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From: (optional)

JOHN JURGENSEN

Comments:

SECONDARY BENEFITS TO OUR CITY, STATE AND NATIONAL
INTERESTS REQUIRING COMPLETION OF SHEP. THIS IS AN INVESTMENT
SUCCESSFUL
WITH AN EFFECTIVE & NECESSARY RETURN.

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From: (optional)

I AM IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE DEEPENING TO 48 FEET.
MITIGATION MEASURES SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND THEIR
EFFECTIVENESS MONITORED. ADDITIONAL MITIGATION WOULD CONTINUE
TO BE AN OPTION IF IT IS LATER DETERMINED NECESSARY.
OUR CITY REGION, AND STATE CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO
MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT. THE BENEFITS TO
THE ENTIRE REGION FAR OUTWEIGH THE ADVERSE IMPACTS.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: *Very critical to the US economy that this project by the GHA / Corps be completed ASAP. It will mean a very strong boost the SE sector of the US. Without it, Georgia will be in very poor condition.*



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: *Let's Keep our Port on TOP.
Let's Do it.*

*Boyer Young
T&H Engineering Co*



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From: (optional) Dan Millet dan.millet@bramma.com

Comments: I am in full support of deepening the channel to the 48 foot maximum. Our participation in the global economy is vital to our economic growth. This project is in turn vital to our nation's growth. The opportunities for efficiency and job growth provided by this project will have a lasting impact on both the regional and national economy.
I believe that world class container terminals are of immense strategic importance for our economic competitiveness.



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From: (optional) SAM MC CACHERN

Comments: IT IS TIME TO DEEPEN THE HARBOR! THE STUDIES ARE DONE, AND QUESTIONS ANSWERED. SAVANNAH'S HARBOR IS CRUCIAL TO THE AREA'S, REGION, STATE AND NATIONAL ECONOMIES. THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS SHOULD ISSUE FINAL APPROVAL SO THAT FUNDING CAN BE SECURED.

SUPPORT!

Sam McChern



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From: (optional)

S. W. Downs

Comments:

The Port of Savannah is the fastest growing
Port on the U.S., supporting over 280,000 jobs.
Deepening the SAH Harbor will Add jobs throughout the
Nation. This is (SHEP) a project that is critical to our
State/regions Future. The Savannah Harbor Expansion
Project (shep) must happen. We need the SAH Harbor
at 48 Feet



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From: (optional)

Kathryn Murph

Comments:

The deepening of the Savannah Harbor is absolutely vital
to the SE region, ~~state~~ and the nation, not only the state of
Georgia. The completion of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
will do more for improving the economy than ~~any other project~~
many of the short term projects on which stimulus money
from the federal government is being spent. The Savannah
harbor must be deepened to keep up with the expansion of
the Panama Canal expansion. Otherwise the state of Georgia
the southeast region and the nation will be negatively affected.
Such an outcome is simply unacceptable.



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From: (optional) GARY WIGGIN

Comments:

This project is a must for the Not only the South East
but the whole Country. As the Country grows, infrastructure
like this is a must.



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From: (optional) MURPHY McLEARN

Comments:

I am in favor of the Harbor Deepening Project!
It is a must have for the Savannah and Georgia's future
economic development

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: HARBOR EXPANSION NEEDS TO HAPPEN FOR THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO
THE STATE. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE FAR OUTWEIGHED BY THE OVERALL
BENEFIT TO THE REGION

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: Bill Anderson
This project should be performed!
The proper studies have been completed and
it is environmentally sound.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

THE SAVANNAH HARBOR PROJECT IS CRITICAL FOR THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF SAVANNAH, THE SOUTHEAST AND THE NATION. IT IS ONLY 6 FT OF ADDITIONAL DEPTH. THE PROJECT SHOULD BE APPROVED AND FUNDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

William Sullivan. I think if the expansion project is approved it would be economic and personally growth for the Georgia ports. It is needed, more jobs more industry.

Mr. Solomon M. Smith
Supervisor
Jeff Ansley



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From: (optional) Nick Johnson

Comments:

I've been involved w/ port operations and infrastructure improvements for nearly 30 yrs. and have witnessed first hand how the local & statewide businesses have grown & prospered during this time. Deepening the harbor is a no brainer when considering future growth & prosperity by maintaining a regional competitive edge with other ports. As GHA has done over the years, not doing so renders our ports to bring followers instead of leaders in commerce.



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From: (optional)

Comments:

Dig Baby Dig!



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From: (optional) Jim BAKER

Comments: ALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY
STUDIED. THIS PROJECT IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDED
AND OVERDUE.

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From: (optional) NICK FARLEY - M-PART LLC nfarley@m-partusa.com

Comments: The Corps has done a great job with strong outreach and comprehensive
investigation analysis - no stone unturned in proposing the best way forward
to protect the economy and protect the environment.
The reports indicate that all bases are covered and let's go! Much needed
to be in on the export initiative on a timely basis
Nick Farley 12-15-10



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: I strongly support the deepening project for Savannah. I have been involved in the maritime industry for over 30 years. This project will do so many good things for job creation in the Savannah Area.



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From: (optional) Tom Dolan - local resident

Comments: I support the deepening project. The economic benefit to the area will be substantial and greatly needed to the local economy.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

I fully support this project.

It will bring great benefits to the economy of
this region.

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From: (optional) Mike Jenkins

Comments: yes we need to deepen

the Harbor.

I need a job.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

This project is so important to the economy of Georgia & the nation. The Corps has done a great job of mitigating potential environmental impacts. I feel they have the best interest of all parties.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

48 FEET. FASTEST GROWING PORT IN THE COUNTRY. HUGE ECONOMIC IMPACT. "BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME!"

THE BENEFITS FAR OUTWEIGH ANY POTENTIAL IMPACT.

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From: (optional) Adam Lutz

Comments: I support the SHEP project. My whole family is affected by the River commerce. We must deepen the Harbor to 45' to keep the Georgia economy.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: The expansion of the Savannah Harbor will do wonders for the Economy and safety of the River. Expanding our harbor will further push us into ~~be~~ one of the leaders in cargo transit. Safety is a key word in all workplaces and completing this project will make Savannah and its harbor a much safer place to live & work.

