@seda.org; shiras2@springmail.com
Subject: Support for Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 5:46:03 PM

By this email I express my strong support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. The Port of Savannah has been one of Savannah's greatest economic assets since the founding of Georgia and in order to remain so, it must be deepened to 48 feet to continue to compete globally. The Port of Savannah serves approximately 21,000 companies in all 50 states, over 75% of which are headquartered outside of Georgia. So while this project is critical to the economic prosperity of our state, it is also important to the future transportation infrastructure needs of our nation.

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Sincerely,

Bill Shira, 5507 Waters Drive, Savannah, GA 31406, 912-354-9934);

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From: [Greg Parker](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: I strongly agree that we need to deepen the Savannah River Harbor.
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 6:03:39 PM

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From: [Michael Giebner](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 6:14:44 PM

Dear Sir,

My name is Michael Giebner. I respectfully request that SHEP be approved. Seventy percent of U.S. consumers and seventy percent of job creating companies are located east of a line drawn from Chicago to Dallas. The Port of Savannah is strategically positioned to reach forty four percent of the U.S. population and forty two percent of all job creating companies. I believe that an economic loss of this magnitude as a result of a failure to approve SHEP would have a devastating effect on our nation's economy. The result of which we can ill-afford especially during today's economic environment.

Thankyou for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Michael L. Giebner
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From: [Barry Mathis](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah River Harbor deepening project
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 7:35:20 PM

Please allow me to express my support for the Harbor deepening project. As a local business owner, I know how our ports are such a vital part of our local economy and we need to be able to continue to compete with other ports along our coast line. I strongly feel that our community as a whole should support this effort and recognize the positive impact the harbor deepening project will have on Savannah's continued economic strength.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments in support of this worthwhile project.

Barry L Mathis
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From: [Maria Lancaster](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support for deepening of the Savannah Harbor
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 8:36:18 AM

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to express my strong support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. With the port of Savannah comes a reputation of being an International city, an international hub. The world sees Savannah not only as a place for tourists to visit, but also as a place to do international business. With growth in worldwide communications and commerce, without the port Savannah will lose its competitive edge to other southern cities along the eastern seaboard with ports who are aggressively pursuing the deepening of their harbors. Savannah will not be able to attract new businesses that will in turn generate business for the companies already based in Savannah.

Without the deepening of the harbor there will be, overtime, no Port of Savannah. Savannah will be seen as just another sleepy, quaint southern town. Jobs will be lost without a way to create them elsewhere. Savannah and the state of Georgia will lose jobs, commerce and revenues.

Sincerely,
Maria Lancaster

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From: [Patrick Onofrio](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 8:39:40 AM

As a former employee of the Ports, I strongly support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. The Port of Savannah has been one of our greatest economic assets since the founding of Georgia and in order to remain so, it must be deepened to 48 feet to continue to compete globally.

Patrick Onofrio - CPA
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From: [Jim Rayburn](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:16:12 AM

My purpose in writing is to express my strong support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. The project provides a vital tool for the import/export capabilities of the entire eastern seaboard of the United States. I urge you to do whatever you can to move the project forward to a successful conclusion. Thank you for your time.

James L. Rayburn, PE

President

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From: [Vic Burke](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deeping of the Savannah Harbor
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:22:51 AM

As a lifelong resident of the Savannah area, I've concluded from experience that the economic well-being is founded on port activity. I strongly support the deepening of the Savannah River harbor and believe it will be economically beneficial not only to my home area but to the entire state of Georgia as well.

Thanks,

Vic Burke
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From: [Tim Blanco](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support Going to 48 feet
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:25:03 AM

As a resident of Savannah and a believer in the benefits of the impact of deepening the port of Savannah, this e-mail is intended to serve as support of the project moving forward. Thanks, Tim

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From: [Lee Hardeman](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:25:31 AM

ATTN: Mr. William Bailey

The Port of Savannah is a critical link connecting Atlanta and the Southeastern U.S. with markets around the world. In order to accommodate the larger ships that will begin transiting the Panama Canal beginning in August of 2014 the Savannah Harbor needs to be deepened to 48 feet. SHEP is critical to our future competitiveness and essential to enable Georgia businesses like mine to compete. Studies have shown it could shift as much as 25% of current trade flows from the west to east coast. That will attract new facilities and create jobs here in Georgia. We strongly urge you to approve this important project.

Warmest regards,

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From: [Tim Cooper](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SAVANNAH HARBOUR DEEPENING PROJECT (SHEP)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:27:20 AM

Dear Sir

I am the President of Plumtree Company. We import and distribute plant equipment for the Commercial and Newspaper Printing businesses in USA and Canada through the Port of Savannah.

It is of great interest to me and my Company that Savannah maintains its premium position as a port of entry on the East Coast of USA.

Please record my support for this project.

Yours sincerely,

T.S.B. Cooper
President
Plumtree Company

From: [Pete White](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Archie C. White, III](#); [Tim White](#); [Annette D. Howard](#); [Mina Price](#); [Pete White](#); [Fred Southiers](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:37:58 AM
Attachments: [Savannah_Harbor_Expansion_Project.doc](#)

Mr. Bailey,

Our Company is a Georgia headquartered company with multiple locations in the state and we are proudly celebrating our 85th anniversary in 2011. We strongly feel the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project will ultimately effect our company as well as all other Georgia based companies in the years to come. Please consider our formal thoughts in the attached document.

Best Regards!

Pete White

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From: [Ralph Maggioni](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:43:32 AM

Dear Mr. Bailey:

If we do not deepen the Savannah Harbor, the financial effects on the region and the entire state will be disastrous. It has taken many years to develop the port at Savannah into the fastest growing port in the U.S. Attracting shipping lines to Savannah hinges on a deeper river. We can ill afford to destroy such an engine of productivity, especially a port that has an ideal balance of imports and exports.

Merry Christmas and God bless,

Ralph

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From: [Diane Welker](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deepen the Harbor
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:58:41 AM

Dear Sir or Madam---

Deepening the Savannah River harbor will be a godsend for business and for the port. Let's do it!

Diane Welker
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From: [Rex Benton](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Deepen the Savannah Harbor
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:03:35 AM
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As a commercial real estate agent with work experience in both Atlanta & Savannah over the last 10 years, I have seen boost to both area economies thanks to growth of Savannah's ports. But, the port is much more vital to just the state of Georgia. The Port of Savannah serves approximately 21,000 companies in all 50 states, over 75% of which are headquartered outside of Georgia.

The "growth" of the port, not just the existing output, is vital to the expansion of the state's economy, especially in competing with our neighboring states for the new larger panamax ships. Deepening the harbor is crucial to our economy & for providing job growth/economic development, tax revenue & multiple other "trickle down" benefits.

Please move forward on the project & recommend the harbor be deepened to 48'. Please do not delay any further.

Thank you!

Rex Benton

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From: GELMORE@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SAVANNAH RIVER
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:03:29 AM

I'm in agreement deepening the Savannah River to 48 feet. I have worked for the Georgia Ports Authority for the past 30 years and as we all know the importance of deepening the Savannah River.
Regards,
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From: [workshop Savannah](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Jonathan Carter Comments
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:18:16 AM

I think that this will be extremely important for our developing economy in Savannah and Georgia. We will need to be able to keep up with the other large ports around the world. Keep up the good work!

From: wwaters@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: HARBOR
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:29:00 AM

STATE OF GEORGIA NEEDS THE ECONOMIC GROWTH THE RIVER CAN PROVIDE

From: [CY_Savannah_Historic_District_GA_MDOS_\(F\)](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:30:02 AM

Good afternoon -

I am writing in support of Savannah Harbor deepening. The positive economic impact will be felt for years to come. As our port has increased in tonnage over the years - we have kept up with demand - adding cranes, train lines, and expanding I-95 south of Savannah, etc. Why would we decide to no longer keep up with the changing times? Is it due to money? With the amount of money needed for the deepening - how much ROI (return on investment) will we have? And not ROI for just the ports but for the local, state, nation and world. The server in the restaurant down the street, the value of people's homes in the area, the local store clerk selling bread - all require the ports for job security. As do people in Indonesia, China, and Mexico - all crafting items we buy, sell and trade. Savannah needs to set the trend for the rest of the world at 48 feet deep and we need to ensure we are not left behind.

Thank you,

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From: [Courtney Snyder](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:42:30 AM

I wanted to send in my support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion project. GA Ports as a whole are a huge asset to the region, state, country and the world. Since exports are needed for the future growth of the entire nation I feel this project must go forward to keep us competitive with other countries. We know that Panama is moving forward with their deepening project and other cities will be vying to win the business from shipping lines. Savannah and the GA Ports must keep up the momentum. The 48 foot dredging project will help to keep the unemployment rate low, maintain housing prices and allow for growth.

Best regards,

Courtney Snyder

Sales Manager

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From: RMACDONALD@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP is ECONOMIC RECOVERY!!
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:54:15 AM

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is the one necessary investment component that ensures the volume of international cargo, which sustains our economic model, will continue flowing into our country and region.

Without this project commerce is stifled and economic growth stunted. SHEP is ECONOMIC RECOVERY!!

