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Mr. Paul Tobler
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*RE: Comments on CMPA permit application submitted by the City of Brunswick
for Howard Coffin Park Drainage Improvement and Bank Stabilization Project,
Tidal Ditches in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia*

Dear Mr. Tobler and Coastal Marshland Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and submit comments to the Georgia Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee on the permit application submitted by the City of Brunswick to construct a living shoreline for drainage improvements in Howard Coffin Park in Brunswick, Georgia. These comments are submitted in support of the project on behalf of One Hundred Miles (OHM), a conservation organization dedicated to protecting Georgia's 100-mile coast through advocacy, education, and community engagement.

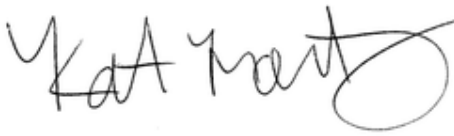
OHM has expressed our support of living shorelines to this committee on several occasions. We applaud the City of Brunswick's forward-thinking plans to develop a living shoreline as an erosion-resistance strategy to preserve the banks and existing infrastructure of Howard Coffin Park. Living shorelines are an excellent shore stabilization method that helps control erosion and offers ecological benefits for public marshlands. Living shorelines are the best way to protect development and allow the natural plant/habitat migration needed for our coast to become more resilient to Georgia's changing environment.

Using a variety of natural materials, like oyster bags and native plants, with the use of manmade stabilization materials like Flexamat and DredgeSox, is an ideal method to encourage the long-term resilience against stormwater surge and sea-level rise. The installation of minimal amounts of rip-rap to secure the Flexamat at the toe of select areas will encourage oyster recruitment over time.

Currently, the DNR Coastal Resources Division cites 12 successful living shorelines installed along Georgia's coast, with several more projects in the works¹. These vital projects are often in remote locations, like on Sapelo, Little St. Simons, and Cumberland Island or on private property. The Howard Coffin Park project will be among the first publicly visible living shoreline created in Georgia in a high-traffic area along Highway 17. This is an exciting opportunity to include Brunswick to the list of innovative municipalities working with DNR and partner organizations to develop and implement sustainable solutions to protect our resources.

I appreciate your consideration. Please contact me if you have questions or need further information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kat Montgomery', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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¹ https://coastalgadnr.org/sites/default/files/crd/CZM/Wetlands-LS/LivingShorelineFactSheet_2023_1.pdf#:~:text=Secondary%20goals%20include%20the%20preservation%20of%20tidal,and%20several%20more%20projects%20in%20the%20works.