#### Guale Preserve Family Fishing Platform Permit Proposal

by

#### St. Simons Land Trust

# Narrative with project details and dimensions, construction methods, materials, and access points/locations

The Conservation Easement attached to Guale Preserve is held by The State of Georgia. The Conservation Easement includes not only habitat conservation but recreation as part of the Property's purpose. The St. Simons Land Trust proposes to replace the fixed fishing platform which previously existed at a waterfront location at the northeast area of Guale Preserve (formerly Musgrove Plantation). This previously existing fishing platform south of the existing boat ramp was irreparably damaged by Hurricane Irma. It will be replaced with an enlarged fixed T-platform to serve people of all ages, including the disabled.

The proposed fishing platform will consist of a 13  $^{\prime}$  X 30  $^{\prime}$  (390 ft²) terminal T-head with railing, accessed via a 6 $^{\prime}$  X 32 $^{\prime}$  (192 ft²) fixed walkway with railing. The walkway and platform are supported by 12 support pilings. The platform's railing will be lowered in six foot sections to accommodate youth and individuals fishing from wheelchairs. The total marsh impact of the proposed structure is 582 ft², or 0.013 acre. The fixed walkway and terminal platform will be of aluminum structure with composite decking. Twelve concrete piles will be driven 5 to 10 feet below existing ground surface to anchor the fixed walkway and terminal platform. The 6 pilings supporting the walkway will be placed approximately 15 feet apart , while the 6 pilings supporting the terminal platform will be placed 11 feet apart. The fishing platform will be constructed from the water using a barge, crane and pile driver.

The fixed T-head fishing platform will be positioned to not unduly extend into the waterway. Based on the plans and that MLW is 4 feet below NAVD88 (St Simons Light), total width of the waterway at mean low water (MLW) is 50 feet. Distance of the dock into the waterway is variable and up to approximately 3 to 4 feet at the platform's southeast quadrant at MLW. Distance of the structure from the channel is 43 feet. The closest water based structures to the project site are the existing boat ramp 121.6 feet to the north on the Guale property, the Village Property Owners Association community dock 1,267 feet to the north via waterway, and the Musgrove Family Compound seawall situated 540 feet to the south.

The Guale Preserve waterfront can be accessed via a 50' access easement road, Village Lane, entering the property from Village Drive at Latitude 31.227526°; Longitude -81.354999°. See Survey entitled Boundary Survey of Musgrove Plantation 25<sup>th</sup> G.M.D. St. Simons Island Glynn County dated 3-29-2016.

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## **Project Drawings:**

#### **Site Plans**

Enclosed is a vicinity map showing location of the project (Attachment 1). The proposed project is located at 81°21'14.627"W 31°13'29.407"N (31.224835, -81.354063) on Phase I of Guale Preserve (formerly Musgrove Plantation). Guale Preserve is located on St. Simons Island, which is immediately East of Brunswick, Georgia, the mainland municipality, the westernmost seaport on the Eastern seaboard of the United States. Guale Preserve is fronted on the east by Musgrove Creek (a/k/a Boathouse Creek), a tributary of Village Creek, which connects with Hampton River to the north and Black Banks River to the south. The Hampton River is a tributary of the Altamaha River separating Little St. Simons Island from St. Simons Island. Black Banks River enters the Atlantic Ocean at Gould's Inlet at the southern tip of Sea Island.

### **Marshland Component of the project**

The enclosed survey (Attachment 2) depicts the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act marsh jurisdiction line within the project area. Currently existing features in state and federal jurisdictional area include the remnant pilings and displaced walkway of the previous fixed fishing platform (Photos 1 through 5).

Proposed features include a replacement T-head fixed fishing platform (Attachments 3, 4, and 5 Sheets 1-5). The components include a 6' X 32 'walkway (192 ft²) leading to a 13' X 30' fixed pier (390 ft²) (Attachment 5, Sheet 2). The walkway is supported by three pairs of support pilings, and the terminal platform is supported by six pilings (Attachments 3 and 5 Sheet 1). The platform's railing will be lower in alternating sections (Attachment 5 Sheet 1) to accommodate youth and individuals fishing from wheelchairs. The total marsh impact of the proposed structure is 582 ft², or 0.013 acres.

### Upland Component of the Project

The upland component of the project is the portion of the access walkway that is located within the 50 foot marsh buffer, a 6' X 5' impervious pad accessing the fixed fishing platform from the high ground (Attachment 3); and a 4,824ft² dual use parking area (Attachments 6 and 7; Photos 6a-6b) to serve fishers, and waterfront visitors pursuing recreation at Guale Preserve. Vehicles will park in the designated parking area down the road to the north of Village Lane after entering the Guale Preserve waterfront area. Bicycle racks will be positioned at the waterfront near the platform to accommodate those who opt to cycle to the fishing structure.

The pervious dirt road is not slated for improvement but will be repaired with pervious substrate when needed. The parking area will remain in its pervious state, consisting of mowed grass. Rail ties designate the vehicular parking spaces (Photos 6a – 6b).

#### Marshlands Buffers for Upland Component

The 50 foot marshlands buffer is delineated on Attachment 2. The marsh buffer will be left pervious and natural except for the portion of the concrete handicapped access pad (30 ft<sup>2</sup>) at the entrance to the walkway to the fishing platform. A 5' pervious pathway to the dock will be positioned in the buffer. Landward of the marsh area is a mixture of grasses: Bahia and centipede.

A temporary location to stockpile the remnants of the previous dock's walkway will be used during fishing platform construction. It will be removed for disposal offsite. The old pilings will be removed by the marine contractor for disposal offsite.

### Stormwater Management Plan for the Upland Component

Construction of the family fishing platform will occur from the water and will entail minimal disturbance of the 50' DNR marsh buffer. Glynn County Department of Community Development engineers have visited the site in their capacity as the Local Issuing Authority. They indicated a buffer variance request would not be required from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for disturbance to the 25' E&S buffer. They further noted that this project is exempt from Glynn County's Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (Article VII Sections 2-5-100 thru 2-5-108) because of its small size and because, if permitted, this project will allow an alteration within the buffer pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-286.

As noted below, the only permanent disturbance to the upland within the marsh buffer is the concrete ADA pad at the entrance to the fishing platform walkway (30ft²). Any disturbance during project construction will be temporary and the upland will be restored to a protective, natural vegetative state.

#### Impervious Surface Calculations of the Upland Component

The upland component of the project is approximately 4,854 ft<sup>2</sup> (30 ft<sup>2</sup> walkway access pad + 4.824ft<sup>2</sup> parking = 4.854 ft<sup>2</sup>). The impervious surface proposed for the upland component of the project is the concrete ADA pad (Attachment 3) at the entrance to the fishing platform walkway (30ft<sup>2</sup>, or 0.6 % effective impervious cover).

A pervious walkway is planned for the upland in the vicinity of the project. A bench is already positioned to enable the public's enjoyment of the expansive marsh view. The location of the pathway is yet to be determined.

### Deed, Survey, and Conservation Easement

The project area is located in the waterfront portion of Phase I of Guale Preserve, owned solely by the St. Simons Land Trust. A property ownership map (Attachment 8) and property survey relative to the site location (Attachment 2) are included. Attachment 2 shows the upland boundary of the project area in relation to coastal marshlands and tidal water bottoms.

The deed conveying Phase I of Guale Preserve (formerly a portion of Musgrove Plantation) from the BRENN Foundation to the St. Simons Land Trust is submitted as Attachment 9. Also included in this application is the Conservation Easement held by the State of Georgia (Attachment 10) for Phase I of Guale Preserve. The marshlands in the project area are not designated as Natural Heritage Preserve.