Thank-you.

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From: mfajen@comcast.net
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Dredging of the Savannah River Channel to "48"
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 12:02:18 PM

On behalf of myself and my wife Linda, just a note to let you know that we wholeheartedly support the deepening of the channel to 48'. I believe that this will improve Savannah's economic status and benefit the nation as a whole. Prior to retiring I managed CITGO Asphalt refinery with its active dock importing crude and shipping out refined products and asphalt. I fully understand that deepening the channel in advance of the work on the Panama canal will allow Savannah and the southeast to enjoy reduced transportation cost (both ways) and help us to compete with other marine markets. This is an important project which should be undertaken as soon as possible.

Mike and Linda Fajen
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Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...

From: [Rusty Ross](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:19:13 AM
Attachments: [rustyross@mmmlaw.com.vcf](#)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a native Savannahian, I grew up hunting and fishing around our wonderful town and up and down the Savannah River and its many tributaries. I find our environment has actually improved since the days that large industry and paper mills crowded the port and Ralph Nader was writing about it. Today, we have a relatively clean industry that is taking shape very nicely, container traffic, logistics and transportation. We should encourage this and I fully support the Harbor Deepening project.

Basically, it has taken 13 years to get to the stage where every logical person has concluded that the Project is feasible, profitable and can be done with minimal damage to the environment. If we had more thoughtful and well researched projects like this, our money would be much better spent by the politicians in Washington.

I realize that there are fringe groups on the environmental side that will never accept any development or any project that disturbs the environment. Unfortunately, we can't go back to the days of the Indians and General Oglethorpe. We must move forward, rationally and realistically. I believe this is what has happened over the 13 years and with the report from the Corp. All voices have been heard, all studies done and it is now time.

We have few occasions when we have the opportunity to do the right thing for the economy, nationally and locally, for the environment and for the people. Now is that time. We need the boost to the economy.

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From: [Kepp, John](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Miller, Bryan](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening Project.
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:20:38 PM

Mr. William Bailey

ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Hello, Zebra Enterprise Solutions (ZES), a division of Zebra Technologies Corporation, supports the Savannah Harbor Deepening Project. The goal of the project is to increase container flow in the state of Georgia. The increase in container flow will create new employment opportunities for Georgians and U.S. logistic solution providers. ZES is U.S.-based and recognizes the Georgia Port Authority (GPA) as one of its most valuable customers since 2000. GPA has grown its facility over the last 10 years and has looked to ZES to help develop its ongoing automation strategies. ZES believes that GPA has been a good steward to its employees and continues to grow its employee base as volumes increase.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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From: Karen.GUINN@jcb.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:39:26 PM

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I want to make you aware of my support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP).

I work for JCB and know that our company is heavily reliant on the Georgia Ports for the import and export of our products. The proximity and strength of the Georgia Ports were primary factors in JCB's decision to base our North American headquarters here in Savannah, GA. Today, JCB employs nearly 500 people based out of Savannah and we have plans to expand our workforce in 2011 and 2012. Moving forward with the expansion project will allow us to continue to grow and prosper in this community.

We need to have the port infrastructure in place in order to continue to attract businesses to this area, and to help support the businesses that have made the commitment to move here. In addition, the SHEP will assist our nation in successfully meeting the National Export Initiative, created by Executive Order of President Obama.

After reading the study documents released by the Army Corp of Engineers, I am confident that proceeding with the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is the right thing to do. I am in full support of the SHEP and deepening the harbor from 42ft to 48ft.

Sincerely,

Karen Guinn

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From: RKESSLER@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: shep
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:40:08 PM

I would like to voice my support for this project. This will help continue the growth of GPA and help keep jobs for people all over the state.

From: ALEIGHTON@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:47:47 PM

Yes, I do support the Harbor Expansion Project.
This will help grow the economy with additional jobs across the State of Georgia.

Thank You
Andrew J Leighton
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From: [Wolf, Travis](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:52:33 PM

Mr. William Bailey:

I am writing to you to express my very strong support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. The recommended improvements below are necessary for the growth and expansion of business in Georgia and the Southeast. The Port of Savannah must be competitive in the future and remain a strategic asset for the region.

Recommended improvements:

- channel deepening from the sea through the Harbor Entrance Channel to the Garden City Terminal
- channel widening to create meeting areas at Long Island and Oglethorpe Ranges
- widening and deepening of the Kings Island Turning Basin
- channel widening at three bends

Best of wishes in this endeavor;

Travis Wolf

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From: [Rick Parrish](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Comment to Support the Deepening of the Savannah Harbor
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:53:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to provide comment on the proposed deepening of the Savannah Harbor.

1. It is evident to all that the economy of the Greater Savannah Area is heavily dependent upon the success of GA Ports.
2. Deepening the harbor will allow for larger ships, carrying more containers, to access the Ports.
3. More container traffic multiplies into more jobs and investment in equipment by the Ports, but also has far reaching affects to other private industries in the area (logistics, lodging, fuel, restaurants, real estate, etc.).

With today's economy, we need more projects like this to stimulate the economy, providing both short and long term benefits to this community.

Rick Parrish, LEED AP

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From: rhutcheson@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:10:02 PM

I would like to pledge my support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. I feel that this is a much needed project to keep the economic engine for the State of Georgia competitive in today and tomorrow's global economy.

Thanks,
Randy Hutcheson
Manager, System Administration
Georgia Ports Authority
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912-663-2374 (Cell)

From: [workshop Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Channel Expansion
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:15:19 PM

I think this is a great idea and a long time coming!

Martin Wade
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December 15, 2010

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Dear Mr. Bailey:

St. Joseph's/Candler proudly joins with our community's economic and political leaders in support of all efforts to enhance the Savannah Harbor.

For more than 275 years the port of Savannah has been an economic engine for our community, the state and the nation. Today, it is a successful and thriving hub of commerce and trade and ranks as the 4th largest containers port in the country. The proposed harbor expansion project will allow Savannah and the state of Georgia the necessary competitive edge to advance the commercial needs and trade expectations of our nation and the world.

Unlike other ports where empty containers are shipped back across the ocean to supply overseas producers, Savannah is unique in it is the country's only major port with a relatively balanced volume of imports and exports. With more than 300,000 jobs statewide attributed to the Georgia Ports Authority, it is also the state's biggest generator of jobs.

As President and CEO of the region's largest healthcare provider---another leading economic engine for our community---- I endorse any such initiatives that will further lead to the economic development of our community, our state and our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul P. Hinchey".

Paul P. Hinchey
President and CEO

/tc

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From: [Caroline Edwards](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:19:52 PM

As a member of the Savannah/Chatham County Community I would like to voice my support for the deepening of the Savannah River.

Thank you & Merry Christmas~

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From: [Bob Pertierra](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: MAC Letter of Support - (SHEP)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:20:14 PM
Attachments: [Gaffney SHEP ltr of support dec 2010.pdf](#)

Mr. William Bailey

US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

ATTN: PD

100 West Oglethorpe Avenue

Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640

Dear Mr. Bailey,

The Port of Savannah is a critical link connecting Atlanta and the Southeastern U.S. with markets around the world. In order to accommodate the larger ships that will begin transiting the Panama Canal beginning in August of 2014 the Savannah Harbor needs to be deepened to 48 feet. The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) is critical to our future competitiveness and essential to enable Georgia businesses to compete. Studies have shown it could shift as much as 25% of current trade flows from the west to east coast. That will attract new facilities and create jobs here in Georgia.

As vice president of supply chain development and the executive director of the Supply Chain Leadership Council for the last seven years I have become an expert in Georgia's logistics industry. This project is critical to the continued growth and success of that industry and will create thousands of jobs for metro Atlanta. Additionally, it will significantly improve the efficient flow of interstate commerce in the Southeast and the nation.

On behalf of the Supply Chain Leadership Council attached is a letter of support from our chairman Chris Gaffney, President of Coca-Cola Supply.

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From: [Robert Pryor](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Harbor Deepening
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:44:47 PM

hello,
My name is Robert Pryor and i just wanted to express my support for the deepening project.

From: [pj.daniels](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: The Savannah Harbor Expansion (SHEP)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:53:11 PM

Dear Mr. William Bailey,

I would like to comment why the Savannah Harbor should be expanded. The Harbor is a vital source of livelihood for not just our immediate community, but for those far away as well. Those ships that come into our harbor bring goods from around the world that is transported by truck, train and even air to many cities throughout our nation. It allows our military and their equipment to be transported to various locations in the world and keeps our local economy stable. So many lives depend on the immeasurable work that comes from the port, not just directly but the support jobs as well. We NEED the expansion especially since the work that comes through the port has increased and will continue to increase with this expansion.

My life has been directly blessed because of the port like so many others locally and I hope my comments will make a difference in support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion.

Sincerely,
Patricia J. Daniels

From: [workshop Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:56:10 PM

I have been in the logistics industry for twelve years, eight of which have been spent here in the Savannah market. It is critical that the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project goes into effect for not only long term positive growth for the city of Savannah, but the long term positive growth of the state of Georgia.