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From: (optional) William T Browne III

Comments: _____

As a river pilot on the Savannah River, I can say that, without a doubt, the deepening of the Savannah River Shipping Channel would make the transit of the vessels a lot safer.

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From: (optional) Aliza L. Barnes, From Savannah, GA

Comments: _____

I support the SHEP because it will bring more employment opportunities to Savannah and Georgia in general.

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From: (optional) Ren Drow, Morian Savannah

Comments: _____

We support the continued growth and necessary harbor deepening
for the Port of Savannah.

The harbor deepening project is vital to the economic impact
of this area and continued improvement.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

Thomas + Sharon McMillan - ILA
RIERC Help support my family
and the future - my children and
Grandchildren



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From: (optional) JERRY FUNK

Comments:

IT'S WOOD FOR BOTH GA AND THE SOUTHEAST

GO TO 48 FT.



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From: (optional)

Cindy B Rushing

Comments:

This is an awesome endeavor for the
state of Georgia + the impact will be felt
for decades — even centuries.

Thank you + let's make it 48 +
not settle for 47 — Thanks to
everyone for the hard work through
these years of research + development.



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From: (optional)

DAVE MORGAN

Comments:

Dredging to 48' is a MUST for the SAVANNAH RIVER.
TO CONTINUE BEING AN ECONOMIC DRIVER IN GEORGIA! RETAINING
CURRENT BUSINESS - THIS IS A MUST.



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From: (optional)

Comments: I (TICO) SUPPORTS SHEP BECAUSE OF ITS SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE. SHEP
IS AMONG MANY PROGRAMS MOVING FORWARD TO ENABLE OUR COUNTRY TO REMAIN
COMPETITIVE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SCENE. WITH THE WIDENING OF
THE PANAMA CANAL WE MUST MOVE FORWARD AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
WHAT WE KNOW LIES AHEAD. I FULLY SUPPORT THE SHEP
PROJECT.

Jimmy Hunter



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: *IN THE INTEREST OF GETTING THE U.S. ECONOMY BACK ON TRACK IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL U.S. PORTS DO WHAT THEY CAN TO PREPARE FOR THE NEW CLASS OF VESSELS (FREIGHT) THAT WILL SOON BE COMING THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL. I SUPPORT THE SHED AS A CRITICAL INVESTMENT THAT WILL ENABLE OUR COUNTRY TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SCENE. WE MUST MOVE WITH ALL RESOLVE IN PREPARATION FOR ATTRACTING FUTURE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.*



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: *By being a terminal equipment provider for over two decades of experience & service in a group of terminals along the eastern & gulf seaboard, I support the Savannah Harbor expansion because of its significant national importance. I know there positive & state implications to be realized through the expansion our company views the SHED, similar to many other programs moving forward across the country as a critical infrastructure investment that will enable our country to remain competitive in the international trade scene.*



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From: (optional) Deborah Hunkle

Comments: Given the extensive + exhaustive studies that have been conducted, and the extremely strong cost-benefit ratio, I whole-heartedly support deepening the Savannah Harbor to 48 feet. The benefit to the local, regional, and national economy cannot be ignored.



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From: (optional) Ksemin

Comments: This project is very important for Savannah, for Georgia and for ~~nation~~ whole nation. I support 48 feet deepening expansion.

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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

I support this project.



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From: (optional) [scribbles]

Comments: I support this project. It is a must for Savannah!



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From: (optional)

CECILIA E. RUSSO, CECILIA RUSSO MARKETING, LLC

Comments:

I SUPPORT THE SAVANNAH
HARBOR EXPANSION PROJECT.

Thank you,

Cecilia



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From: (optional)

BOBBY SCOTT

Comments: I THINK WE NEED TO DEEPEN THE HARBOR FOR THE FAMILIES OF SAVANNAH
AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

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From: (optional)

Comments:

~~0000 Name~~
It's A Great thing for the Southeast area. More jobs, better lively hood, better economy. Also better opportunities for everyone who's apart of this area. We need to go forth with the process because we are trusting God to supply all the needs that we need. We need this as a people and for our families.

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From: (optional)

Comments:

RONGISTA / Simco Technologies
I support the deepening because we need to expand the potential customers to keep up with other ports. Job will follow and companies like our will grow as well. Anyone now doing business with the ports will see increased sales which will result in more money being spent and a larger tax base. The long term advantage outweighs the minimal environmental factors.

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From: (optional)

Comments: *THE INCREASE IN THE CHANNEL Depth to 48 feet is a need tied directly to the future growth of the Georgia Ports Authority, the local, regional, state, and U.S. economy. I am strongly in favor of the project to support current jobs, create future jobs, and give the Port & State the tools to compete in a changing shipping environment.*

48 feet is a must to accommodate planned changes in ship design. Jobs, families, and the economic future of our country are interconnected to the success of this project.

48 feet - yes!!!

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From: (optional)

FRED NASSON BEASON Jr

Comments:

Yes - go to 48'. This will improve the safety of the port. It will improve our National ready deployment capacity. It will continue to improve the economic recovery for Georgia, the southeast and our nation. Move forward with good speed.



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From: (optional)

Herman J Brown Jr

Comments:

OUR RIVER MUST BE DEEPENED TO KEEP PACE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CARGO RACE. DEEPENING MEANS ADDITIONAL JOBS FOR NOT ONLY GEORGIANS, BUT ACROSS THE NATION. WITHOUT DEEPENING, GEORGIA WILL BE MAKING BACKWARDS WITH NO FUTURE HOPE OF REGAINING ITS DOMINANCE IN THE PORT INDUSTRY.



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From: (optional)

LTC Jose Aguilar, Garrison Commander, Hunter Army Airfield

Comments:

Great project to continue to support deployment of our military forces from our strategic deployment platform. Additionally as a temporary member of the community - this will have a tremendous positive impact on the coastal empire and the SE region of the US.



