



St. Marys River Management Committee

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April 30, 2012

Camden County Board of County Commissioners
200 East 4th Street
P.O. Box 99
Woodbine, Georgia 31569

RE: Scrubby Bluff at I-95 – Illegal Dumping

Dear Commissioners:

At our recent River Clean-Up and celebration, March 17, 2012, members of the St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC) noted a major increase in the amount of dumping at the Scrubby Bluff site next to the I-95 Bridge. A team of volunteers worked for three hours and made barely a dent in the piles of roofing, carpeting, dry wall and other construction debris on the riverbank. There are also large piles of automobile and truck tires and numbers of debris piles accumulating along Scrubby Bluff Road leading to the site. The area is an eyesore both from land and from the river.

The SMRMC site captain spoke with a Camden County Code Enforcement Officer who said that he knew it was a problem dumping area. The property is owned by numerous private individuals (Gross, Pierce, Godwin, Bowers, and Moore), who generously allow the general public to use their properties as a river access and for fishing. The number of public access points to the St. Marys River in Camden County is very limited and it is a shame to lose a significant access point to illegal dumping.

SMRMC is a quasi-governmental advisory panel established by Interlocal Agreement between Baker and Nassau counties in Florida and Camden and Charlton counties in Georgia. As a member county, we wish to draw your attention to a problem that has grown too large for our volunteers to solve.

We recognize the significant efforts of Camden County to prevent and minimize illegal dumping as demonstrated by a) your anti-dumping ordinances and b) support for your code enforcement office.

We want to thank you for your attention to this and similar efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chip Campbell, Co-Chairman
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