Regards,

Cameron Cobb

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From: [pi.daniels](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: The Savannah Harbor Expansion (SHEP)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 5:10:10 PM

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am a member of the International Longshoremen Association and have been for the last 37 years. I am definitely in support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion because it will bring more work to our ports. Once the Panama Canal opens those huge cargo ships and the economic impact it will bring could go to the west coast because the east coast, particularly Savannah's port, would be unable to accommodate them due to their size if the dredging is not done. It will guarantee the growth of our Port and it will secure jobs for our future generations. It will keep the money flowing in our community and keep our local Savannahians employed. I LOVE my job and I have all the years I have worked the waterfront. I hope and pray the expansion goes through because so many jobs, lives and the future of countless people depend on it.

Thank you,
Harold L. Daniels

From: [workshop_Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Comment Card
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 5:52:17 PM

I am here tonight to show my support for the deepening of the Port of Savannah Harbor. I am old enough to recall the previous deepening projects. The benefits have been exceeded in each case and likewise the negatives have not been realized. This port is crucial to the national safety and economic wellbeing. We are an export and import port, which many other ports cannot lay claim to.

The deepening meets the national economic goals of jobs throughout Georgia and the USA. Frankly, 50 feet would be suitable to me.

Eli Karatassos
eli@elipk.com

From: [workshop Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Comment Card
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:00:58 PM

i am in favor of this project think it the best for Savannah and the state of Ga it will produce many new jobs.

Daniel Mulcahy
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From: [workshop_Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Comment Cared
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:03:20 PM

I support the deepening of the river. This would help strengthen the hole economics of the greater Savannah area. Go for it

Ty Smalley
tysmly@yahoo.com

From: [workshop_Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Comment /CARD
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:06:29 PM

I SUPPORT THE DEEPENING OF THE RIVER IT WILL HELP PRODUCE MORE JOBS, AND STIMULATE THE ECONOMY. I SAY YES AND GO FOR IT.

MATTHEW SHIFFLETT

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From: [workshop_Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Comment Card
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:37:15 PM

I am in support of this project. I believe it will be a boost for the Ga economy. The study has been well researched.

From: [workshop Savannah](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: shep comment card
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:39:41 PM

Can't wait to the project to start. My husband is ILA 1475, he can't wait to go to work when all of this takes place.
Way to go! LETS GET STARTED!

From: [JAKE WATSON](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 8:55:25 PM

Making Savannah River deeper will make the economy better in Savannah and surrounding county, meaning bigger ships more cargo more jobs! and at times like this jobs are number (1) on the waiting list.

THANKS
HERBERT WATSON

From: Webb924@aol.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 9:12:50 PM

Harbor deepening will be the most paramount infrastructure event of this century, both encouraging growth and jobs in this region, yes not just Savannah or even Georgia but all of the surrounding areas in this region.

Jobs in shipping, transportation (road, sea, and rail), distributing centers, stores and the manufacturing groups, it will allow families to prosper and assist with rebuilding our countries economy.

As a riverfront worker I cannot express to importance of you to move forward rapidly with this project to keep it in the same time line with the Panama canal widening, when the larger vessels move through we need to be prepared to receive them in Savannah.

Keep moving forward with this project.

Best regards, Melvin Webb

From: [Alton Brown Jr.](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: harbor expansion project
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 7:10:26 AM

Subject: Maintenance of the Existing Savannah Harbor Federal Navigation Project

Chatham County, Georgia and Jasper County, South Carolina

I am providing this email in response to the Joint Public Notice dated 15 November 2010 and to express my full support of the subject project. Since its inception in 1733, the Savannah River and its Port have been the engine driving the economic viability of this region. The historic channel maintenance, frequent improvements, and ability to adapt to the ever changing shipping industry have sustained the Port of Savannah. Considering those historic modifications required in the past and looking forward to the port and global shipping industry of the future, the proposed harbor deepening project is critical to the sustainability of the Port of Savannah and the economy of this region of the Southeast.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has provided a sound proposal to facilitate deepening of the harbor while considering and fully mitigating for any unavoidable environmental impacts. We appreciate the level effort of provided by the USACE, exhaustive studies completed in association with the project, and the development of an appropriate harbor deepening plan. Were this harbor deepening postponed or abandoned, there is no local or state industry which could fill the resulting economic void or which would prohibit the inevitable economic collapse of the Lowcountry of Georgia and South Carolina. We can only hope that the project will receive direct approval and that the construction phase will begin immediately.

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From: [Stringer, Christopher](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 8:35:27 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am in full support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. By deepening the harbor, we are paving way for future economic growth in Savannah and outlying areas. In summary I feel it is absolutely critical that this project move forward, and I issue my full support.

Sincerely,

Christopher Stringer

From: [Johnny Wilson](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP Support
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 8:58:41 AM

As a terminal equipment solutions provider with over 40 years of experience and operations in more than 20 marine terminals along the Eastern and Gulf Seaboards, TIOC (Terminal Investment Corporation) supports the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project because of its significant national importance. While there are certainly positive state and local implications to be realized through the expansion, TICO views SHEP, similar to many other programs moving forward across the nation, as a critical infrastructure investment that will enable our Country to remain competitive in the international trade scene. 2014 is fast approaching, and with it comes the opening of the wider, more efficient Panama Canal. We must move with all deliberate speed in preparation for what we know lies ahead.

I personally believe the minimal impact, if any, on the environment would be more than justified to open the door for so many that are now unemployed.

Johnny Wilson

VP of Maintenance

TICO/Terminal Services

From: [Christopher Yarbrough](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Dad Yarbrough](#)
Subject: Shep
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 10:11:28 AM

12-16-2010

Hello,

I'm am writing you today to express to you the importance to the port of Savannah that this expansion project be carried to the fullest extent possible. Without this project, the shipping companies whom are already our loyal customers, creating thousands of jobs, and billions of dollars in revenue for the state of Georgia, can and must find a port that will accommodate them! This project will not only help Savannah keep the business which we already have worked so hard to achieve, but ensure the further growth of the port, the creation of thousands of more jobs, billions more in revenue, and secure the future of the port! Without this project the well being of the port of Savannah and it's ability to thrive may be severely jeopardized, along with the billions of people who depend on the port of Savannah in their everyday lives!

We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this project that all of the Corp personnel has put forth. It is a pleasure to have you working with us to secure the future of the port of Savannah, Ga USA.

-Christopher L. Yarbrough Jr
Savannah Pilots Assoc.
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From: [Melcher, Jan](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 10:47:14 AM

To whom it may concern:

Your consideration of the economic and trade implications for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor is greatly appreciated and supported in the region.

As the fourth largest container port in the country, the Port of Savannah serves approximately 21,000 companies in all 50 states, over 75% of which are headquartered outside of Georgia. So while this project is critical to the economic prosperity of our state, it is also important to the future transportation infrastructure needs of our nation.

Time is of the essence due to the domino effects of improvements with the Panama Canal.

We need to keep jobs in Georgia and create additional ones. This would provide a much needed boost to our local economy in Savannah as well as for the State of Georgia.

As an economic development professional, I ask your support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor.

Sincerely,

Jan Melcher

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From: [Angela Hendrix](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Port Harbor Deepening
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:43:07 PM

The Port of Savannah is one of our state's greatest economic assets. We need to approve deepening to 48 feet to continue to compete globally. This is not only critical to our state's economic prosperity and Savannah's but to the future transportation infrastructure needs of our nation.

Angela Hendrix
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From: GMOTORPOOL@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:47:12 PM

The Harbor deepening project is very important to Savannah and Surrounding Areas. The impact of Georgia Ports is felt in many states outside of Georgia and this will only grow. This will help boost our Economy and create many new jobs, that we desperately need. The Future of your children and my children depends on the harbor deepening.

Robert Mark Warren

Sincerely,

From: [William B. Hood](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:52:03 PM

The Port of Savannah is one of the few bright spots in the State of Georgia's economy. With the current domestic recession that we are experiencing the SHEP will allow our businesses in Georgia and the rest of the United States to export much higher volume of trade goods much more efficiently resulting in new jobs here in Georgia. SHEP is critical to Georgia's competitiveness in the U.S. and offshore.

We urge you to get this project completed.

Best regards,

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Subject: SHEP
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 3:57:22 PM

Mr. Bailey:

I just want to voice my opinion on the deepening of the harbor. I think it is very important for the future of our local community as well as the state of Georgia. If the bigger ships can not come to Savannah, they will go to the port that can service them. The shipping lines will be using larger vessels because it will reduce the overall cost for them. The port of Savannah is responsible for many jobs in our state and if we can not keep up with the competition, Georgia will lose out in the end.

I support SHEP and would vote in favor of deepening the harbor.

Thank you,
Dianne White
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From: [Michelle Rice](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 4:06:00 PM

I would like to extend my strong support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. This project ensures economic growth and stability locally and regionally. SHEP's positive impact will be seen for generations to come.

Regards,

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From: djohnson@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 4:38:39 PM

To whom it may concern

I would like to express my support for the Savannah Harbor Deepening Project. As an employee of Georgia Ports, I am very proud of Georgia's ports and am excited about the possibilities for the port in the future. Making our port accessible to the larger container vessels that are coming into service will be an open door to growth for the economy of the state.