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From: (optional)

Comments:

Rosa M. Simmons
I have been employed by Georgia Ports Authority for 34 years and I support the deepening project.

GPA is very important to the economy of the State of Georgia. This project is very important for the future of the Ports and the economy. We have over 200,000 people that depends on the Ports to support their families.

Furthermore, the deepening project will allow GPA to keep pace with the future. Higher transportation costs and for the vessels that can translate to lower consumer product costs, allows larger and fewer ships to call on the port. Fewer, larger ships also lessen congestion in the harbor. I know that GPA will do whatever is required of them to protect the fish and wildlife. GPA is very important to the State. I support the project.

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From: (optional)

Comments:

Rosa M. Simmons
Georgia Ports Authority is the fastest growing port on the South East.

- We have land for expansion
- We have a great customer service Dept (CRC) the only one of its kind.
- Happy Employees
- Second Best Company to work (Savannah Magazine)
- Through the hard economic - we have not had to lay off employees
- Therefore, we support the deepening projects.

All companies at port cannot say the same and our neighboring ports are jealous of our progress, and will do everything to stop us.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

Hugh "Trip" Tollison
project is important to our ports/logistics
future. Please proceed as soon as possible
with STEP & please make sure USACE
funds their 60% share of the project.
Thank you.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

I'm in full support of the STEP project
and believe this infrastructure improvement is vital
to Georgia and the US as a whole to stay competitive
on the global stage



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From: (optional) Len James - CEO - John S. James Co.

Comments:

The John S. James Co. Fully supports the SHEP. Our company employs over 100 persons, 50 in Savannah alone, who rely on competitive ports to survive.



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From: (optional) We need 48ft!!

Comments:



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

The city & state needs the deepening
jobs, jobs, jobs !!!



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: _____

Fully support SHEP. It is vital to FFA,
Savannah, Georgia, and the region, as well as the
US.



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From: (optional)

Randy Watford

Comments:

I support the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.
The Project is an important infrastructure improvement not only for Georgia, but for the country in order to maintain competitive facilities in the context of foreign trade.



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From: (optional)

Barbara Jorgenson, Terminal Investment

Comments:

STEP is an important improvement that will keep our country competitive with the international trade.



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From: (optional)

DANNY CHASE (COLLIERS NEELY DATES, LLC)

Comments:

This harbor deepening is a critical piece of infrastructure improvement to keep Savannah (and Georgia) competitive globally. I strongly support this project and the economic stimulus it will create at the local, state, and regional and national level.

If the harbor is not deep enough the cargo will go elsewhere and the region's economy will suffer as a result.

DANNY CHASE

912-604-4918

danny.chase@colliers.com

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From: (optional)

Comments:

I greatly support the deepening of the Savannah harbor. The economic impact of such a project will greatly increase the commercial viability of the United States as a whole.



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From: (optional)

Dana C Mullings

Comments:

My family and I are extremely excited about all of the projections mentioned to come from this embankment. Thank you. Thank God!



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From: (optional)

Shirley Blakes

Comments:

I have been involved for 12 yrs w/ this project & stakeholders. I 100% support deepening!!



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From: (optional) CURTIS L. HANCOCK (GPA EMPLOYEE)
Comments: THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT DEPENDS ON THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GPA, BUT THOUSANDS OF
OTHER EMPLOYING AGENCIES AND THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED IN ITS ECONOMIC
UNDEVELOPED THIS PROJECT, IT IS A CATASTROPHE THAT JOBS WILL BE LOST. JOBS NEED TO BE CREATED, NOT
DEPLETED.



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From: (optional) Bill Vinson, 2. Wexford Lane, Savannah, GA 31411
Comments: I urge that the project to deepen the Savannah Harbor and
channel to 48' MLW be approved, federally funded, and completed
at the earliest opportunity.

This position is based on the following:

- 1) All Cost/Benefit analysis clearly support the economic
viability of this project.
- 2) Failure to improve the port through this project will have
devastating impacts on citizens and shippers in the region
- 3) There are no viable ports in the region that can accommodate
vessels calling with the completion of the Panama Canal without
deepening to depths in this project.
- 4) Every conceivable environmental contingency has been considered
and any possible expenses are accounted through mediation
solutions committed to in this project. Overall environmental conditions



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From: (optional)

Ryan Macdonald

Comments:

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) 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 stalled.

*SHEP is ECONOMIC
RECOVERY!!*



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From: (optional)

Jim Tait

Comments:

*GREAT idea. Very much needed to help stimulate
Growth in our region.*



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From: (optional) LOCAL CIVIL ENGINEER
Comments: WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE SHEP.



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From: (optional) Hannah Ryan
Comments: The town needs the deepening of the port, it is truly of great importance and has become necessary.



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From: (optional) CAPT CHRISTOPHER R. DESA.

Comments:

THE SAVANNAH HARBOR DEEPENING PROJECT IS CRUCIAL TO THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT + GROWTH OF THE SOUTHEASTERN USA AND NOT NECESSARILY ONLY SAVANNAH. THE NAVIGATION CHANNEL NEEDS THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS VIZ PASSING AREAS AND EXPANDED TURNING BASINS TO ALLOW LARGE VESSELS TO ~~TRANSIT~~ TRANSIT SAFELY. THE PROJECT DEPTH OF 48 FT (DEEPENING THE HARBOR TO MORE THAN 48 FT -) TO ALLOW ADEQUATE UNDERKEEL CLEARANCE TO NAVIGATE AT ANY STAGE OF THE TIDE HAS BEEN STUDIED FROM NUMEROUS ASPECTS (ECONOMICAL / ENVIRONMENTAL AND) MARITIME FOR WELL OVER 10 YEARS. THE E.I.S HAS ADDRESSED NEARLY ALL THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC - IT IS TIME TO GET THIS PROJECT DONE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE HARBOR BE DEEPENED TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE SHIPS DRAWING 48 FT DRAFT. AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES HAVE AVAILABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS BY ROUTINE MEANS. AS AN ANECDOTAL FACT: THE SAVANNAH RIVER COULD ONLY ACCOMMODATE SHIPS OF 12 - 14 FT DRAFT IN THE LATE 1700'S - WHEN GEORGIA WAS FOUNDED. AS WE GEAR UP FOR THE FUTURE - THIS HARBOR MUST BE IMPROVED TO FACILITATE SAFER AND ULTIMATELY MORE EFFICIENT MARITIME TRANSPORTATION, SO THAT THE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL OF IMPORT/EXPORT BY SEA - THROUGH THE PORT OF SAVANNAH - BENEFITS THE WHOLE USA.