This permit request, its attachments and all associated permit and license applications are made by the following representative of the St. Simons Land Trust: Emily Ellison, Executive Director, St. Simons Land Trust, P.O. Box 24615, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522.

#### **Adjoining Landowners**

Landowners adjacent to the property on which the project described in this permit application is located:

State of Georgia
Attn: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
One Conservation Way
Brunswick, GA 31520-8687

BRENN Foundation 735 S. Fillmore Street Denver, CO 80209

Robert and Brenda Langley 280 Virginia Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Susan Blount 27 Virginia Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Robert C. Wade

131 Wall Street St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Jeff Anderson 70 Gruber Lane St. Simons Island, GA 31522

William B. Burns 110 Virginia Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Stuart and Stacie Stevenson 120 Virginia Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Roads End Cemetery Musgrove PLT 160 Village Cemetery Road St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Glynn County Board of Commissioners 1725 Reynolds Street Suite 302 Brunswick, GA 31520

#### **Zoning Letter**

A copy of the letter from Glynn County's Community Development Department stating that the proposed project is not violative of local zoning, is pending and will be provided as soon as received. The request is included as Attachment 11.

#### **Application Fee**

This Tier II public dock is considered minor in scope and in impact. A check in the amount of \$250 made to Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Attachment 12) is included.

#### **Alternative Analysis**

The fixed fishing platform is water dependent. The project restores fishing access at a site where it had long existed (Photo 1, Attachment 13) for the property's previous owners, but makes these amenities available to the public. The fishing platform will be configured to accommodate multiple fishers at one time, including persons with disabilities and families with children. The platform is being located slightly to the north of the site of the former platform,

in the footprint of the dislodged walkway which has rested in the marsh since Hurricane Irma in September 2017. The marsh is already disturbed in that site (See photos 4 and 5).

Relocating and constructing the fishing platform at another site along the Phase I shoreline would disturb pristine, undisturbed marsh/upland interface, while leaving the existing dock remnants in place to deteriorate and ultimately disintegrate. It is better to confine the construction to an already disturbed site.

Eliminating the marine fishing access from the site would not serve the overall public interest. Fishing is a heritage enjoyed by coastal residents before and since the founding of Georgia. Per the Public Trust Doctrine, access to tidal waters for public use is a fundamental priority for the State of Georgia through its Department of Natural Resources. Moreover, the St. Simons Land Trust strives to preserve the natural heritage of St. Simons Island for current and future generations, by fostering a conservation ethic. Opportunities for immersion in the surrounding coastal environment are one of the most effective ways to instill that ethic. There is limited public saltwater fishing access on St. Simons Island, despite having a population of approximately 14,000 people.

There are few places dedicated exclusively for family saltwater fishing fun on the north end of the St. Simons Island. For example, the Cannon's Point dock is also used for non-motorized boat launching. The fixed fishing platform at Musgrove's waterfront will enable fishers to pursue that pastime without the interruption of boat launching from the same structure.

Lastly, the State of Georgia through DNR has provided \$3 million in Sportfish Restoration Account funding to the acquisition of three phases of Guale Preserve, with the understanding that Guale Preserve would be accessible for the citizens of Georgia, not just protection of habitat for local constituents. In addition to protecting important coastal habitats, another purpose of the Conservation Easement is to provide recreational opportunities. The proposed family fishing facility is a means toward fulfilling that purpose.

#### **Landfill/Hazardous Waste Statement**

The list of landfills and hazardous waste sites for Georgia has been reviewed. The site described in this project proposal is not near or over a landfill or hazardous waste site. A Phase I Environmental Assessment was conducted for all phases of Musgrove Plantation by Environmental Technology Resources in April 2015. Assessment of the property "......did not identify any visual evidence of spilled hazardous materials, petroleum products, below ground storage tanks, surface impoundments, stressed vegetation, evidence of previous landfill/waste dumping activity or industrially classified wastewater discharges." An above ground steel tank used to store marine fuel for boats was removed from the boathouse near the ramp. The environmental contractor noted no visual evidence of any spills or leaks from the tank. Two

areas of solid waste were noted quite distant from the waterfront. One area west of the waterfront was used by the previous owner for disposal of trees and landscaping debris; the other to the southwest had scattered domestic debris, which has been removed and properly disposed of.

Based on the EA, the search of EPD databases, and the current condition of the Phase I Guale Preserve waterfront, the site is considered suitable for the proposed project.

#### **Water Quality Certification**

The Corps of Engineers will determine the need for water quality certification for this project at the time of application review.

#### **Erosion and Sedimentation Statement**

The project will be conducted in compliance with applicable erosion and sediment control responsibilities. There will be minimal disturbance of the upland since the project will be constructed from the water. Please refer to the above discussion regarding marshland buffers, stormwater management, and impervious surface calculations. As noted previously, the only permanent disturbance to the upland within the marsh buffer is the concrete ADA pad (30ft²) at the entrance to the fishing platform walkway. Erosion control measures will be implemented in the upland area subject to land disturbing activity. Any disturbance during project construction will be temporary. If necessary, disturbed upland will be restored to a protective, natural vegetative state.

#### **Public Interest Statement**

The project is not contrary to the public interest, specific to the following considerations:

- a. The proposed project will not cause unreasonably harmful obstruction to or alteration of the natural flow of navigational water within the affected area.
- b. The proposed project will not cause unreasonably harmful or increased erosion, shoaling of channels, or create stagnant areas of water. We do not expect significant impacts to the ecology of the creek or adjacent marshes from the fixed fishing platform.
- c. The granting of the permit and completion of the applicant's proposal will not unreasonably interfere with the conservation of fish, shrimp, oysters, crabs, clams, or other marine life, wildlife, or other resources, including but not limited to water and oxygen. The platform will feature marine educational signage.





Photo2



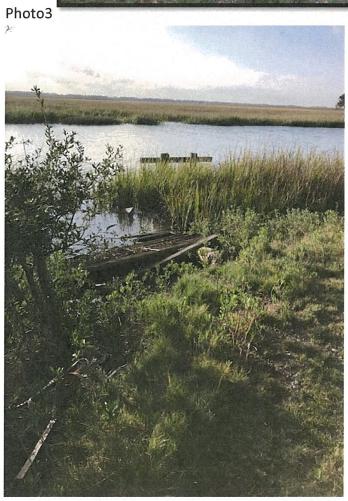


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Photo 5



Photo 6a



Photo 6b





# COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION ONE CONSERVATION WAY • BRUNSWICK. GA 31.520 • 912 264 7218 COASTALGADNRORG

MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER

DOUG HAYMANS DIRECTOR

March 24, 2020

Teeple Hill Shupe Surveying Company, P.C. 3837 Darien Hwy. Brunswick, GA 31525

Re: Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA), Jurisdictional Determination Verification, Portion of Musgrove Plantation, Phase 1, Musgrove Plantation, Musgrove Creek, Glynn County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hill:

Our office has received the survey and plat, dated February 11, 2020, prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., No. 3081 entitled "A Limited Tree, Topographic, and CMPA Jurisdiction Line Survey of: Being a Portion of Phase One Musgrove Plantation, 25th G.M.D., St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia" prepared for St. Simons Land Trust, Inc. Based on my site inspection, on February 18, 2020, this plat and survey generally depict the delineation of the marsh/upland boundary as required by the State of Georgia for jurisdiction under the authority of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280 et seq.

The Coastal Marshlands Protection Act O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280 et seq. delineation of this parcel is subject to change due to environmental conditions and legislative enactments. This jurisdiction line is valid for one year from date of the delineation. It will normally expire on February 11, 2021 but may be voided should legal and/or environmental conditions change.