Devin Johnson
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From: [Bob Pertierra](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: MAC Letter of Support - (SHEP)
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 5:37:15 PM
Attachments: [Ltr of support SHEP - from Sam Williams.pdf](#)

Mr. William Bailey

US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

ATTN: PD

100 West Oglethorpe Avenue

Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640

Dear Mr. Bailey,

On behalf of the Metro Atlanta Chamber and our more than 4,000 members, I am writing you today to express our full support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). This project is critical to the continued growth of metro Atlanta, Georgia and the Southeast Region. International trade and the movement of goods are essential to our economic prosperity. Increasing the capacity of Savannah's Port will enable increased trade throughout the region, promote future growth, and create jobs for Georgia.

Please enter the attached letter from our President Sam A. Williams into the formal record.

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From: [Cliff McCurry](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010 6:21:23 PM

Mr. Bailey,

I regret that I was unable to attend the public hearing yesterday at the Savannah Civic Center, but I am writing you to let you know of my strong support for this project. As you may know, my son Jamie is the Director of Administration at the Georgia Ports Authority, so I have certainly been kept up to date on the extensive environmental and economic impact studies that have been done.

As a past Chairman of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Savannah Economic Development Authority, and a current board member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, I feel that this project is critical to our city, region, and nation. If we are to continue the growth of imports and exports through the fastest growing port in the U.S., and provide growth in employment for our citizens, it is imperative that the Port of Savannah be in a position to handle the mega ships that will be transiting the Panama Canal in 2014.

Thank you for your support of this vital project.

Best regards,

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From: [John Beasley](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening Project
Date: Friday, December 17, 2010 11:15:17 AM

I believe that the proposed deepening of the Savannah Harbor is vital for the future of this nation's fastest growing container port. The recently completed study of the environmental and economic impacts of this project appears to be very thorough and deliberative and I support going forward with this project.

Sincerely,

John R. Beasley
225 Lyman Hall
Savannah GA 31410

From: [Dave Williams](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: My Support for SHEP
Date: Friday, December 17, 2010 11:47:44 AM

To Whom It May Concern -

Please give your full support to the approval and funding of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). Georgia's Ports have been a leader in the industry and an economic stimulus for Savannah, Georgia, and the United States! Georgia's Ports create hundreds of thousands of jobs and generate billions of dollars in federal, state, and local tax revenues.

Thank you.

David H Williams
Statesboro, GA

From: GMOTORPOOL@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: SHEP
Date: Friday, December 17, 2010 1:52:51 PM

Sir

As an Employee of the Georgia Ports Authority I felt compelled to write you with my views on the Savannah Harbor Deepening Project.

I think the bottom line up front is that this project needs to be completed as soon as possible so the port can continue to enjoy the growth that

I've seen since I've been employed here. I also think that this will bring more good paying jobs to this area as well as the state of Georgia

and surrounding states I understand from reading the news paper that this has been in the planning stages for many years and I feel that the time

has come to deepen the channel to the recommended 48' so that when the Panama Canal is completed

we will be ready to handle the bigger ships

that will want to call on the port of Savannah.

Respectfully

Terrance J. Jeffrey
Fleet Mechanic
Georgia Ports Authority

From: [Jeanne Seaver](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: jeanneseaver@aol.com
Subject: GA Ports Authority Deepening
Date: Friday, December 17, 2010 4:12:59 PM

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

I wanted to relay my support of the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. I agree with most in the state that by deepening the ports it will bring more business and jobs to our State and the nation. It will also create additional revenues.

I attended the GPA annual meeting and also the meeting in Atlanta earlier this month and feel I am well educated on the project and without a doubt is a win win situation for all Georgians and citizens in the USA! The GPA Team is a first class act with all their ducks in a row. They understand the commitment it takes to run a business and the proven track record of successful! The business is busting at the seams and we need to let it keep growing!

On my journey as a former 2010 candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in the GA 12th, I met many Georgians in my travels over the past year. There was only a few that I came across that were against it and one of them happened to be a lawyer that on one hand was against the deepening for some bologna of an excuse, environmentally and then continued to tell me he was an attorney that represents one of the local unions, which the ports happens to keep employed. What a joke!

It would be a huge mistake to pass this opportunity up! I have seen the reports 6% of jobs in this state are supported by the GA Ports and 7% of revenues for the State of Georgia come from GPA. Why would anyone not be in support of the expansion. The reports are in, no impact environmentally, millions of dollars spent on the study, and 10 years to get this far! It's time to move forward!

Thank you for your time! The only thing I am confused with is, why hasn't the funding on the federal level been secured? Thank you Georgia for your commitment of funding! I would be coming down on the very Congressman that represents this District on getting this process expedited and the funding secured.

If there is any assistance that I can provide to get this project moving forward, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanne Seaver
Former 2010 GA12th Congressional Candidate
Resident of Chatham County

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From: [Tom Wesley](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Port Modifications
Date: Friday, December 17, 2010 3:22:42 PM

To Mr. William Bailey, US Army Corp of Engineers

We sincerely appreciate any efforts that might be extended to aid in the deepening of the Savannah River to accommodate the larger ships that the expanded Panama Canal will be bringing to the eastern United States. This modification to the existing Savannah Port is essential to the further development of the State of Georgia as a global player in International Trade as it attempts to compete with other major port facilities on the East Coast.

Thank you and best regards,

Tom

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From: [kathy laun](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Michelle Rice](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Monday, December 20, 2010 6:35:05 PM

I support the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project and the many positive things that will result from it.

Thank you,
Kathy Smith

From: [Kirk Diamond](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Port
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2010 10:08:53 AM

Mr. William Bailey
US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
ATTN: PD
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640

Mr. Bailey,

I am very much in favor of deepening the Savannah port facilities to 48 feet. I have been in the commercial office and industrial leasing business in Atlanta for over 30 years. With the widening of the Panama Canal it is absolutely critical that Savannah's port be deepened to accommodate the larger ships. The southeastern portion of the US will benefit greatly from this deepening of the port – encouraging both imports and exports into our region and across the world. I can be reached at the following address, phone numbers and email if you wish to discuss this in greater detail. Take care and have a great day.

Kirk

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From: MTAYLOR@gaports.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Harbor Deepening
Date: Monday, December 20, 2010 8:38:09 AM

I support the deepening of the Savannah Harbor to 48 feet. Thanks!



American-Israel Chamber of Commerce
Southeast Region

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December 20, 2010

Mr. William Bailey
US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
ATTN: PD
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
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Dear Mr. Bailey,

On behalf of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to share our support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). This project is critical to the continued trade between Israel and the Southeast Region. International trade and the movement of goods are essential to the economic prosperity of both areas. Increasing the capacity of Savannah's Port will enable increased trade throughout the region, promote future growth, and create jobs for Georgia, other states in the Southeast, and Israel.

The Port of Savannah is the South Atlantic headquarters of ZIM, Israel's national shipping company, and ZIM is the 7th largest customer there for the Georgia Ports Authority. It has been the fastest growing container port in the country over the past decade and its continued success is critical to economic recovery in Georgia and throughout the Southeast. The Savannah River Navigation Channel must now be deepened from 42 feet to as deep as 48 feet to accommodate the new generation of deep-draft vessels that will dominate trade when the expanded Panama Canal opens in 2014. We believe the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) will provide a highly cost-effective return on investment to Georgia and the federal government.

Sincerely,

Tom Glaser
President

From: [JERRY](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Monday, December 20, 2010 9:39:44 AM

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I am in favor of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. It's positive impact on the economic stability of our area far outweighs any negative factors. It is important for the Savannah / Garden city port to remain competitive with other ports in this area. The project should move forward as quickly as possible.

Jerry Michaels

From: [Rhett Willis](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: kdye@seda.org
Subject: Support for SHEP
Date: Monday, December 20, 2010 2:23:10 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my very strong support for the funding of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. My company, DJ Powers is an 80 year old Savannah based logistics company founded in 1930. We have 3 offices in the state of Georgia, as well as in SC, NC, Tenn and Texas, and employ over 70 people. All of our offices, and especially the Georgia based offices, are very dependent on the business brought to us as a result of the Georgia Ports, and all have a vested interest in seeing GPA not only continue but continue to grow its activity. Our customers are located throughout the USA, and they are also very dependent on having a prosperous and growing port of Savannah.

I urge you to approve the deepening project for the continuation of jobs, future job growth and the continued growth and prosperity of the State of Georgia and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of all our employees.

Regards,

Rhett Willis

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From: [Katie Dye](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: FW: A message from the SEDA Chairman and President
Date: Monday, December 20, 2010 2:48:28 PM

Support for SHEP below --

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From: Tanya Milton [<mailto:tanya@savannahtribune.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Katie Dye
Subject: Re: A message from the SEDA Chairman and President

Hi Katie,

We at the Savannah Tribune also support the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. I have not had a chance to go by the Savannah Civic Center. Please can you forward our response. Thanks

Tanya Milton
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From: Katie Dye <kdye@seda.org>
Sent: Tue, December 14, 2010 4:48:37 PM
Subject: A message from the SEDA Chairman and President

Friends:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, we express our strong support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. The Port of Savannah has been one of our greatest economic assets since the founding of Georgia and in order to remain so, it must be deepened to 48 feet to continue to compete globally.