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From: (optional) Jessica Eovino - Maersk Line

Comments: The expansion project is vital to the success of the shipping industry. The expansion will bring more jobs to the area, increase revenue for all companies associated with the shipping terminals, and bring more business to the area (ie - large suppliers - Walmart). Container shipping is a cost efficient means for getting goods all around the world. Deepening the River will allow Savannah to continue to be a strong competitor on the east coast of the US. I look forward to all of the positive outcomes that will result from SHEP.



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From: (optional)

Paula Kreischer

Comments:

I 100% Plus support ~~the~~ ^{SHEP} SAVANNAH ^{JARA} Needs to stay as a solid growing economic entity. This is critical for this to happen.



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From: (optional)

Cathy Wilkins

Comments:

I support deepening the Savannah River to 48 ft. It is a great economic engine for the region servicing areas as far west as Chicago IL.

There is an abundance of ^{reasonable} land & labor with good highway & train infrastructure to support growth. This is especially true if comparisons are made to ports in the Southeast.

Ship traffic is currently constrained by waiting for the tide. The wait is a costly endeavor.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: Deepening Savannah Harbor's shipping channel is the right decision in every respect. It will stimulate the local, regional, & state economy. Lower shipping cost which will in turn lower prices in stores, and also provide more jobs to the area. The current state of the economy is reflecting the need for this change to happen immediately. My vote is a definite YES, FOR DEEPENING THE CHANNEL!!!



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From: (optional) _____

Mark DANA

MDana@stinsonhush.com

Comments: _____

The overall economic impact on not only the region, but also, the country is tremendous to say the least.

There is no question that post Panama Canal completion will place Savannah on a "go to" or "not compliant" part list. I was pleased to hear that the environmental impact was a lot less than earlier reported. 14 years of study has been more than reasonable to determine that this is the right decision.



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From: (optional) _____

Comments: Dear Mr. William Bailey,

This letter is to manifestate my personal commitment and support
for this project of national interest.

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 the President, as well as
secure the current and future statewide employment base
in Georgia.



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From: (optional) Miriam Thompson

Comments: As my employment is directly linked to GPA my future and
security are directly linked to the continued success that GPA has
in attracting the major shipping lines from around the world and the
major importers & exporters to use Savannah as their entry or exit port
on the East Coast. Shipping lines are very demanding and
competition is strong between the East Coast ports, the lines use
this competition to their advantage and less significant things than
river depth can influence the line to go to another port if possible.

The river depth is a constant topic of conversation between GPA and
the lines - they are moving toward larger & larger ships trying to reduce
their costs. If Savannah does not move forward with this deepening
we may very well lose Georgia as a whole will lose significant revenue -
it will shift, probably to Charleston, but possibly Jacksonville or Miami.

The "studies" have been done, large amounts of dollars spent and
GPA is an environment steward - it is time to move forward - DREDGE



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From: (optional) Bryan Young
Comments: Yes, Deepen the Harbor
I'm in need of a Job.



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From: (optional) THOMAS G. SWINSON (FRITHANDTOM4@COMCAST.NET)
Comments: THE FUTURE OF SAVANNAH AS A STRATEGIC USEC gateway is AT
STAKE. THE ABILITY TO COST EFFECTIVELY SERVE 44% OF
US CONSUMERS COST EFFECTIVELY IS AT STAKE. THE
LIVELIHOOD OF OVER 250,000 GEORGIANS, NOT INCLUDING THE
SC LOW COUNTRY, IS AT STAKE. THE ABILITY TO OPEN NEWER,
LARGER EXPORT MARKETS FOR U.S. EXPORTS IS AT STAKE.
THIS IS NOT JUST A PROJECT OF STATE OR REGIONAL
IMPORTANCE, IT IS A PROJECT OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.
THE ONGOING MOVES, WHICH ARE VERY CALCULATED, TO DISRUPT
THIS PROJECT BY SC LEADERSHIP & THE SC STATE PORT AUTHORITY
IS UNWARRANTED AND NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF
SOUTH CAROLINIANS & THE U.S. PUBLIC. MY FAMILY DEPENDS ON
A VIABLE, DEEPWATER PORT IN SAVANNAH, AS DO THOUSANDS OF
OTHERS. PLEASE DO NOT PLAY POLITICS. DEEPEN THE HARBOR. DEEPEN NOW!



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From: (optional)

Danny Tomlinson

Comments:

This is important to the State + the Country!

Deeper!

Savannah is 4th largest port in the country
2nd on the East + Gulf
1st in the South Atlantic + Gulf



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From: (optional)

Comments:

THIS IS A GOOD PROJECT, Good for
LOCAL area + STATE OF GA. New growth for
ECONOMY, Lower US TRADE DEFICIT.



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From: (optional)

Comments: IT IS A PLUS TO DO THE PROJECT IN ORDER
CREAT MORE JOBS



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From: (optional)

Comments: I AM A LONGISLANIAN AND I WORK THE DOCK ON THE PORT OF
SAVANNAH GA. FOR 16 YEARS THAT IS MY LIFE AND WE HELP PEOPLE ALL
OVER SAVANNAH GA AND IN ATLANTA GA SO PLEASE VOTE YES GOD BLESS!



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From: (optional) G. Black GA. Kaulin (Colonial Dr)
Comments: We must Deepen. The impact is more jobs for the whole area.