This letter does not relieve you of the responsibility of obtaining other state, local, or federal permission relative to the site. Authorization by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee or this Department is required prior to any construction or alteration in the marsh jurisdictional area. We appreciate you providing us with this information for our records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (912) 262-3134.

Sincerely,

Paul Tobler

Coastal Permit Coordinator

Marsh and Shore Management Program

Enclosure:

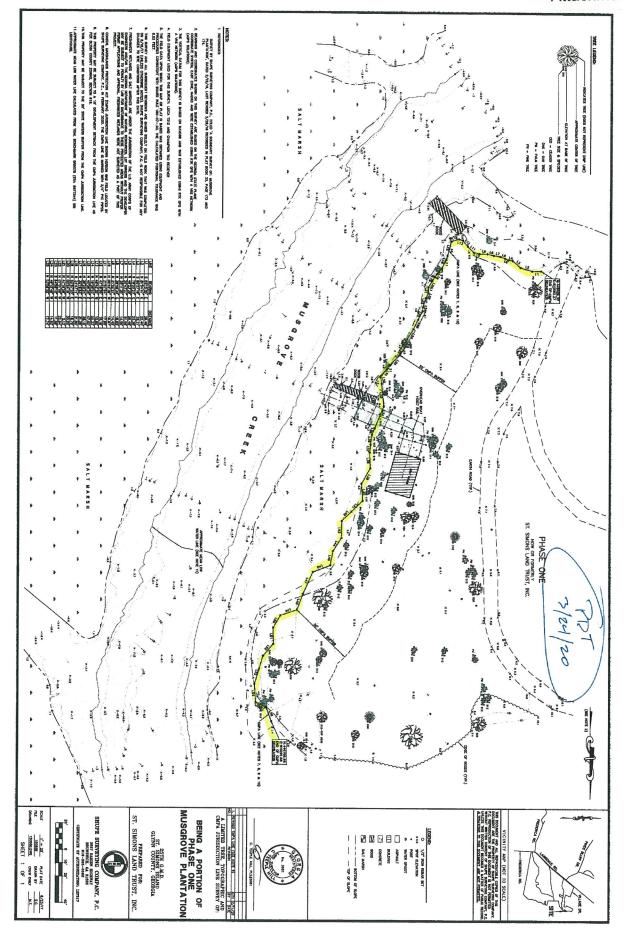
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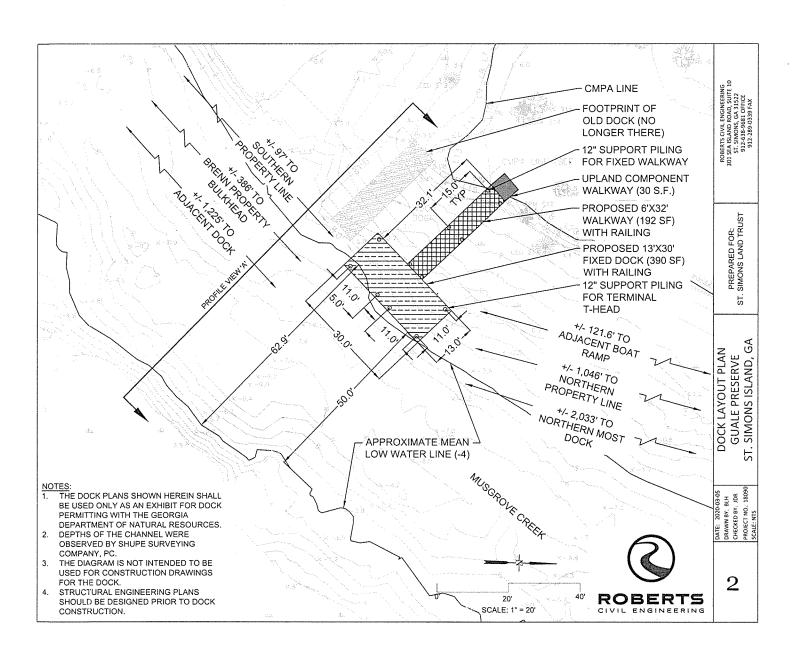
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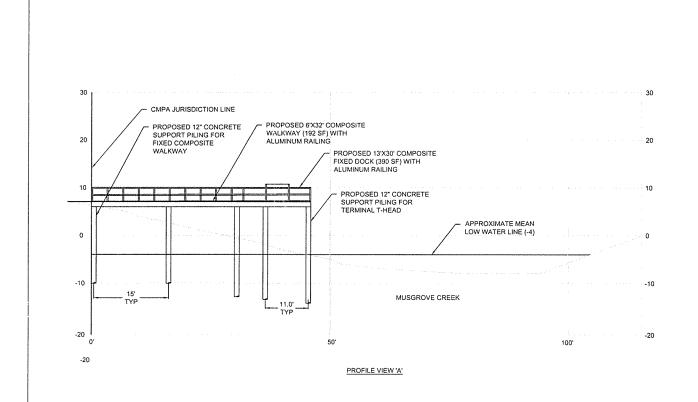
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NOTES:

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- 2. THE DEPTHS OF THE CHANNEL WERE OBSERVED IN AUGUST 2017 BY SHUPE SURVEYING COMPANY, P.C.  $\,$
- 3. THE DIAGRAM IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR THE DOCK.
- 4. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING PLANS SHOULD BE DESIGNED PRIOR TO DOCK CONSTRUCTION.