On Wednesday, December 15 from 4-8pm at the Savannah Civic Center, the U.S. Corps of Engineers will be hosting an open format workshop with relevant exhibits. The public is invited to attend and give input. Comment cards and a court recorder will be on hand.

If you are local, we encourage you to drop in to offer comments on the importance of this project to you, your business, the Savannah community, coastal Georgia and the entire state.

If you cannot attend the event on December 15, please submit your formal comments either by US mail or via email before January 10, 2011.

Comments can be mailed to:

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Comments can also be emailed to: CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil.

Please take the time to communicate your support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. As the fourth largest container port in the country, the Port of Savannah serves approximately 21,000 companies in all 50 states, over 75% of which are headquartered outside of Georgia. So while this project is critical to the economic prosperity of our state, it is also important to the future transportation infrastructure needs of our nation. Your physical presence and/or your comments are vital to its success.

Thank you,

Thomas C. Hester, SEDA Chairman

Steven W. Weathers, SEDA President & CEO

About the SHEP: The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is a project of national significance.

o The Port of Savannah is responsible for moving 8.3% of all US containerized cargo and more than 18% of all East Coast trade.

o As the fourth largest container port in the country, the Port of Savannah serves approximately 21,000 companies in all 50 states, over 75% of which are headquartered outside of Georgia.

o The SHEP will allow larger, deeper draft ships to call on the Port of Savannah, the import/export gateway to 44% of the US population. The economies of scale offered by Post Panamax ships will result in an average of 17% cost savings to US exporters and importers when compared to the operating costs of Panamax vessels.

The SHEP will assist the nation in successfully meeting the National Export Initiative created by Executive Order of President Obama.

o In order to meet the National Export Initiative aimed at doubling US exports over the next five years, the port infrastructure must be in place to accommodate the export growth.

o The Port of Savannah handled 12% of all U.S. containerized exports in FY2010, a total of 1.14 million export TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), with an export ratio of 54%.

The SHEP serves as a model for future Corps projects with significant Federal Agency collaboration throughout the study process, as well as the incorporation of adaptive management.

o The USFWS, EPA and NMFS have been involved throughout the study process since 1999 and have served as cooperating agencies in the production of the EIS since 2001.

o This project will represent the first deep-draft navigation project which incorporates adaptive management as mandated by WRDA 2007.

The Statewide Economic Impact of Georgia's Deepwater Ports (FY2009):

295,443 full and part-time jobs (7% of Georgia's total employment);
\$61.7 billion in sales (9% of Georgia's total sales);
\$26.8 billion in gross state product (7% of Georgia's total GSP);
\$15.5 billion in income (5% of Georgia's total personal income);
\$3.5 billion in federal taxes
\$2.6 billion in state and local taxes

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Zebra Enterprise Solutions

December 20th, 2010

Re. Savannah Harbor Expansion Project

To Whom It May Concern;

As an interested party and long time technology provider to the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) I would like to extend my support for this project. GPA has done an outstanding job creating new jobs and opportunities for the people of Georgia. GPA is a critical provider of services enabling cargo to flow through our eastern seaboard into the rest of the country. To stay competitive GPA must be able to handle the larger container vessels bringing cargo from Europe and Asia. Additionally GPA has completed a number of projects over the past few years that will allow them to handle additional cargo without significant impacts to the environment including:

- RTG automation to allow the current equipment at GPA to handle more moves. This reduces the total pieces of equipment deployed and has a reduction on overall diesel emissions.
- New CSX intermodal facility making it more efficient to ship containers into the US heartland thus reducing truck traffic on highways and reducing emissions.
- Truck gate automation to reduce the idling time for trucks as they enter GPA, reducing emission and allowing the trucking community to be more efficient.

As you can see GPA has undertaken many projects that not only benefit the Georgia economy but have significant environmental benefits.

Please regard this letter as our vote of support for this project and for the continued success of the Georgia Ports Authority.

Best Regards,

Chuck Schneider
Vice President
Zebra Enterprise Solutions

From: pkm021922@comcast.net
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Monday, December 20, 2010 3:59:23 PM

Dear Mr. William Bailey

ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

100 West Oglethorpe Avenue

Savannah,, GA 31401-3640

I just wanted to send you a note to voice my opinion regarding the harbor expansion project. I believe that the benefits of this project far outweigh the drawbacks that it will cause. If you think back to the history of Savannah, it was originally built on marsh to begin with. It grew and has become a flourishing city due to the improvements and changes we have made to our environment. Nature forever adapts. Things always change. We adapt too. Not to belittle the dynamics of this project, but moving soil from one place to another is one of the least damaging ways to do what we need to in order to progress. Not to mention, the jobs that this will open up are needed so badly. Just think: If you look at the faces of a hungry child and a small green frog, which one would you feed?

Thank you for your time,

Peter M. Kress

P.S.O.

GPA



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Comment on the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project

The Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes your comments on the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. Once completed, place the card in the "comments" box or add postage and mail it back to us. Comments can also be provided online at CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil.

From: (optional) Rosemary Taylor

Comments: I feel the Harbor Expansion Project is vital to the City of Savannah, State of Georgia and the USA. I feel it is necessary to deepen the Harbor. I place much importance on this project.



January 10, 2011

Via Electronic Mail – CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil

Mr. William Bailey

Attn: PD

US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

100 West Oglethorpe Avenue

Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Re: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project – Comments on Draft General Re-evaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia (KMMG) appreciates this opportunity to express support for the recommendations in the Army Corps of Engineers Draft General Re-evaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement concerning the proposed Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. KMMG employs more than 2,000 workers at its West Point, Georgia facility, building Kia Sorento and Hyundai Santa Fe vehicles. Since opening in November 2009, KMMG has built about 170,000 vehicles.

Our West Point facility plays a critical role in Kia's manufacturing operations; of the 356,268 vehicles Kia sold in the U.S. since the beginning of 2010, 30% come from Georgia. And production at the West Point facility is growing at a healthy pace; KMMG currently has more than 2,500 team members and local suppliers are expected to create an additional 7,500 job in the area.

To build cars at West Point, KMMG receives certain car components via the Port of Savannah, which are then transported to our plant. In 2010, KMMG transported 1,400 containers from the Port of Savannah and our suppliers transported 2,300 containers. This will increase up to 3,500 for KMMG and 7,500 for our suppliers in the coming years. Because our business depends upon just-in-time delivery of many items, the ability to receive necessary components in a timely and reliable manner is critical to Kia. In fact, Kia's decision to build its \$1 billion facility in West Point was in no small measure due to the proximity of the Port of Savannah and the proliferation and continued growth of supplier companies in that area depend upon the Port.

KMMG commends the Port of Savannah for its efforts to operate as efficiently as possible under the current circumstances. However, we are concerned that existing challenges will become increasingly difficult to address. Savannah's Garden City terminal is the East Coast's second largest container port but at 42 feet deep, Savannah harbor is the shallowest of

the nation's top ten container ports. Currently, carriers are adapting to the shallow depth through measures such as waiting for high tide, light loading, using smaller vessels, or bypassing Savannah altogether. However, such measures can ultimately impact shippers like KMMG and supplier companies with which it works through decreased efficiency and reliability, and increased costs. These problems will only be exacerbated when the Panama Canal completes its expansion in 2014, allowing even larger ships to access the East Coast ports, more of which may bypass Savannah due to shallow harbor depth.

Accordingly, KMMG supports the Army Corp of Engineers' proposed expansion project for the Savannah Harbor, which will deepen the harbor to a sufficient depth to alleviate many of the navigational difficulties currently facing vessels, and to accommodate larger vessels capable of carrying more cargo. We believe the project will allow the Port of Savannah to maintain and enhance its economic contribution to the region and the nation, as the Corp of Engineers report concludes. What this means to KMMG as a shipper is logistical efficiency and reliability which, as mentioned, are critical to our operations. These enhancements will be especially important moving forward, because KMMG's efficiency and growth translates to much-needed jobs for the entire region.

Environmental concerns certainly should not be overlooked, and KMMG notes the Corps of Engineers' finding that allowing larger vessels to access the port could reduce air emissions because fewer of such vessels would be needed to carry cargo through the port. We also believe an expanded port would reduce or alleviate the instances of vessels bypassing Savannah in favor of more distant, deeper ports, which now forces some Georgia-area shippers to transport the cargo greater distances by truck.

Efficient operation of KMMG's supply logistics plays a key role in the ability of KMMG and its suppliers to grow. And efficient operation of the Port of Savannah, with the ability to expand its cargo capabilities, will help KMMG meet its expansion goals, to the ultimate benefit of the entire region. For these reasons, KMMG is pleased to express its support for the proposed Savannah Harbor expansion project.

Sincerely,



John T. Anderson
Director, Government Affairs
Kia Motors, Washington, D.C.