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From: (optional) Brandi M. O'Rand, Insurance Manager, GPA
Comments: I am a supporter of the STEP for many reasons. Firstly, I am an employee of the Georgia Ports Authority, and I depend on the Port to help support my family. We must deepen in order to remain competitive. Secondly, I support STEP as a citizen of the state of Georgia and the United States. The GPA's impact includes hundreds of thousands of jobs & billions of dollars in taxes and income. Additionally, our port is of national importance - GPA is the 4th largest port in the nation & we have a strong export business. The export business is important for the U.S. so we do not have to depend on other countries for all of our goods; exports also keep jobs in the U.S. Not deepening the Savannah River will put GPA/State at a disadvantage as shipping lines will go elsewhere - to places that can accommodate the new generation of large ships. Lastly, I want to see the Port of Savannah continue to grow and flourish. I have a personal vested interest in this - not just because of my own career, but for decades my family has made a living on the waterfront in many capacities - for GPA & Stevedoring companies. Please, deepen now!



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From: (optional) William Kochanik

Comments:

The port is very important to our plant as we use the facility to import and export products.

Our company has made decisions to bring new technology to our SAVANNAH plant based on our access to the port.

The Harbor Expansion project is important for the growth of our plant and SAVANNAH.



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From: (optional) K.S.

Comments: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EXPANSION OF THE SAVANNAH HARBOR. IT WOULD HELP ~~GROW~~ IN THE GROWTH OF THE SOUTH EAST



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From: (optional)

Daniel W Thompson

Comments:

I believe that it is imperative that the channel be deepened to 48 feet in order to help secure the 1000's of jobs that are linked to the port of Savannah. The impact of the port is vital to the wellbeing of the local, state and regional economy.



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From: (optional)

Comments: Deepening the SAVANNAH River to allow bigger, higher capacity ships is essential for the continued strong economic health of the state of Georgia. The impact the SAVANNAH River ports have had and need to continue to have on the state's economy is without question the most important thing for this area. Many people of this state and this local region depend on the shipment of goods through our ports and without the deeper water many people will have their continued employment put in jeopardy. As responsible citizens we cannot allow our future or our children's future to be put at risk. The river must be deepened.



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From: (optional) W. E. Johnson, Jr.

Comments: I am in support of the SHEP. Deepening is critical to maintaining the Port of Savannah as a Gateway of trade in the South Atlantic.



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From: (optional) Teri Gates teresa.gates@wellsfargo.com

Comments: The SHEP will benefit the infrastructure and produce gains within the Savannah Port and future infrastructure as well as building Sav's economy.



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From: (optional) William Sutton

Comments: I Strongly Support SHEP. The Savannah harbor provides commerce for all of the South East US. Due to the current depth, we already see a negative impact on the flow of cargo that negatively impacts all US consumers and producers. We must proceed with the expansion project ASAP in order to continue to support our water borne traffic.



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From: (optional) Larry Crosby, 161 Dumbo Rd SAV GA - Citizen

Comments: I have followed this project a long time and it good to see to this stage.

Please complete the Dunes as soon as possible and build the 45 foot Plan.

Build it sooner, not later.

Larry Crosby



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From: (optional) [REDACTED]

Comments:

It is absolutely critical to the national economy that this project be fully funded & included in Pres. Obama's budget. There is absolutely no reason for it to have been delayed so long and the Corps of Engineers needs to be responsible & see this to completion. This is the only balanced port & if we are serious about increasing exports, then let's get this done already. With a \$5 to \$1 benefit, this is a no-brainer. Dredge to 48 feet. America needs the Corps to get this done.



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From: (optional) Billy Robinson owner Port City Logistics

Comments:

AS A result of the study conducted by the Corp of Engineers, I Am in full support of moving forward with the proposed project for SHEP. The long term Advantages to our local, State And National economy are tremendous And it will be Ashame if the project is not Approved by Congress. This is not just A win for Savannah And the State of Georgia but for the entire nation. Again, I Am in full support to move forward with the SHEP Project

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It must Be Done!

From: (optional)

BEN GOLDBERG

Comments:

It is my firm belief AS A Business Owner, TAX PAYER & CITIZEN this project needs to go Forward At AN ADVANCED pace. The economic livelihood of SAVANNAH & GA depend on it. If this ISN'T ACOMPLISHED It will be the START to the END of OUR Economic benefits that the port provides us. To HAVE WORKED SO HARD to come where we ARE, And then throw it & the TAX dollars & JOBS AWAY would truly be A SHAME. DURING the HARD economic times in the United States, SAVANNAH HAS Done well. It is IN direct Association with the PORT, NOT ONLY & commerce & JOBS, But support to the FIRMS that have BEEN ATTRACTED to this State.

SAVANNAH HILTON HEAD

INTERNATIONAL



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SAVANNAH
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December 16, 2010

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

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Dear Mr. Bailey:

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Lois C. Wooten

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, the Savannah Airport Commission would like to express its 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' to continue to compete globally.

LEGAL COUNSEL
James B. Blackburn

This project is also important to the future transportation infrastructure needs of our nation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Patrick S. Graham, A.A.E.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Graham
Executive Director

ASSISTANT
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Gregory B. Kelly, A.A.E.

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"History...Community...Commerce...Effingham Chamber...Cultivating Success!"

Mr. William Bailey

Attn: PD, US Army corps of Engineers, Savannah District

100 West Oglethorpe Avenue

Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce would like to go on record as being fully in favor of the proposed deepening of the Savannah Harbor. Even though Effingham County is north of Savannah and the harbor area, the work of the Georgia Ports there has a great impact on the surrounding counties and cities. The state of Georgia has few economic 'engines' of this magnitude and we support this effort to not only maintain our current business at the ports, but to make a move that will enable these facilities to keep pace with innovations in the shipping industry, and thus, enabling us to maintain and even attract new business for the state and region.

Sincerely,

Randy Shearouse, President

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Tel: (912) 754-3301 • Fax: (912) 754-1236 • www.EffinghamCounty.com

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December 15th, 2010

Dear Mr. Baily,

I am writing in support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. This is a very significant project not only for Savannah and the state of Georgia, but also our nation. As the fourth largest port in the nation Savannah must be ready to accommodate the massive Post Panamax ships that will soon be calling on ports all over the world.