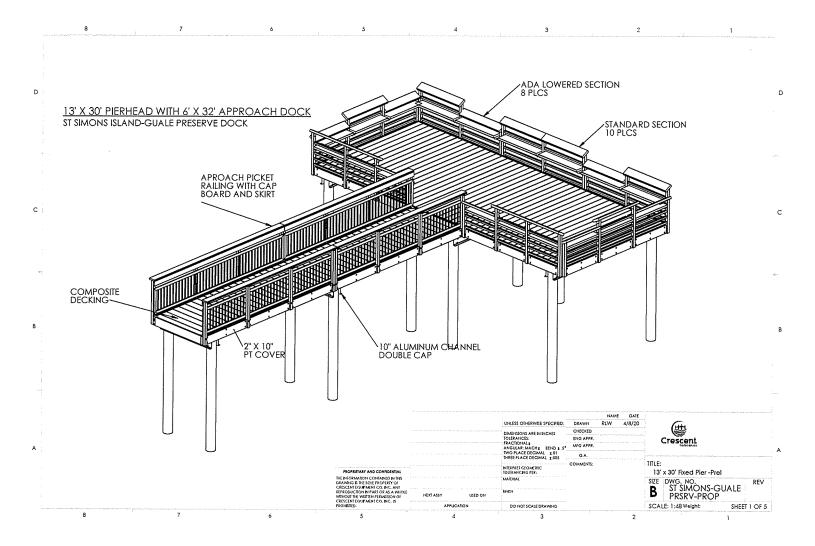
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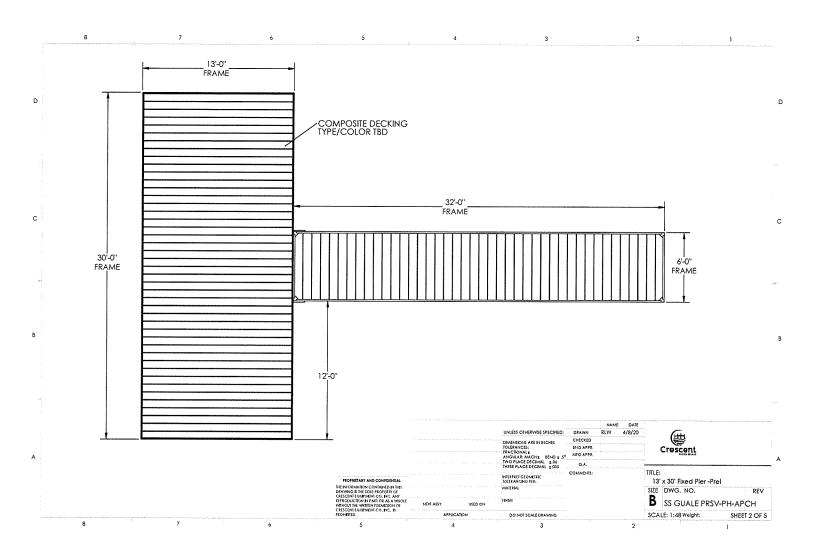
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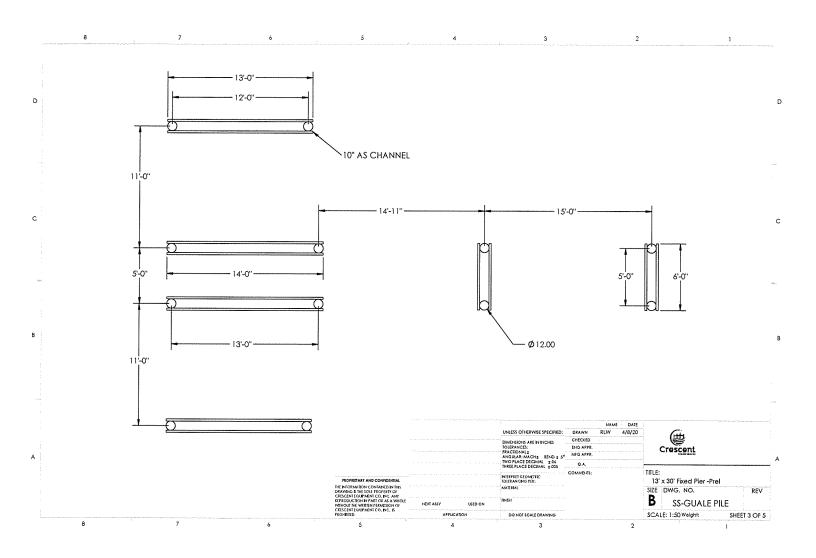
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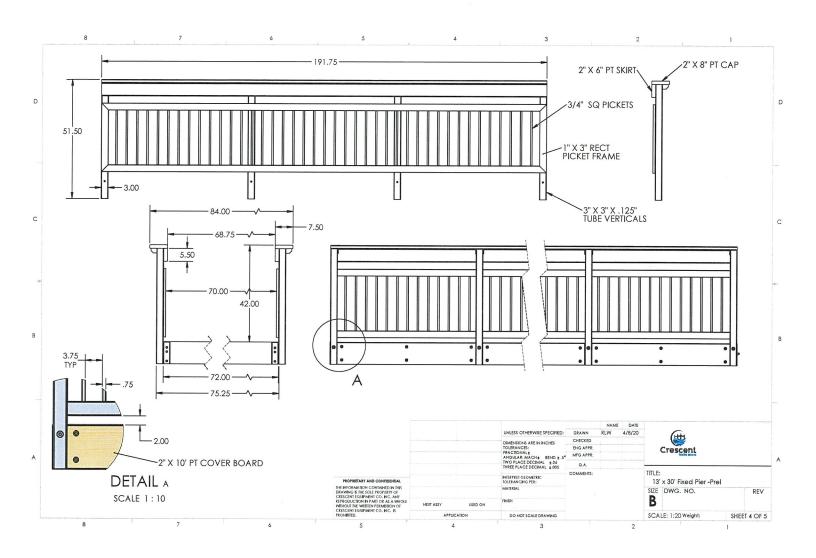
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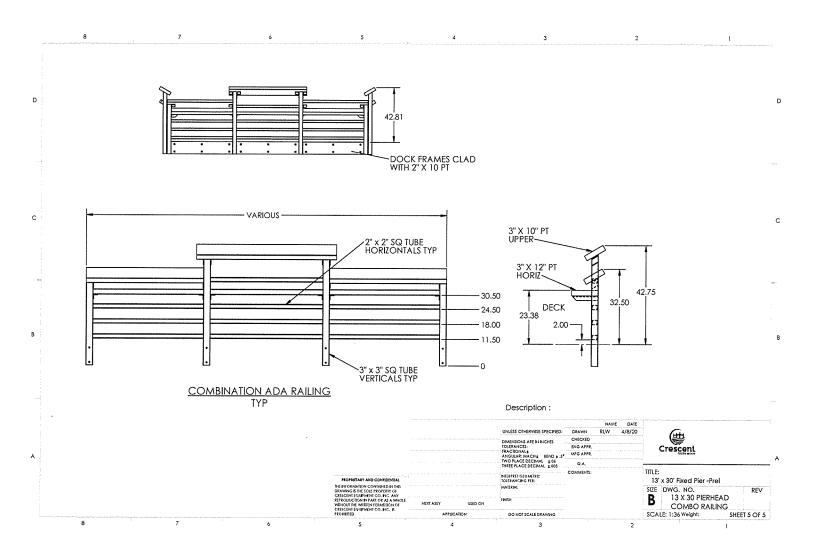
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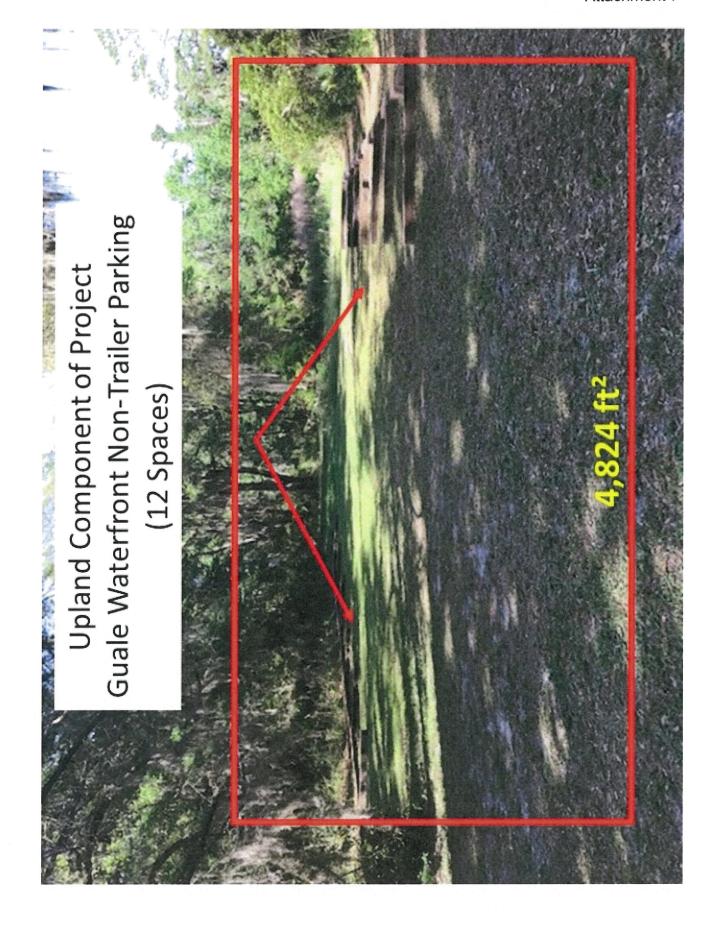