From: [CESAS-CCO_SAS](#)
To: "Roger Pinckney XI"
Subject: Your comment on: Jasper Ocean Terminal (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 2:39:05 PM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Dear Mr. Pinckney:

Thank you for sending your comments regarding the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. I will forward your note to the office compiling comments.

For the record: The Corps of Engineers does not "oppose" the Jasper Ocean Terminal. Our evaluation finds that it is in the best economic interest of the nation to deepen the harbor to the Garden City port that already exists rather than to a non-existing port.

We welcome comments on our projects.

Sincerely,

BILLY E. BIRDWELL
Public Affairs Specialist
Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers

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From: Roger Pinckney XI [<mailto:rpinck@hargray.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 1:39 PM
To: CESAS-CCO, SAS

Subject: Jasper Ocean Terminal

Sirs--

Please accept my thanks for your opposition to the contemplated Jasper Ocean Terminal at Field's Cut. The proposed container port would be 4.5 miles from Daufuskie Island, a National Register site.

The light and noise would forever degrade the quality of life here on the island. After 50 years, we can finally eat our oysters again. Would hate to lose them to spilled oil.

Many thanks,

Roger Pinckney

Daufuskie Island SC

www.rogerpinckney.com

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

From: [David Sink](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [John Neely](#); [Cliff Dales](#); [Ashley Smith](#); [Maxwell Penn](#); [Danny Chase](#); [Sherri Stroud](#); [Hilary Bel](#); [Ellen Lynes](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Monday, January 10, 2011 4:48:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Please accept this note as our firm's support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). Our company, formerly known as Neely/Dales, LLC, is fortunate to have been involved in a majority of the larger industrial real estate transactions that have occurred in the Savannah market over the past 25+ years. We interact on a regular basis with key decision makers within companies that are analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the various east coast port markets. Our clients include many of the largest occupiers and developers of industrial warehouse facilities in the region, which gives us a unique perspective on the market and the SHEP. This project is of great importance, not only to the Savannah industrial market, but also to the surrounding counties in Georgia and South Carolina, the I-95 corridor, the I-16 corridor, the Atlanta industrial market, and beyond.

Thank you for your work on this essential project.

Best regards,

David Sink

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From: [Kelly, Ruth](#)
To: [CFASAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Port Expansion
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2011 10:45:00 AM

Mr. William Bailey,

ATTN: PD, US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

I represent Beall's outlet Stores import operations. I have been with the company for 17 years. I have had the opportunity over several years to visit the Georgia Port Authority offices in Savannah. I have been on a few port tours and are quite excited about the changes I see happening at the Port of Savannah.

As a retailer who imports the major portion of our products from the Asia area, the prospect of the Port of Savannah being able to handle the larger ships that are sailing out of China is of interest to us. We are always working with the ocean carriers to keep our container costs in check and we see this as an opportunity to accomplish cost savings by booking on these mega-vessels.

Once again I like what I see in terms of expansion and the professional way the Port of Savannah is run and we plan to continue to use the facility.

Ruth Kelly

Beall's Outlet Import Operations and Compliance Manager



January 13, 2011

Mr. William Bailey
US Army Corps of Engineers - Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640
Via e-mail: CESAS-PD@usace.army.mil

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing to state, for the record, the importance of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. Our company currently utilizes the Port of Savannah as a major east coast gateway for import/exporting our products and provided adequate infrastructure is available, we plan to continue to grow our trade through the port for many years to come. However, the current -42 foot mean low water depth of the Savannah River is no longer sufficient to accommodate the post-Panamax vessels we rely on today to transport our goods. This deficiency will be more significant in the future as we expect larger containerships to be introduced by carriers serving the US east coast upon completion of the Panama Canal expansion.

As you know, the newer post-Panamax vessels offer greater economic and environmental efficiencies that make their use both a preference as well as a priority to older generation vessels. SHEP is critical to the continued cost-effectiveness of our business and our ability to create jobs and reduce costs to U.S. consumers. By being able to load more boxes on fewer ships, our transportation costs are significantly decreased. Furthermore, ready access to the newer larger vessels at the Port of Savannah will avoid the higher financial and environmental costs of trucking our products to/from ports that are further from our markets and distribution network."

It is imperative that the Savannah Harbor be deepened to -48 feet at mean low water and that this project is completed as quickly as possible. Our business and that of other United States exporters and importers, is depending on it.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Butler
Vice President of Logistics
Hasbro Inc.

From: [Mike Kistler](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Port Deepening
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 12:04:25 PM

We definately need this expansion for our port in Savannah. It is good for the community, the state and he Southeast. Without this expansion, our economy will be hurt and left behind in this industry. I am in full support of the channel deepening project.

Mike Kistler

From: [Chervenak, Gene](#)
To: [CFAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah River Deepening
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 12:24:06 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in support of the Savannah River deepening project in Savannah, GA. Savannah and the state of Georgia are in need of more commerce and available jobs. Please let this project get underway as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Gene Chervenak

Gene Chervenak, CSI, CDT

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From: [Patrick Summerlin](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 12:54:12 PM

I would like to voice my support for the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. I work for Colonial Oil, and this project would only help our company grow. This project would allow more ships to call on the Savannah Port, which would in turn create more business for companies that service the Georgia Ports. This would create more business for Colonial Oil by offering new potential Fueling/Bunkering customers, and it would greatly impact the department that I am in; as we service the Georgia Ports Authority and TICO with all of their lubricant needs (i.e. Motor Oil, hydraulic oil, etc.). I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my email and hopefully take it into consideration when making the final decision on this project.

Best Regards,

Patrick Summerlin

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Patrick Summerlin

General Manager, Lubricants Division

Colonial Oil Industries

Phone: (912) 443-6584

Fax: (912) 235-3877

From: [Denton Stone](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 2:37:59 PM

Dear Sirs,

As a company who builds many structures supporting the logistics industry here in Savannah and surrounding areas, we are wholly supportive of deepening the Savannah Harbor. Please know that the impact this project will have will be felt directly by my company, its employees, and our affiliated subcontractors.

With Warmest Regards,

Denton Stone
Stone Construction Services, LLC

From: dexter@autoexpertsllc.com
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Harbor Work At Savannah, Georgia
Date: Friday, January 14, 2011 3:21:25 PM

This work must be preformed for the well being of our economic base, at a time when we are losing jobs by the thousands we can not afford to hender our ability to export. Dexter E Elliott



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Robert E. Martinez
Vice President
Business Development

January 7, 2011

Mr. William Bailey
ATTN: PD
US Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Re: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of Norfolk Southern Corporation, I am writing to express our support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project and hope for a timely completion of the deepening of the Savannah Harbor to -48 feet at low water.

This project is important to the business Norfolk Southern handles in Savannah. It is important to the State of Georgia, and it is a critical project for increased economic well-being of the United States and for job-creation.

Sincerely,

Operating Subsidiary: Norfolk Southern Railway Company



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From: (optional)

Tom Mahoney

Comments:

Please count my comments as being in favor of this project. The project is well-thought out. Valid concerns have been adequately addressed. The benefits greatly outweigh any real concerns. The concerns are more than adequately mitigated. The benefit of jobs to the state of Georgia and the Southeast region are tremendous. Moreover, the Savannah port is environmentally clean, and we should invest in moving cargo through this modern, clean facility. It is closer to inland distribution points, and that efficiency will save on inland transportation costs, fuel and pollution. Please note my strong support for the project. Thank you.

Tom



Comments 189-493
(w/ 192 in box)

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From: (optional) HENRY S. MORGAN . Savannah Ga

Comments:

① I am in favor of! This project is meritorious for the United States and for Savannah.

② This project will create and/or preserve jobs.

③ This project should sharpen the focus on aquifer withdrawals of a commercial not residential nature.

④ The addition of approx 2000 acres to the wild life refuge should be considered as extremely adequate.

Thank you and good luck.



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From: (optional)

Comments: I feel the harbor deepening is needed for the commerce it will provide Georgia Savannah and the Southeast. If we do not do the harbor deepening the Savannah port will lose its position it has gained with shippers and relocate it to a second tier harbor in the future.



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From: (optional) Ann H. Austin
Comments: I believe it would be a great asset to SAVANNAH to have the harbor deepened. I am in favor of having this done.

Thanks.
Ann Austin
2 St. Monty Ct
Savannah GA 31419



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From: (optional) _____
Comments: I have worked on and around the harbor of Savannah for a number of years and I think it is important that the harbor be deepened.

Donald E. Austin
645
645 INDIAN ST.
SAVANNAH, GA. 31401

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From: (optional) ILA Local 1414

Comments: We need jobs to provide for our families. The state Georgia needs to continue dredging river to 48 ft. depth. Thank-you.

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From: (optional) CHARLES L. WILLIAMS

Comments: This project has been thoroughly reviewed and should be completed as soon as possible. It's all getting bigger, not smaller and with the expansion of the Panama Canal, this project is vital to this region.