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SHEP – one of the most important and productive civil works projects in the country – will maintain and create jobs and commerce throughout the nation, while significantly reducing transportation costs for U.S. shippers.

Thank you


Donna Piper
Tybee Island, GA

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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 Shippers Warehouse, I (*Bill Stankiewicz*) 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. Supply Chain and logistics creates more than 132,000 jobs in metro Atlanta's economy alone. Increasing the capacity of Savannah's Port will enable increased trade throughout the region, promote future growth, and create jobs for Georgia.

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Sincerely,

Bill Stankiewicz
Bill Stankiewicz
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Shippers Warehouse

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December 17, 2010

Mr. William Bailey
US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
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Re: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)
Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of Pattillo Industrial Real Estate, I wish to express my support of the **Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)**. This project is essential to the growth of international commerce. It will create jobs and raise economic prosperity throughout Georgia and the Southeast United States.

The success of the SHEP is critical to economic recovery. The expansion of the Panama Canal creates new opportunity which we can only capture by investing in this infrastructural enhancement project. You have my full support of this project.

Sincerely,

Lawrence P. Callahan
Chief Executive Officer

LPC/jw

cc: Bob Pertierra, Metro Atlanta Chamber
Terry Lawler, Regional Business Coalition

From: [Coffman, Margaret G \(Meghan\)](#)
To: [CESAS-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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From: [Gary Sanchez](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: support for the deepening of Savannah Harbor
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 12:05:06 PM

I support the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. The port in Savannah has become a vital part of the Georgia economy. It is also vital to the surrounding states of South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama who all benefit from the vitality of the port in Savannah. This deepening is a key aspect of the ongoing success of the port and the continued recovery of our economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary Sanchez.

From: [Chuck Mitchell](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 1:40:21 PM

TO: The US Army Corps of Engineers

SUBJECT: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project Comments

The purpose of this comment is to wholeheartedly support the dredging of the Savannah River to 48' to accommodate the larger draft post-Panamax container ships, which will be coming through the expanded Panama Canal starting in 2014.

As background, I have lived in Savannah for the past 26 years – all of them in the real estate business. During that time, I have had the privilege of working on some of the largest real estate developments in the entire region through my work with Branigar/Union Camp and Crescent Resources/Duke Energy. In my roles with those companies, I was given the opportunity to play a key role in the development of The Landings on Skidaway Island and be the driving force behind Godley Station near the airport, the Buckwalter Tract in Bluffton, the Schultz Tract in Bluffton (now Bluffton Park), Palmetto Bluff, the Argent Tract, the Hardeeville Tract, and a residential project called Oldfield. So, I believe I can speak with some credibility on the Greater Savannah/Bluffton/Hilton Head/Hardeeville region.

To that end, I have watched in amazement as two forces re-shaped Savannah – the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) and the Port.

SCAD saved downtown – end of story.

The Port has driven an industrial/warehouse/distribution boom unique in almost the entire country. This has in turn has supported outstanding residential and commercial development – turning a once sleepy Savannah into one of the most desirable places in the country to both live, work, play, and retire.

Not granting the Port the permit to dredge the river effectively stops this growth. The old mantra is if you are not growing, you are dying. This will be especially true for Savannah. With not enough depth to handle the newer and larger container ships coming through the canal and calling on the East Coast, Savannah's loss will be other East Coast port's gain. This business cannot and will not be replaced – and will mark the end of the growth story in Savannah and the start of a decline and all the negatives that brings. Take a look at Detroit for a glimpse into a no-permit future.

For perhaps the best understanding of the role the Port plays in this region, let me share a call I received from a client in Chicago last week. This extremely successful entrepreneur called me to say he wished to make a substantial real estate investment in Savannah. When I inquired as to the reason why, he stated that he believed that if Savannah was successful in getting the river deepened, it would outperform any other area on the East Coast, and he wanted to be sure he was in on that. He then asked about the status of the permit.

So, after the most-studied issue in the already long history of Savannah – you guys have done one hell of a job on that -- let's stop the analysis, reviews, commenting, etc. and get on with the real work and real benefit of dredging the river to 48' – NOTHING could be better for the entire region.

Thanks so much for providing the opportunity to comment.

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From: [Bill Edgy](#)
To: [CESAS-PD, SAS](#)
Cc: [Brian StJohn](#); [Monte Johnson](#)
Subject: Support for SHEP
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 1:45:26 PM

Mr. Bailey,

I am writing in response to your e-mail regarding the deepening of the Savannah Harbor. My company, Southeast Industrial Equipment, is a provider of Forklift Trucks and other material handling equipment to The Georgia Ports Authority. In addition, we supply equipment to many of the Stevedore companies and a majority of the Third-Party Logistics companies that are supported by the shipping industry through the ports of Savannah.

I don't have to tell you that competing with the Ports of Charleston and Jacksonville has been hard for The Georgia Ports Authority. I feel that deepening the harbor will allow the GPA to continue to attract new customers that will provide business opportunities in our area. Over the last 5 years, the port of Savannah has become home to new businesses such as Target, IKEA and Heineken USA just to name a few. Deepening the Savannah Harbor will allow the GPA to continue with a progressive approach to the global logistics pipeline and will help to keep Savannah at the forefront of the global shipping industry. The growth of the shipping industry in Savannah will, in my opinion, lead to a stimulated economy, by providing new jobs as well as both income and tax dollars to Georgia. What does this mean to Southeast Industrial Equipment? It means the potential for increased sales, and with that comes a larger market presence, a stable, secure workforce and increased profits.

I would like to thank you for providing this forum for small businesses to express their opinions and for your efforts in SHEP. I will be anxiously awaiting word on this monumental issue concerning our community, our state and our businesses.