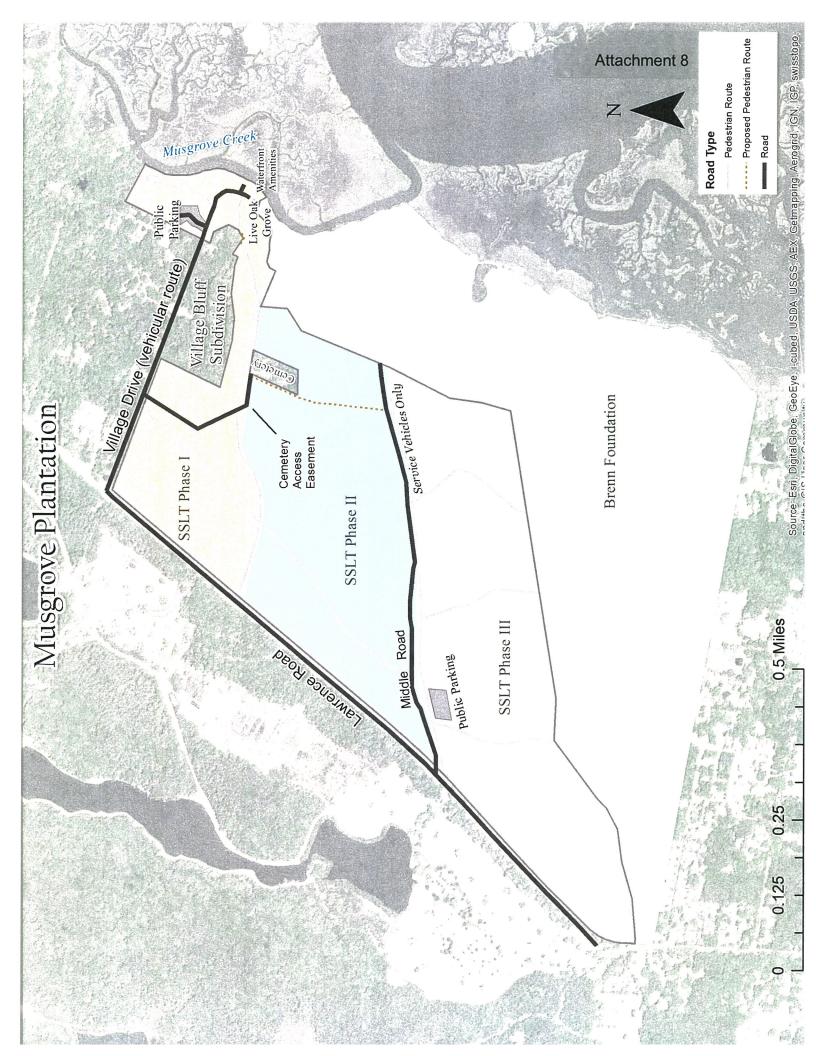






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April 7, 2020

Glynn County Community Development Department Attn: Ms. Pam Thompson, Director 1725 Reynolds Street, Suite 200 Brunswick, Georgia 31520

Re:

Guale Preserve Family Fishing Platform Musgrove Creek, St. Simons Island, Georgia

Dear Ms. Thompson:

The St. Simons Land Trust is submitting an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division (CRD) requesting authorization under the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA; O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-80 *et seq.*) to perform activities within jurisdiction on a portion of Guale Preserve, located on the west bank of Musgrove Creek (aka Boathouse Creek), east of Lawrence Road, on St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia.

The St. Simons Land Trust proposes to replace the fixed fishing platform which previously existed at the waterfront location at the northeast area of Guale Preserve (formerly Musgrove Plantation). The previously existing fishing platform south of the existing boat ramp was irreparably damaged by Hurricane Irma. It will be replaced with an enlarged fixed T-platform to serve people of all ages, including the disabled. The project is located at 31°13'29.4"N 81°21'14.6"W.

In accordance with O.C.G. A. Section 12-5-286(b)(6), the applicant must submit a letter from the local zoning authority in which the property is located, stating that the proposed activity does not violate any zoning laws. In addition, it is CRD's Policy that you initial and date the attached plan so they can insure the final permitted facility is consistent with your review.

The applicant understands that your preliminary approval of the proposed plan does not constitute approval of the project itself or associated facilities. The applicant further understands that all necessary permits and approvals required from Glynn County for the proposed activities on the subject property, will be obtained prior to construction.

Please provide a letter stating that the applicant's proposal is not violative of Glynn County zoning laws and stamp or initial the enclosed drawings. I have enclosed a stamped, self, addressed return envelope for your use.



# Glynn County Community Development Department 1725 Reynolds St., Suite 200 Brunswick, GA 31520 912 554-7428

Attachment 11 ZCL

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# **Zoning Certification Request**

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St. Simons Isla	and, GA 31522					
Location of pr	·					
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ST. SIMONS LAND TRUST

PREPARED FOR:

