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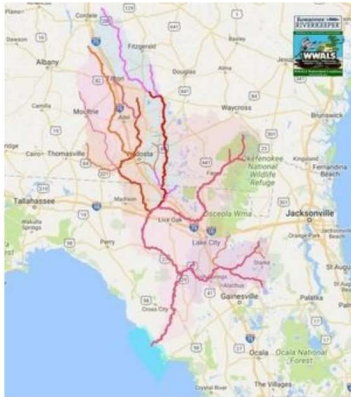
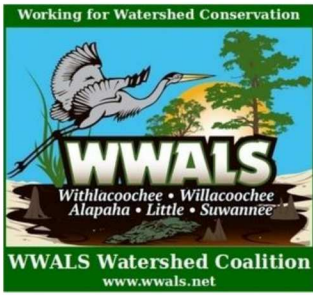
To: Lowndes County Commission and Staff

Re: Naylor Boat Ramp, Water Trails, and Paddle Georgia

Chairman Slaughter et al.,

Congratulations on getting to the final work on the Naylor Boat Ramp.

<http://wwals.net/?p=49252> Thanks especially to Project Manager Chad McLeod for sticking to it for all these years since WWALS requested an Alapaha River Park back in February 2013 <http://wwals.net/?p=296> and the voters of Lowndes County approved the boat ramp on the November 2013 SPLOST VII ballot. And thanks to Commissioners Joyce Evans and Demarcus Marshall, in whose districts Naylor Boat Ramp is, as well as to the rest of the Commissioners and staff. As discussed a year ago, I look forward to the ribbon cutting.



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WWALS Watershed Coalition advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.

Alapaha River Water Trail (ARWT)

Some years ago, Chairman Slaughter told me that he preferred to wait to pass a resolution in support of the Alapaha River Water Trail (ARWT) until the Naylor Boat Ramp was completed and there was a ribbon cutting ceremony. Please find attached an updated ARWT resolution that mentions the completion of the Naylor Boat Ramp. Please also note that meanwhile similar resolutions have been passed for the ARWT by Atkinson County, Lanier County, the City of Valdosta, and Hamilton County, Florida. The ARWT also has letters of support from the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority, Tourism Authority, and Chamber of Commerce.

<http://wwals.net/maps/alapaha-water-trail/#Sponsor>



Paddle Georgia

As you are no doubt aware from the stories in the Valdosta Daily Times on [March 14, 2019](#), and [May 7, 2019](#), Paddle Georgia is bringing several hundred paddlers down the Little and Withlacoochee Rivers along Lowndes County and onwards in Florida on the Suwannee River, for a week starting June 15, 2019.

I would like to invite each of you to the VIP tent at the Little River Confluence on Saturday morning, June 15, where there will be refreshments as they paddle by. WWALS and Helen Tapp of the landowners, Land Between the Rivers, will be there to talk about water trails and the site of historic Troupville. Maybe the Chairman or Commissioners would like to come help see the paddlers off down the river.

I would also like to invite all of you to join us on the river on Professionals Day, Monday, June 17, 2019, as we paddle from Nankin Boat Ramp past McIntyre Spring and Arnold Springs and State Line Shoals into Florida. Elected officials can register at no charge; for others it will be \$30. <https://garivers.org/paddle-georgia/registration/>