Sincerely,

Bill Edgy

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To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Smith](#); [Phillip Burrows](#); [Naomi Wobb](#); [Marteha Stewart](#); [Lorraine Hill](#); [littlebirdie4@hotmail.com](#); [kenneth patterson](#); [Kalava](#); [Jessica Savage](#); [JAMES BROWN](#); [inighti_usmc@yahoo.com](#); [Hutchinson, Samantha](#); [george craver](#); [Elizabeth Bridger](#); [TELESHIA](#); [Tyrone Love](#); [dadyeze@yahoo.com](#); [bobakir513@yahoo.com](#); [joneslashanda@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 2:54:39 PM
Importance: High

Friends & Family

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Respectfully,

Parrish Smith, US Army Veteran

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From: [Parrish Smith](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Cc: [Larry Bing](#); [Charles Davis](#); [Keisha Spriggs](#); [David Vance](#); [Gerald Gaines](#); [James Mincey](#)
Subject: The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP)
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 2:56:41 PM

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January 17, 2011

Mr. William Bailey
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VIA E-MAIL: CESAS-PI@USACE.ARMY.MIL

Dear Mr. Bailey,

CSX Transportation (CSXT) is a Class 1 railroad serving the eastern United States with connecting service to Western US, Canada and Mexico. CSXT serves both domestic and international customers. We market our service as a logistics solution which offers environmental benefits and helps to reduce highway congestion.

CSXT would like to provide its support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) and encourage the USACE to approve this endeavor. As you know, the Port of Savannah is the second largest container port by volume on the East Coast serving a rapidly growing Southeast market. This region relies on the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the Port of Savannah to help meet consumer demand. CSXT moved over 100,000 containers in 2010 between the Port of Savannah and several points in the Southeast and we expect that volume to continue to grow in 2011 and beyond.

The Georgia Port Authority has made significant investments in its port, distribution and transportation infrastructure over the last 10 years to meet today's demand and tomorrow's growth. However, with the \$5.2 billion Panama Canal expansion on schedule for a 2014 completion, the Georgia Ports Authority now needs your approval for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project so it can handle the new generation of larger vessels that are becoming predominant in the maritime industry.

It is vital that the USACE deepen the draft at the Port of Savannah for the efficient movement of goods to and from the Southeast region and to allow for continued economic growth and job creation that the Port of Savannah creates.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

From: [Tim Blumentritt](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Letter of Support - Savannah Harbor Deepening Project (SHEP)
Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 10:37:08 AM
Importance: High

December 17, 2010

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

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Sincerely,
Tim Blumentritt

From: SSTAGNITTO@gaports.com
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 4:31:22 PM

The studies and research have been done and the obstacles and issues addressed. Savannah and Georgia need the deepening of the river to accommodate these great ships. We need to continue to bring and maintain the jobs in our area and state and to continue the economic viability of our region. There should be no more delay in this important issue.

Thank you for your time.

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From: [Kathleen Clifton](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project
Date: Thursday, December 23, 2010 8:59:15 AM

Mr. Bailey:

I support the widening and deepening of the Savannah Harbor. This is most important for Georgia's job market and economic development of east Georgia.

Sincerely,

Kathy Clifton

From: [Gene Henry](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: S.H.E.P. Project / Savannah
Date: Monday, December 27, 2010 12:44:45 PM

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I believe the numbers above should be more than sufficient impetus to make all parties strong supporters of this project. That being said, all investment in infrastructure is an investment in the future for the country as a whole, it is indeed a "Global Economy", and this project will serve to make the globe smaller, and our GDP larger. Without the ability to handle the new, larger fleet of coming "Super-ships", fully laden, this port will fall behind, and actually lose ground, it all comes down to economics, exporters and importers will make their decisions based on their bottom lines, not on geography, not on loyalty, and what may seem like common-sense, is often not the dollars and cents reality, if this project does not go through, it may even open the door for more manufacturers to seek an offshore / outsource option if the lack of modern export facilities cause undue financial burden to their operations. We must be efficient, and cost effective, and we must have built in equipment compatibility, deepening the Port of Savannah's waterways will achieve this compatibility.

Sincerely, Gene Henry

Gene Henry
Site Manager / S.D.S. / Savannah
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From: [Larry Ring](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening
Date: Monday, December 27, 2010 1:29:39 PM

I think that this project is very important to the economy of Chatham county and all surrounding county. It will increase jobs in the area and stimulate growth in the area. Also it is a plus for new company that are looking at this area.

From: [David Vance](#)
To: [CFSAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Savannah Harbor Deepening Project
Date: Monday, December 27, 2010 7:36:01 PM

After reviewing the harbor deepening project initiatives and goals, I would be proud to say I fully support this project. Not only would the succession of this project benefit federal, state, and local governments, but it would also benefit each and every citizen of Georgia and other participating states in general. The cry for employment would be greatly reduced by all the opportunities this project would open up, from construction work to truck drivers and even port personnel. The nations companies and corporations would have a positive impact from the project as well, thus creating vast employment opportunities in every state. The positive outcomes in the completion of this project would surpass any negative reprocutions that would effect the environmental state of surrounding Savannah. This project would also serve as a giant step forward for our nations suffering economy, any improvement at this point is a blessing.

Sincerely, David Vance.

From: [Deutsch, Doris J SAS](#)
To: [Bailey, William G SAS](#)
Cc: [Hall, Jeffrey M COL SAS](#); [London, David T LTC SAS](#); [Peters, Terry G SAS](#); [Oddi, Peter A SAS](#); [Garrett, Thomas A SAS](#)
Subject: FW: SMA SHEP Comments (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, December 29, 2010 1:04:47 PM
Attachments: [SMA SHEP Ltr to USACE Dec 2010.pdf](#)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: FOUO

Doris J. Deutsch
Executive Assistant
Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers.
(912)652-5122, fax (912)652-5222.

-----Original Message-----

From: Charlie Sutlive [mailto:sma_1@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2010 11:56 AM
To: Secretary SMA
Subject: SMA SHEP Comments

SMA,

Savannah Maritime Association's comments to USACE concerning the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project are attached and posted at <http://www.savannahmaritime.com/>.

The project information is posted at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/shexpan/Home.html>. Information concerning GA Ports' SHEP communications and support network is at <http://www.gaports.com/shep/>.

The USCG MSSB for New Years Eve Fireworks is posted at http://www.savannahmaritime.com/index_files/Page269.htm.