PROPOSED 13'X30' COMPOSITE FIXED DOCK (390 SF) WITH ALUMINUM RAILING

PROPOSED 6'X32' COMPOSITE WALKWAY (192 SF) WITH ALUMINUM RAILING

- PROPOSED 12" CONCRETE SUPPORT PILING FOR FIXED COMPOSITE WALKWAY

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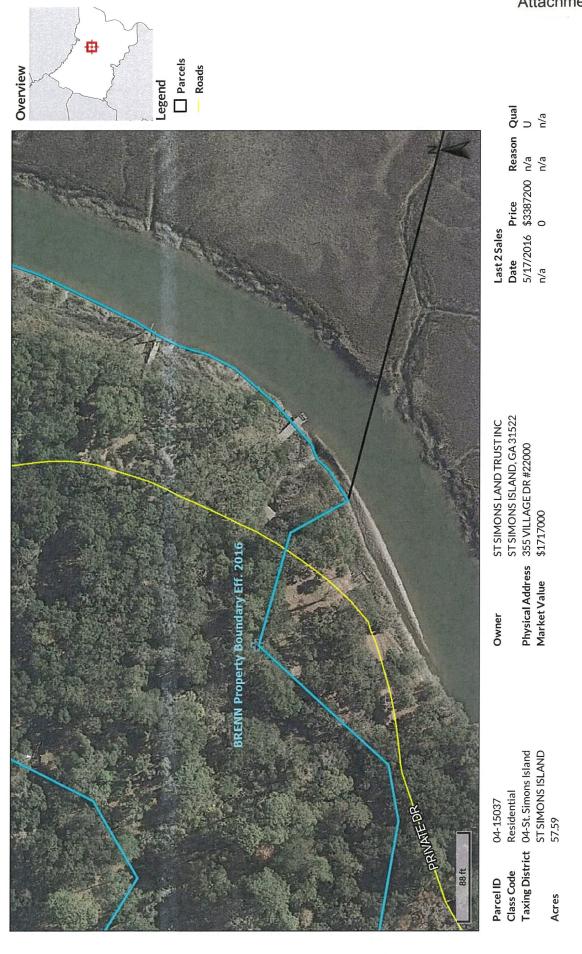
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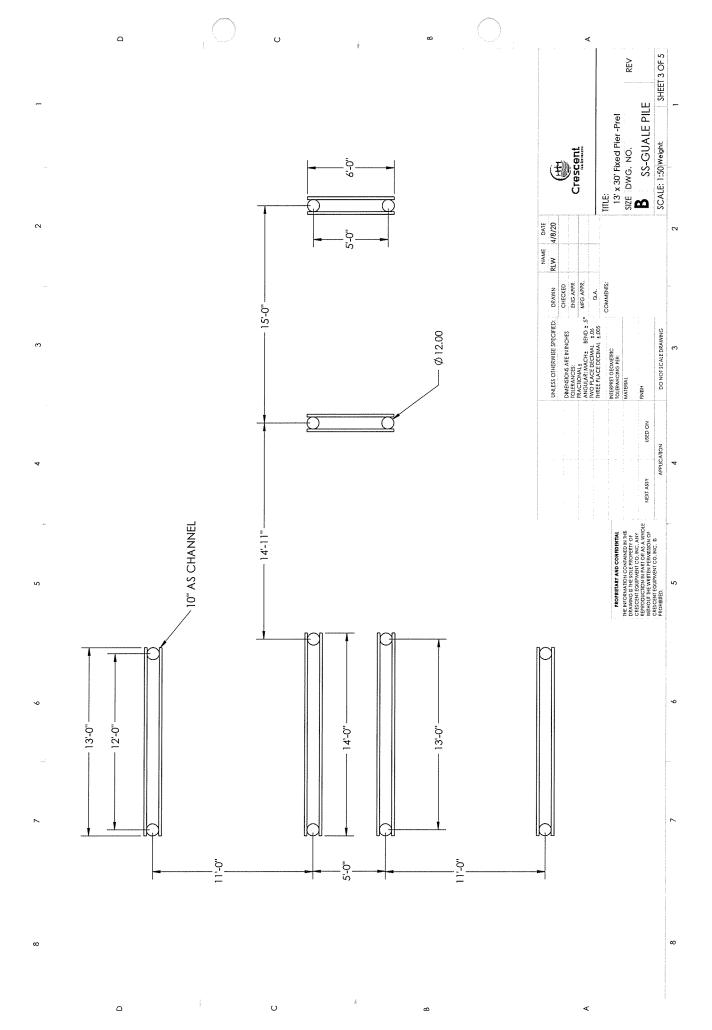
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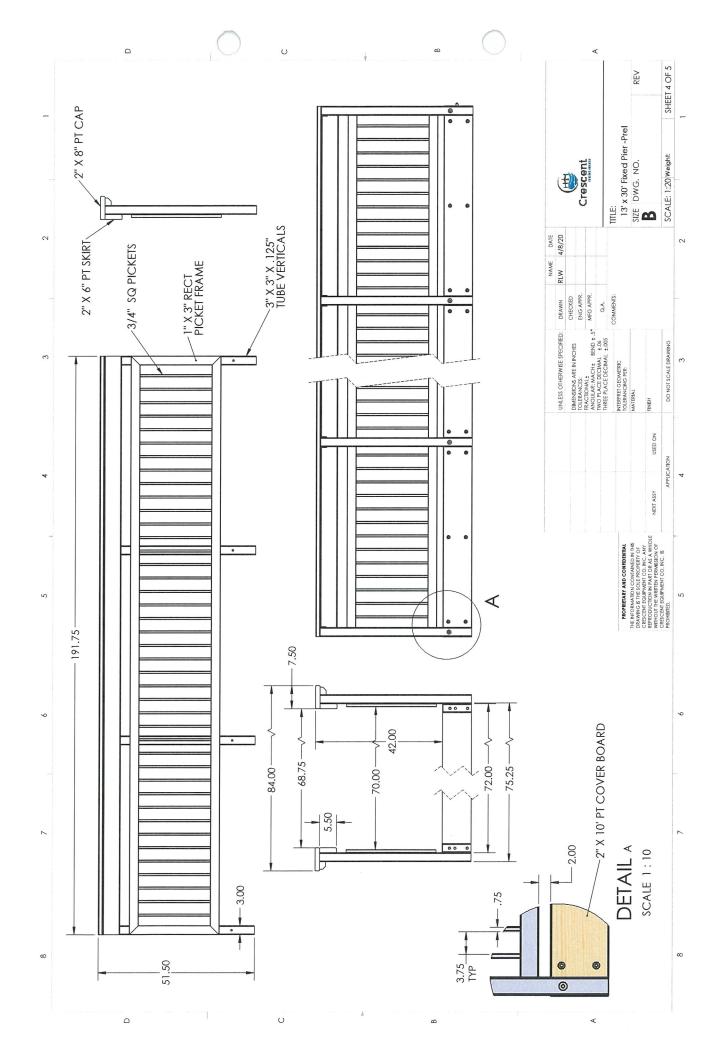
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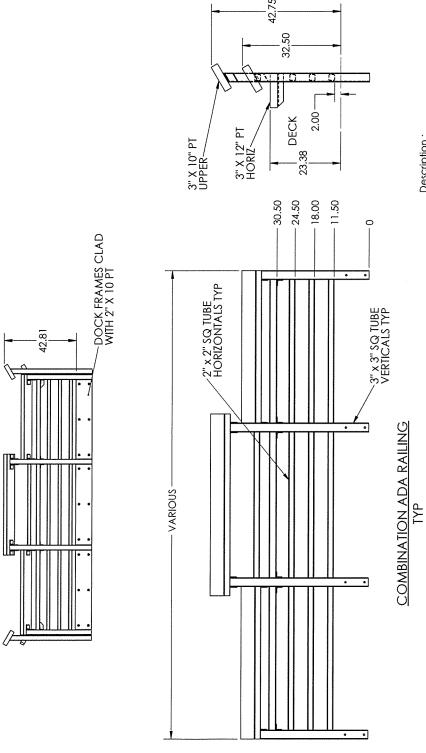
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# **Glynn County Superior Court**

Ronald M. Adams, Clerk of Superior Court 701 H St Brunswick, GA 31520 (912) 554-7313

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## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LETTER OF PERMISSION (LOP) NOTIFICATION

# Coordination with Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division (CRD)

**DATE:** June 14, 2020

This notification is to advise you that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403). In accordance with Part 352.2(a) (1) of our regulations, we must notify Government Agencies of the proposed work.

Please review the enclosed, check the appropriate line below and return this form by FAX to 912-652-5995 within 10 days of the date at the top of this notice. Please contact the Project Manager within 5 days of the above date if you require more information or plan to provide substantive, site-specific comments. If the Project Manager is contacted directly, a maximum of 15 days from the above date can be provided for your review and comment. (1) For Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Coastal Resources Division (CRD): If you fail to return this form within 10 days, and/or have not notified the Project Manager of forthcoming comments, we will assume that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Coastal Resources Division objects to our issuance of a LOP for the proposed project, and the proposed project is not consistent with Georgia's Coastal Management Program (GCMP). (2) For all other agencies and contacted parties: If you fail to return this form within 10 days of the above date, we will assume your agency does not object to our issuance of a LOP for the proposed project.

RD PROJECT MANAGER: Mr. Allen Atkins PHONE #: 912-652-5022

ACTION ID NUMBER: SAS-2020-00404 APPLICANT: St. Simons Land Trust, LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing the placement of a community fishing platform. The proposed platform will consist of a 6ft. x 32ft. fixed walkway extending from the upland to a 390 square foot fixed platform that is 13ft. x 30ft. with the walkway and platform having railing around the structure. Twelve concrete piles will be driven to support the structure with each piling 5-10ft. below existing ground surface. The fixed platform will extend 3-4ft. into the waterway at a point where the waterway is approximately 50ft. wide at Mean Low Water (MLW).

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located in Musgrove Creek, at Musgrove Subdivision, Glynn County, Georgia (Latitude 31.2248, Longitude -81.3540).

project to be consistent with Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP).

