

December 31, 2020

To: David Barth
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Cc: George Page, Executive Director
Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Rec. Authority
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Re: WWALS vision for Lowndes County waterways

Dear Dr. Barth and Director Page,

Thank you for the invitation to provide suggestions for resource protection and recreational access for the Rivers and other waterways of Lowndes County, including access, water quality, land acquisition, etc.

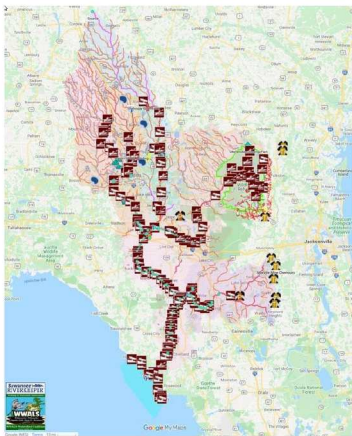
Please see below a list of such suggested improvements.

For the rivers and the aquifer,

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/s

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

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Health and Safety

What	Why	Cost
Tamper-proof trash cans and timely pickup at all boat ramps and public landings	People will put trash in a trash can: see Naylor Beach in Naylor Boat Ramp Park.	\$250 - \$1500/each
Fishing line collection containers at all boat ramps and public landings	To encourage fishing, while fish, turtles, other wildlife, and people, don't get snagged on old fishing line.	~\$100/site for supplies, make your own
Cameras at selected problem areas, such as Knights Ferry Boat Ramp	They discourage problem activities such as leaving trash and shooting up signs	~\$200+/ per site
More cleanups at more locations	Removes trash and gets people involved	Mostly volunteer hours, plus trash pickers, safety vests, trash removal, and overhead organizational staff time.
Extend the USGS Flood Inundation Mapper (FIM) to the Little River Confluence.	Need to cover Troupville Boat Ramp Park and future Troupville River Park. https://wwals.net/?p=54161	Valdosta and Lowndes County already paid for LiDAR, so FIM for another mile or two would cost little.
Publicize TMDLs (mercury, lead, Fecal coliform, etc.) Most people fishing do not know about these.	Important for people to know limits on eating fish, and so they will help fix those problems.	Minimal. Include in other press releases, etc.