USCG Local Notice to Mariners 52/10 listed changes to the following navigation aids in the SMA area:

Medway River Daybeacon 2
Skidaway Narrows Daybeacon 73
South Channel Lighted Buoy 1

Happy New Year,

Charlie

Charlie Sutlive
Savannah Maritime Association
912-233-0415

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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

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



January 4, 2011

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

RE: Savannah Harbor Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Liberty County Development Authority (LCDA), it is my pleasure to support the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). The deepening of the Savannah Harbor to 48 feet is critical for the Port of Savannah to continue to compete in the global economy.

The Port of Savannah is one of our region and state's largest economic engines. Specifically, Liberty County and our existing industries greatly benefit from the Port of Savannah.

Liberty County's proximity to the Port of Savannah continues to be one of our most valuable incentives for locating companies and creating new jobs. Companies, both foreign and domestic, continue to select Liberty County, because they see the community as a place where they can grow globally due in large part to the Port of Savannah.

In Liberty County, 70% of the existing industry employment is tied to companies headquartered overseas. In addition, Liberty County's existing industries export to over 70 countries throughout the world with the majority of the exports going through the Port of Savannah.

The SHEP will help Liberty County, the state of Georgia, and the United States as we continue to recruit and retain industry. The project is imperative as we try to grow jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a support letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Allen Brown
Chairman

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December 21, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Bailey,

On behalf of the Metro Atlanta Chamber **Global Commerce Council** and our more than 200 member organizations, including companies like Siemens, Crawford & Company, Delta Air Lines, Georgia Power, and Georgia-Pacific, 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. Global commerce creates more than 160,000 jobs in metro Atlanta's economy alone. 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, over \$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. Alternatively, without SHEP, we will face the loss of many of our existing jobs over time.

We believe the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) will provide a highly cost-effective return on investment to Atlanta and the nation. 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, we fully support this project.

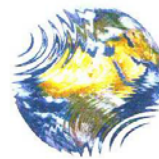
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Sincerely,

Christian Fischer
Chairman, Metro Atlanta Chamber Global Commerce Council
Executive Vice President, Georgia-Pacific

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

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing to you on behalf of SNF Holding Company in support of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. SNF Holding Company is based in Riceboro Georgia. We are the world's largest producer of polyacrylamide flocculants and related monomers. We are the largest industrial employer in Liberty County Georgia, with more than 1000 people, including employees and contractors, employed at our site. More than 40% of the products we make are exported, mostly through the Port of Savannah, and we also import many of our raw materials through the port.

The continued viability and competitiveness of the Savannah port is critical to our business. We compete on a global basis and our products must be competitively priced. The port expansion project is vital to maintaining this competitiveness.

In addition, SNF Holding Company has recently started construction of a new polymer manufacturing plant in Plaquemine LA. At the current time this plant is not intended to reduce employment at our Riceboro site. However, the Plaquemine plant will compete with the Riceboro plant for future investment by the company, and any reduction in the competitive advantages of the local area could have a negative effect on future employment at this site.

We believe the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is essential to sustaining and growing our business. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

David J. Kaye
VP Manufacturing SNF Chemtall Inc.



GREATER MEMPHIS CHAMBER

#554

December 21, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The Greater Memphis Chamber is pleased to write this letter of support for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. With the assistance of the international consulting firm, IHS Global Insight, we have recently completed the Memphis Regional Freight Infrastructure Plan which identifies Savannah as a very important East Coast Gateway Port for Memphis. This harbor improvement is of great strategic importance to Memphis because major CSX and Norfolk Southern rail terminals are located at the Savannah Port. These two Class 1 railroads also have significant logistics facilities in Memphis. The CSX expanded its intermodal terminal in conjunction with the CN Railroad several years ago and the Norfolk Southern Railroad is in the process of building a new \$129 million intermodal terminal and logistics park as part of the Crescent Corridor Project.

The improved deep water harbor with direct connection between Savannah and Memphis is not only of regional but of national importance. U. S. Department of Commerce Secretary Locke was in Memphis recently espousing the benefits of the President's Export Initiative to double export within five years. Memphis is 28th among the top 368 metro areas for exporting and we believe that the linkage to Savannah will enhance exporting and benefit the balance of trade for our country.

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is significant because it makes time sensitive goods movement even more efficient and provides reduced time-to-market cost. Because of this unique connection between Memphis and the Port of Savannah, the Greater Memphis Chamber encourages the timely completion of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Dexter Muller, Sr. V. P.
Community Development

From: [David Buck](#)
To: [CESAS-PD_SAS](#)
Subject: Support for SHEP
Date: Saturday, January 15, 2011 11:59:04 AM

Please allow me to lend my voice of support for SHEP. This project is critical to Savannah and the entire southeast. The port is a cornerstone of our economy and a key to our future.

Thank you,

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December 17, 2010



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's, **Economic Development Committee** and our more than 100 member companies and business leaders 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.

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Dec 16, 2010

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 ORTEC, 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.

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Sincerely,


Corne Aantjes
President ORTEC Americas

PROFESSIONALS IN PLANNING -



US Army Corps
of Engineers
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From: (optional) KATHY GREEN - JH SERVICES

Comments: I MANAGE THE CLEANING COMPANY AT THE GEORGIA

PORTS AND AM 100% FOR THE HARBOR DEEPENING

FOR INCREASED BUSINESS AND REVENUE FOR THE ECONOMY

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From: (optional) Daniel Buttersworth - Truck Driver

Comments: I am 100% For The Harbor Deeping so

it will bring more ~~bus~~ BUSINESS For Everyone

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From: (optional) STEVEN BOYCE - Port Wentworth, GA

Comments:

THE PROJECT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO CONTINUE
OUR GROWTH AND POSITIONING IN THE WORLD-WIDE
MARKET.

Thank you!



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From: (optional) Pertory A Smith

Comments:

I am very much in favor of any project that will
help our city to grow and bring more revenue to
our area.



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From: (optional)

Brandon Long Lewis - Boate & Co.

Comments:

The Savannah Harbor deepening project will benefit everyone in the adjacent area. Please allow this project to be completed for all our sakes.