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From: (optional) Arzal
 Comments: Yes, I'm for the Harbor Deepening



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From: (optional) Patricia H. Neal
 Comments: As an employee of the Georgia Ports Authority I am sure you can understand that I support the Harbor Expansion Project. But aside from my desire for job security, I support the harbor deepening because of the benefit to all of the supporting businesses in the Southeast. If the harbor is not expanded to allow for entry of the larger container ships, those ships will simply have to go elsewhere. If the future of shipping is changing then the Ports have to change to adapt. Failure to complete this project would have a negative impact on not only the coast of Georgia but the entire state and surrounding areas.



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From: (optional) Cecilia B. Williams / Charles J. Williams, Bno.
Comments: _____

I am all for the harbor expansion project.
This expansion would allow Savannah to become a larger player in the global shipping industry. --
Therefore, Savannah must keep up with the ever changing demands of the global market.



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From: (optional) ROBIN GODWIN - SAVANNAH, GA
Comments: _____

I AM IN FAVOR OF THE SAVANNAH HARBOR EXPANSION PROJECT. I AM CONVINCED THAT ADEQUATE RESEARCH, STUDIES AND FAR TOO MUCH EXPENSE HAS GONE INTO THIS PROJECT TO ALLOW FORWARD DIRECTION TO DEEPEN THE HARBOR TO 48 FEET. ACCOMMODATING THE LARGER SHIPS PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE WIDENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL WILL BE FRUITFUL TO OUR ECONOMY BY INCREASED JOB SECURITY AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF MORE JOBS.
SOUNDS LIKE A NO BRAINER TO ME...
THINK LIKE NIKE AND JUST DO IT!!!

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From: (optional) RALPH MAGGIONI, DIRECTOR, SAVANNAH FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

Comments: AFTER A PROTRACTED EVALUATION PROCESS WE ARE POISED TO RESCUE MANY THOUSANDS OF JOBS FOR ALL OF GEORGIA AND PARTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOW COUNTRY. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL OF US TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT ESPECIALLY SINCE OUR BALANCE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IS NEARLY PERFECT. OUR PRESIDENT HAS ASKED US TO INCREASE EXPORTS ACROSS THE NATION. IF SAVANNAH CANNOT KEEP UP, EXPORTS WILL SUFFER SEVERELY.

THIS PROJECT MUST PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO MAINTAIN THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE ENTIRE REGION.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless all of you.

Ralph Maggioni

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From: (optional) Richard Brown

Comments: We are looking forward to the dredging of our River. The last tug vessel was tighted up for 4 days which is too long for the Savannah Port to maintain its status as the best support. IFA has a long history of progressively discharging cargo. Dredge the Savannah Harbor ASAP.

Thanks



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From: (optional) William Gobson

Comments: Deepening Savannah River will increase commerce for Savannah area that will increase jobs for the area which mean more work for me and my family. I thank you for your input in the situation.

12/16/10



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From: (optional) railroom

Comments: I would like to see the harbor deepen because it would make it easier for bigger ships to call on the port.



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From: (optional) Chira Bogulis

Comments: I feel that we should move forward with the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project for the growth of our port. If we don't utilize this opportunity we will be giving away business to other ports. This will definitely help to keep our jobs as well as having the possibility to ensure new job openings. This is definitely a road that our economy needs to take.

I do hope you determine that we are right on this matter. Expanding our port can only be good for the future of our business as well as our economy. The State Georgia is in a win-win situation by expanding



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From: (optional) William J. Casady

Comments: I need the harbor deepened to 48 FT!

My job depends on it!



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From: (optional) STEW WANDER

Comments: _____

- OBVIOUSLY STUDIED THOROUGHLY

- TRANSPARENT PUBLIC PROCESS

- SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BENEFIT

GREAT PROJECT - I SUPPORT!



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From: (optional) JAMES ILER

Comments: _____

A MORE VIEWER-FRIENDLY ROOM COULD HAVE BEEN USED

FOR THE WORKSHOP WITH BETTER AUDIO FEATURES SO

EVERYONE COULD HEAR THE SPEAKER (& SEE HIM TOO).

PLENTY OF INFORMATIVE LITERATURE WHICH IS A GOOD

THING.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: I'M FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SAVANNAH HARBOR. IT WILL
CREATE FOR REV. FOR THE PORTS, AS WELL AS CREATE JOBS. IT WILL
ALSO CREATE FUTURE WORK ALONG THE RIVER.



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From: (optional) JAY DEERING jdeering@ecu-inc.com

Comments: I FEEL THE HARBOR EXPANSION SHOULD BE DONE IN ORDER
TO MAINTAIN THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THIS AREA.
MY FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS INCLUDING ARE DIRECTLY
AND INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROSPERITY OF THE PORT.
THANKS, *Jay Deering*

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From: (optional) SCOTT RASPLICKER

Comments: WE OWN 3 BUSINESSES IN SAVANNAH EMPLOYING 75-100 PEOPLE WORKING PRIMARILY IN THE SAVANNAH REGION, BUT ALSO COAST-TO-COAST. WHILE A SMALL PORTION OF OUR WORK IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PORT, ALMOST ALL OF OUR BUSINESS IS DRIVEN BY PORT RELATED ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER BUSINESSES WHO REQUIRE THE PORT SERVICES. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IF THE SHEP IS NOT COMPLETED IN A TIMELY MANNER OUR BUSINESSES WILL NOT SURVIVE. THE RIVER HAS BEEN STUDIED FOR OVER A DECADE AND I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY EVIDENCE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CANNOT BE OVERCOME OR COMPENSATED. IT IS CLEAR THAT MUCH OF THE OPPOSITION ~~TO THE SHEP~~ COMES FROM COMPETITORS WHO SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SAVANNAH'S BUSINESS. ECONOMIC DECISIONS THAT AFFECT AN ENTIRE STATE AND REGION SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO POLITICAL WITNES THAT WILL REDUCE COMPETITION, CAUSING MARKET PRICES TO INCREASE, WHILE CONCENTRATING ENVIRONMENTAL DISTURBANCES IN FEWER AREAS CAUSING GREATER OVERALL DAMAGE. FURTHER PUDOS & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT OTHER PORTS WILL BE REQUIRED →

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From: (optional) Denise Neuleib, Savannah GA

Comments: I support deepening the Savannah Harbor to Georgia Ports Authority's requested 48 feet. Deepening the harbor is extremely important to the future of the port, the State of Georgia, and to the many other businesses and infrastructures that directly or indirectly deal with the port. With the Port of Savannah being one of the busiest ports on the east coast, it make sense to do what we can to maintain that competitive edge. Bigger ships that carry more cargo can reduce costs that will benefit many. The environmental impact is always a concern but I feel that the US Army Corps of Engineers along with the Georgia Ports Authority have done and will continue to do what they can to minimize the effects on the environment and wildlife. Please consider deepening the harbor to 48 feet!

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From: (optional) Bill Jacobs Chatham Co. Resident,

Comments: From what I've been reading in the Savannah Morning News... Georgia Ports has satisfied all environmental and cost ratio studies. Cost ratio says "Go" - GA Ports is willing to work on the mitigation cost for what little environmental impacts there will be. GPP is a good Steward

The Project should move forward. The positive economical impact will reach beyond the state of Georgia's boundaries.

With the ~~economy~~ present state of the economy the SAVANNAH Harbor Expansion Project needs to be put in place. It can only create new jobs, stabilize the current economy and spur the SE US economy in a positive direction.

(B)

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From: (optional) Susie West, Savannah, GA

Comments: I fully support the deepening of the Savannah harbor to 48'. This project will indisputably have a positive economic influence, not only in Savannah but Georgia and the whole Southeast region as well. Being confident that the environment will not be adversely affected, I see it as being crucial to the future of our state, for our children and their children.

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From: (optional) Patrick Rogero

Comments: The project is extensive and well thought out. There are positive gains for both the economic and environmental benefit for the region. I am impressed with the studies and feel this project is a goal.

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From: (optional) Becky Ike

Comments: I agree with the 18 ft deepening. The mitigation will leave the harbor in better shape for the environment than before the deepening. It's only 6 feet!!

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IS WASTED NOW AND IN THE FUTURE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPEARS MINIMAL GIVEN THE TECHNOLOGY OF TODAY AND TOMORROW. 48' IS NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE PURSUED WITH AN ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BALANCE ATTAINABLE.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: I am in full support of SHEP. It is vital to the continuous growth of GPA and support of companies and jobs in the Southeast region, State of Georgia and the local areas. With the necessary mitigation measures ~~for~~ implemented, the river deepening project must continue.

It is vital that growth of GPA be foremost versus that of competitors

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From: (optional) Nick FARLEY - M-PACT LLC mfarley@m-pactusa.com

Comments: Additional Comments

With all ~~loss~~ bases covered on the protection of the environment and
general economic, this project is vital not only to local interests but also
for the State of Georgia and the national interests from employment, exports
and revenue to the state coffers.
Captain N-K Farley - Starbuck Marina

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From: (optional) Mike Webb

Comments: From an economic position deepening the harbor is
critical to balancing our trade and growing our economy locally
and nationally. With environmental controls in place, the potential
negative impact should be minimal - if AT ALL.



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From: (optional) Karl Strauch

Comments: The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is critical to the ongoing, necessary, competitive position, this community, this region, and this state must have to maintain and grow its economy.

