



St. Marys River Management Committee

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March 23, 2011

Hon. Walter J. Boatright, Chairman
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
96135 Nassau Place
Suite 1
Yulee, FL 32097

RE: Letter of support for land acquisition

Dear Chairman Boatright:

The St. Marys River Management Committee is a quasi-governmental organization tasked with promoting the environmental and economic sustainability of the St. Marys River. Our membership includes representatives from Nassau, Baker, Camden and Charlton Counties. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the committee wholeheartedly supports Nassau County's potential acquisition of land along the St. Marys River near Kings Ferry.

Walter Fufidio gave a presentation to our committee at our regular meeting on March 7, 2011, regarding this potential acquisition and also regarding the role of the River Branch Foundation in the acquisition. The committee voted unanimously to express its support through this letter for the acquisition of this property, which it believes will be a benefit for the County as well as for the health of the St. Marys River. The 39-acre property, with approximately 2/3 mile of river frontage, will promote river protection and help to maintain the river's current filtering capacity. We believe the acquisition of this property for perpetual preservation is in line with the spirit and intent of the St. Marys River Management Plan, which includes the promotion of conservation easements.

Sincerely,

Dean Woehrle, Co-Chairman
St. Marys River Management Committee

Chip Campbell, Co-Chairman
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cc: Hallie Stevens, the River Branch Foundation