

**Joint Subcommittee Meeting:
Water Quality; Land Use & Planning
(St. Marys River Management Committee)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
September 3, 2012
6 p.m.**

A joint meeting of the Water Quality Subcommittee (of the St. Marys River Management Committee/SMRMC) and the Land Use & Planning Subcommittee (also of the SMRMC) was held on September 3, 2012.

Members in attendance:

Chip Campbell
John Meyers
Merrill Varn
Winifred Stephenson
Karen Chisolm

Planning Discussion for Public Meeting in Browntown Neighborhood (Camden County)

Scott Pippin, of the University of Georgia River Basin Center (UGA) met with members of the St. Marys River Management Committee (listed above) to discuss plans to hold a public meeting in the Browntown neighborhood in Camden County to discuss the Horsepen Creek 319 Project in that area.

The goals of the public meeting were discussed. It was determined that SMRMC would present the meeting as a general message about the local community taking charge of protecting its local water quality. A limited number of basic water quality and septic management practices would be presented to those in attendance as a way to protect water quality and prevent further intrusion by regulatory agencies. This would lead to an introduction to the 319 project, and a request that local residents participate in UGA's information gathering in the area as part of that project.

It was decided that the public meeting will be held on November 15, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Temple Landing was decided to be the best venue for the meeting.

Promotion for the public meeting will primarily consist of distributing flyers to local residences, posting a sign at the local gas station, placing signage at the intersection near Temple Landing, and general word of mouth efforts.

It was suggested that the septic system at Temple Landing be investigated as a potential demonstration project. Scott will contact the County Public Health office to determine the status of that system.