I am an independent marketing consultant that specializes in Econ Dev dynamics & Brand Development. The port expansion's ~~good~~ positive economic effects will touch everyone in the region. Our businesses depend on it. My business depends on it. Here's a word about the environmental concerns that I have: +RONICALLY - if we don't expand - we will lose the economic & political clout in the long term that will adversely affect our collective influence to say what we want our quality of life to be - and that includes zoning/development/environmental issues.

Karl Strauch
912 484 0395

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From: (optional) JASON T. BALL, PE

Comments: BIGGER VESSELS WILL LEAD TO LESS POLLUTION BECAUSE OF FEWER VESSEL CALLS.

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From: (optional) Bob Shipp

Comments: The Savannah Harbor is ~~one of~~ ^{one of} the best economic engine for the whole State of Georgia. The unique fact that exports & imports are close to equal evidences the importance of this harbor.

This is a bona fide jobs project in addition to other substantial economic benefits.

I like to fish but the benefits of this project outweigh my desire to fish in this area.

I strongly urge the ~~Corp~~ ^{GA Ports Authority} to keep moving this viable project with deliberate speed.

Thank you.

Bob Shipp

27 Masnole Crossings, Savannah, GA 31411

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From: (optional) M. Linder @ princebush.com (M. Mitchell A. Linder)

Comments: In order to keep Savannah an instrumental port on the East Coast the harbor expansion project is vital. The city & surrounding areas rely on the port to be successful & to be able to continue to employ a number of skilled people in the workforce. The new project means we keep jobs which equals growth & prosperity for the area.

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From: (optional) Pamela Bussert

Comments: The Savannah Harbor expansion project is a priority for the Georgia Ports Authority to continue the economic growth in Georgia and the southeastern United States. Port operations and private sector port related operations account for nearly 300,000 jobs in the state. By deepening the Savannah River to 48 feet, larger vessels will be able to call on the port of Savannah creating and expanding jobs throughout Georgia. I completely support the harbor expansion project.

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From: (optional) PATRICK WINDAS - ORCAS TERMINALS

Comments: IF THE DEEPENING CAN BE DONE W/OUT DETRIMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT, I SEE IT AS LUDICROUS NOT TO CONTINUE IN ORDER TO EXPAND SAV'H'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THUS CREATING JOBS FOR OUR CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN.

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From: (optional)

Jeff Neil

Comments:

Strongly support this project and the benefits it will bring to region + the nation

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From: (optional)

Richard Cox

Comments:

We need to deepen the channel for the benefit of all who work, live, visit in the Savannah area.

Necessary for our continued progress at the Georgia Ports Authority

It is only 6'

It will be very beneficial to future generation,

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

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From: (optional) TERMINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION
 Comments: AS A CITIZEN OF SOUTH CAROLINA, I VIEW THIS AS A LARGER ISSUE THAN JUST ABOUT SAVANNAH. FAILURE TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR DECINES IN MANY INDUSTRIES WHICH WERE THE MAINSTAY OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY JUST A FEW DECADES AGO. BECOMING AND REMAINING COMPETITIVE IS NOT JUST A MATTER FOR THE INDUSTRIES AFFECTED IT REQUIRES A COMMITMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE. THE SAVANNAH HARBOR DEEPENING PROJECT REPRESENTS ONE WAY THE STATES, ALTOGETHER AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN ASSURE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY FOR THE SAVANNAH AREA. THAT EXAMPLE SHOULD BE REPLICATED IN ALL AREAS AND FOR ALL INDUSTRIES.

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From: (optional) Chatham County Commissioner Pat K. Farrell District 4
 Comments: I am a firm supporter of the harbor expansion project. The well being of this county is dependant on a thriving maritime industry. The project should go forward fast lane!
Pat K Farrell

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From: (optional) Andrew Richardson

Comments:

As an employee of a local marine contractor, I realize that the expansion of the harbor is vital to not only our company but to the city of Savannah to the entire State of Georgia. Over the past several years Georgia Ports has given our company the opportunity to bid on to complete a variety of construction projects, to given the current economic state, this has been very important for us to keep people employed. With the expansion, I would hope there would be more work to come and also lead to a bigger & better Georgia Ports & Savannah Harbor down the road. This is what the city of Savannah & the State of Georgia needs!

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From: (optional) SAM Eskew eskew@remotetechnology.net

Comments:

THIS PROJECT HAS MY COMPLETE SUPPORT - THE STUDY HAS BEEN EXHAUSTIVE AND THE TIME TO MOVE AHEAD IS UPON US. DEEPER WATER



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From: (optional) J. BOB ZIEGLER

Comments: THE DEEPENING OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND COMPANIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY



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From: (optional) GRAIZE

Comments: DEEPENING THE RIVER WILL ONLY INCREASE SUBS AND THE GEORGIA ECONOMY

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From: (optional) Burr

Comments: The harbor deepening project would not only increase traffic but provide more part time and full time jobs for Savannah and surrounding areas. It is very important to stay competitive with other ports and keeping the harbor would keep us in the game.

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From: (optional) AUSTIN DENNEY

Comments: I AM EXTREMELY INTERESTED AND VESTED IN THE SHEP PROJECT COMING TO FRUITION. I AM PART OF A BUSINESS THAT IS HEAVILY IMPACTED BY PORT TRAFFIC AND ALSO MAINTAIN PRIDE IN SAVANNAH AND GEORGIA. WHILE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE HARBOR DEEPENING CONCERN ME, I HAVE THE UTMOST FAITH AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE PROGRESSED TO THIS POINT IF ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WERE LIKELY.

"IT'S NOT THE STRONGEST OF THE SPECIES THAT SURVIVES, NOR THE MOST INTELLIGENT. IT IS THE ONE MOST ADAPTABLE TO CHANGE."

- CHARLES DARWIN

BY THIS - I MEAN THE PORT MUST ADAPT IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE

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From: (optional) Adam DeKanides

Comments:

The Port of Savannah is a key employer in Savannah. It also impacts companies that do business with the port and provide services to the port. It is a key location and with an assist of Rail Road - supplies the surrounding states with goods - and also impacts their economies. The port would like to be a leader not a follower. This would be a proactive approach to the business of moving cargo.

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From: (optional) GREG VAN BRUNT

Comments: I feel the deepening of the Savannah Harbor is important to the state of GA & the southeast US to help further growth in the economy.

I support Expansion!

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From: (optional)

Comments:

please expan the savannah harbor
to help bring greater income to the
area, at a time when it is desperately
needed

Thank you,
[Signature] (at Cummings)

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From: (optional)

Comments:

[Signature] SCHROEDER
I'M IN FAVOR OF THE SAVANNAH HARBOR
EXPANSION PROJECT.

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From: (optional) Sohn Young, Riceboro GA

Comments: I feel that deepening the Savannah River to 48 ft to accommodate the larger vessels that call on the Georgia Ports Authority is critical not only to Savannah, GA and the Georgia Ports but to the entire southeastern region of the United States. The Ports is a strong economic engine and without it, everyone in southeast Georgia from doctors, lawyers, truck drivers, realtors, teachers, city officials etc will feel the downturn and the burden. In my conclusion, I am 100% for the SHEP project and for deepening our harbor.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

The Georgia Ports Authority has to remain competitive and harbor deepening is critical. The Georgia Ports Authority is the economic engine for the state of Georgia.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: THE HARBOR DEEPENING IN SAVANNAH IS A MUST FOR THE PORT TO MAINTAIN ITS MARKET SHARE IN THE CONTAINER TRADE. THE PROJECT ITSELF WILL CREATE JOBS IMMEDIATELY AND THE CURRENT BUSINESS MODEL WILL EXPAND WITH THE INCREASE IN VESSEL TRAFFIC. THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT IS HIGHER THAN NORMAL AND THE AMOUNT OF PLANNING THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS PROJECT MAKES ME FEEL THAT THE MITIGATION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!!

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From: (optional) _____

Ron Melander, 517 Tattnall St. Savannah GA 31401

Comments: I Am all for the Harbor Expansion Project. I hope we can get the needed funding to get this started as soon as possible. I believe it is vital for the future of our region. My belief is that environmental issues will be well addressed as the project is completed.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: I support the SHEP project after careful consideration (and) study of negative impacts. I think economic impacts outweigh environmental impacts. I also think ~~enough~~ enough is being done to mitigate environmental impacts.

I am in favor of SHEP continuing to 48 feet.



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From: (optional) Bill Jakubsen

Comments: I support the 48 ft project for the Savannah Harbor.
1. More jobs for Georgia & the companies East of the Mississippi River,
2. Helps to meet the goal of the President to double exports in 5 yrs. This will give the shipper a world class port to export through.
3. Keep Savannah as a rapid deployment port for the Military
4. Improve the economies of the shippers
5. The project has a GREAT / COST Benefit Ratio.
6. Great project working with the environment.
7. Good for the Nation - Savannah is the fastest growing in US port over the last 15 years. There is room to grow without hurting the environment.
No IT & Bet IT Done, you are 2 years late.