REVIEW AGENCY: CRD	Attention: Mr. Doug Haymans, the PRD file # is PRD20190095
This agency has no objection to the is	suance of a LOP for the proposed project.
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The GAFCC has determined the proposed project to be inconsistent with GCMP due to the following reason(s):	
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SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE DATE	



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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 1725 Reynolds Street, Suite 200, Brunswick, GA 31520 Phone: 912-554-7428/Fax: 1-888-252-3726

May 27, 2020

St. Simons Land Trust P.O. Box 24615 St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Re:

355 Village Drive, St. Simons Island

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St. Simons Land Trust:

Pursuant to the request made by Ms. Emily Ellison regarding the proposed replacement of a fixed fishing platform within the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) jurisdiction, I offer the following:

According to the dock layout plan and profile dated March 5, 2020, drawn by Roberts Civil Engineering, the proposed plans are not violative of the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:sleif@glynncounty-ga.gov">sleif@glynncounty-ga.gov</a>.

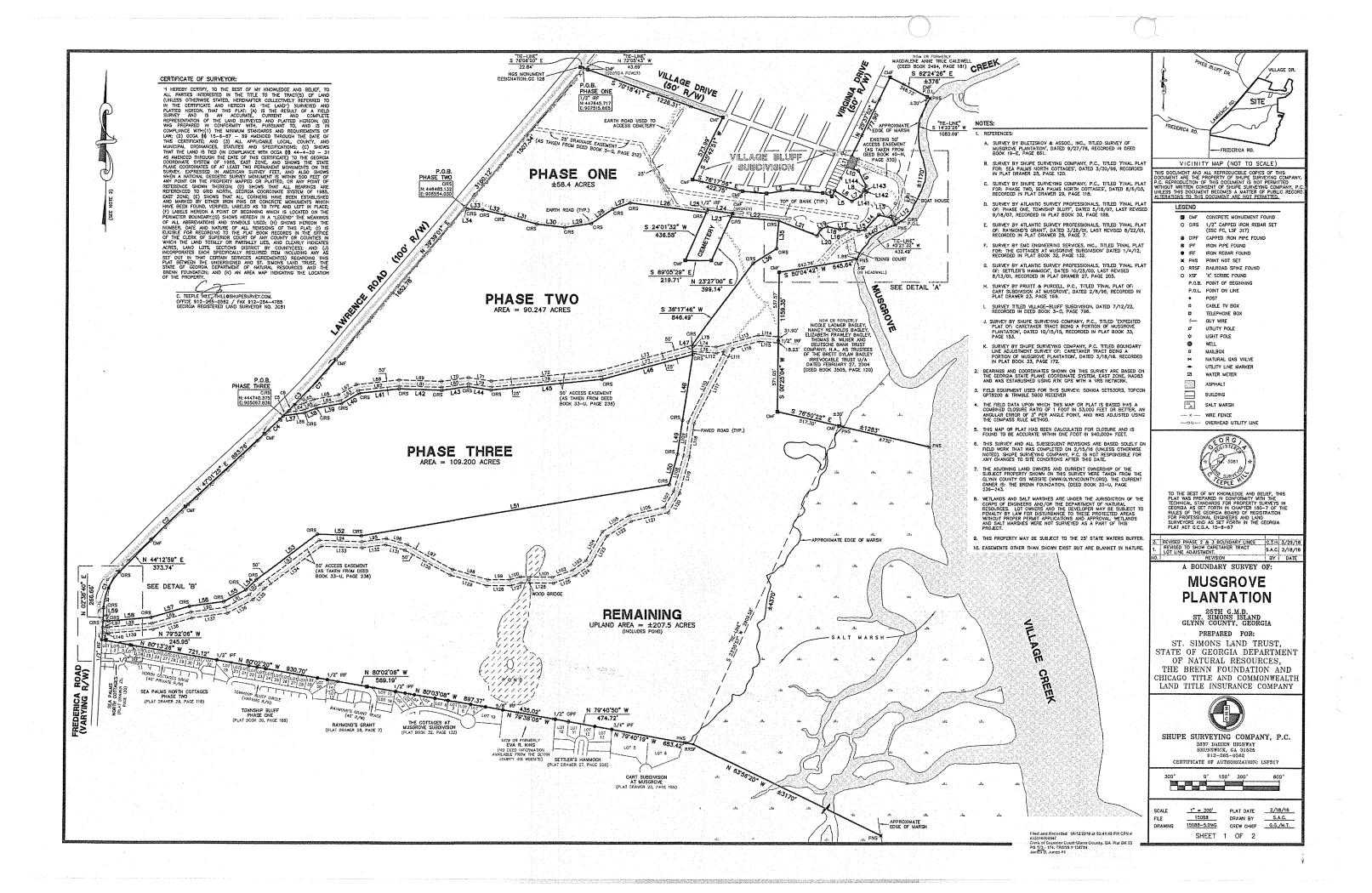
Sincerely,

Stefanie Leif, AICP Planning Manager

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The Glynn County Planning and Zoning Division makes every effort to provide the most accurate interpretation possible based on the information available. No warranties, expressed or implied, are provided for the information herein, its use or interpretation. This letter addresses the zoning designation of the property only; other codes and ordinances which may affect the ability to develop this property may apply.

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CONTROL NUMBER : 0102445

BUSINESS TYPE : Domestic Nonprofit Corporation

ANNUAL REGISTRATION PERIOD : 2020

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#### **BUSINESS INFORMATION**

ST. SIMONS LAND Business Name:

TRUST, INC.

Control Number: 0102445

Business Type:

**Domestic Nonprofit** 

Corporation

Business Status: Active/Compliance

Business Purpose: NONE

Principal Office

PO Box 24615, St.

Simons Island, GA,

Date of Formation / 1/12/2001 Registration Date:

Address:

31522, USA

Last Annual Registration Year:

State of Formation: Georgia

### REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Emily Ellison

Name:

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County: Glynn

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Prepared by and after recording return to: Hartman Simons & Wood LLP Attn: Joseph Fucile, Esq. 6400 Powers Ferry Road NW, Suite 400 Atlanta, Georgia 30339

### LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE is made and entered into as of MAY 17, 2016, by and between THE BRENN FOUNDATION, INC., a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation ("Grantor") and ST. SIMONS LAND TRUST, INC., a Georgia nonprofit corporation ("Grantee") (the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" to include their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns where the context requires or permits);

### WITNESSETH, THAT:

GRANTOR, for and in consideration of TEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto said Grantee, the real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (the "Property").

THIS CONVEYANCE and the warranties herein contained are expressly made subject to those "RESERVED EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS" set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if stated here word for word in their entirety and subject to those matters set forth on Exhibit "C" as the "Permitted Title Exceptions."

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining, to the proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Grantee forever in FEE SIMPLE, subject to the RESERVED EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, as well as the Permitted Title Exceptions.

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AND GRANTOR will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the Property unto Grantee against the claims of all persons and entities owning, holding or claiming by, through or under Grantor, but not otherwise, subject to the RESERVED EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, as well as the Permitted Title Exceptions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed and sealed this Limited Warranty Deed on the day and year first above written.

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THE BRENN FOUNDATION, INC.,

a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation

Nicole Bagley, President

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Jac

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

BRIAN W. PALMER

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID: 20134034285

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 13, 2017

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantee has executed and sealed this Limited Warranty Deed on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 4-11-2019

ST. SIMONS LAND TRUST, INC., a Georgia nonprofit corporation

Name: Title: Executive

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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### EXHIBIT A

All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 25th G.M.D., on St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia, being all of PHASE ONE, said Phase One containing approximately 58.4 acres, more or less, as identified and described on that certain plat of survey entitled "Musgrove Plantation" prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., dated February 18, 2016, and recorded in Plat Book 33, Page 173, Glynn County, Georgia Records.

Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid plat of survey and to the record thereof for the purpose of establishing the boundaries and dimensions of the property and for all other purposes of description and identification.

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### EXHIBIT B RESERVED EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

#### Reserved Easements:

- a. Grantor hereby reserves to itself and its successors and assigns a perpetual, non-exclusive easement for pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress, and utilities, over, through, under, and across, the area shown as "Village Lane 60' Access Easement" on the plat of survey prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., dated 3/18/16, entitled "Caretaker Tract Being a Portion of Musgrove Plantation," recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia, in Plat Book 33 Page No. 172, provided, however, this reserved easement is for one single family residential lot and may not be expanded for use by Grantor or its successors or assigns to benefit more than one single family residential lot.
- b. Grantor hereby reserves to itself and its successors and assigns a perpetual, non-exclusive easement for pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress, over, through, under, and across, the area shown as "30" Boat Launch Easement Centered on Boat Ramp and Extends to Existing 50" Access Easement" on the plat of survey prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., dated 2/18/16, entitled "Musgrove Plantation" recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia, in Plat Book 33 Page No. 173-174, provided, however, this reserved easement is for the use of the area to launch and retrieve boats having a length of twenty (20) feet or less, and the area may not be used to launch jet skis or similar personal watercraft, or any other purpose.
- c. Terms of Reserved Easements: So long as any or all of the above Reserved Easements are in effect, Grantor shall maintain in full force and effect a commercial general liability insurance policy with commercially reasonable limits and deductibles but in no event less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, which policy shall cover any liability arising from or in connection with the use of the burdened parcels by, or the presence anywhere on the burdened parcels of, Grantor, or its agents, employees, contractors, mortgagees, customers, tenants, licensees or invitees. All of Grantor's insurance policies shall be written by a company rated not less than A-VIII or better by the current edition of A.M. Best Company's Insurance Rating Guide or its equivalent. Grantor hereby agrees to indemnify, save, defend, and hold Grantee and its officers, directors, shareholders, partners, trustees, employees, agents, affiliates, lenders, insurers, successors and assigns (the "Grantee Parties") harmless from any and all liability, claims, costs, losses or damages (including the costs and expenses of defending such claims), arising as a result of the exercise of the rights reserved by Grantor herein except to the extent caused or contributed to by the gross negligence or willful misconduct Grantee or any of the Grantee Parties.

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### Restrictive Covenants:

- a. The property is conveyed subject to the following restrictive covenants which benefit Grantor's remaining property and which the parties hereto agree shall run with the land and be binding upon Grantee and each of its successors, assigns and invitees:
- b. Use of the boat ramp is to be by "advance reservation only" and will bear conspicuous signage notifying patrons of this fact and of the following restrictions on its use. No "jet skis" or similar personal watercraft and no motorized boats over twenty (20) feet in length may be launched from the property, except as may be required by the use of the boat ramp by public officials associated with the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
- c. No more than five (5) parking spaces for vehicles with boat trailers and twelve (12) parking spaces for vehicles without trailers may be provided on the property at any given time.
- d. Prior to submitting any management plan or site plan for the property ("Plans") for approval to the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources, or any future holder of a conservation easement on the property, Grantee shall submit the proposed Plans to Grantor and provide Grantor a fifteen (15) day period during which to review the proposed Plans and provide Grantee with feedback on the proposed Plans, except in the event of an emergency, in which case Grantee may act without providing such period.

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### EXHIBIT C PERMITTED TITLE EXCEPTIONS

- a. Matters set forth on the plat of survey made by W. N. Gramling, Civil Engineer and County Surveyor dated June 16, 1945, and attached to that certain deed from Sea Island Company to Nancy S. Reynolds, then Nancy R. Bagley, dated November 29, 1945, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 5-T, Page 275.
- b. Matters set forth on the plat of survey entitled "Survey of Musgrove Plantation 25 GMD St. Simons is. Ga.", made by Biletzskov & Assoc., Inc., certified by Joe Biletzskov, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1672, dated August 27, 1976, and attached to that certain deed from Nancy S. Reynolds, formerly Nancy R. Bagley, to Smith Bagley dated September 17, 1976, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia in Deed Book 19-E, Page 861.
- c. Matters set forth on the plat of survey prepared by George P. Underwood Jr. & Associates, certified by G. P. Underwood, Jr., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1927, dated November \_\_\_, 1990, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia in Deed Book 40-N, Page 333.
- d. Matters set forth on the plat of survey prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., dated February 18, 2016, entitled "A Boundary Survey of: Musgrove Plantation," recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia, in Plat Book 33, Page 173.
- e. Easement from Mrs. Nancy R. Bagley to Georgia Power Company dated January 29, 1940, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 45, Page 781.
- f. Easement from Mrs. Nancy R. Bagley to Georgia Power Company dated May 27, 1940, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 47, Page 68.
- g. Easement from Ed Preece to Georgia Power Company dated June 14, 1940, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 47, Page 72.
- h. Easement from Nancy R. Bagley to Georgia Power Company dated October 13, 1952, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 67, Page 378.
- i. Easement from Nancy R. Bagley to the State Highway Board of Georgia dated May 11, 1942, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 5-G, Page 212.
- j. Right of Way Easement from Nancy R. Bagley dated May 11, 1942, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 5-G, Page 213.
- k. Agreement between Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Bagley and Georgia Power Company dated April 14, 1960, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 86, Page 241.
- 1. Easement from Nancy S. Reynolds to Georgia Power Company dated November 29, 1969, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 124, Page 493.

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- m. Easement from Nancy S. Reynolds to Georgia Power Company dated November 22, 1969, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 124, Page 494.
- n. Easement from Nancy S. Reynolds to Georgia Power Company dated June, 1980, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 132, Page 770.
- o. Agreement between Smith Bagley and The Brenn Foundation dated December 20, 1989, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 33-U, Page 230.
- p. Easements and reservations contained in that certain deed from Smith Bagley to The Brenn Foundation dated December 20, 1989, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 33-U, Page 236.
- q. Agreement between Smith Bagley and The Brenn Foundation dated October 24, 1991, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 40-N, Page 330.
- r. Rights of others under Georgia law, if any, in and to the cemetery located adjacent to the property, or any burial sites on the property, including but not limited to the rights of ingress and egress thereto.
- s. Rights of others under Georgia law, if any, in and to the use of any drains and/or ditches located over, across, in or under the property, and rights to enter upon the property to maintain the same.

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### RECORDED STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF GLYNN MAY 05 2016

## REAL PROPERTY RECORDS ... 011802 CONSERVATION EASEMENT

THIS INDENTURE, is made this 17th day of MAY, 2016 (hereinafter "Effective Date"), by and between ST. SIMONS LAND TRUST, INC., a Georgia non-profit corporation, (hereinafter "Grantor"), and the STATE OF GEORGIA, acting by and through its STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION, with custody in the GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, a Georgia governmental entity (hereinafter "Grantee").

### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner in fee simple of certain real property on St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia which has aesthetic, scientific, educational, or ecological value in its present state as a predominately natural area which has not been subject to extensive development or exploitation, which property is described in <a href="Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference is incorporated herein (hereinafter "Property"); and</a>

WHEREAS, Grantor represents and warrants that the Property is free and clear of all encumbrances except for those certain easements and reservations of record as of the Effective Date (hereinafter "Permitted Exceptions") and set forth on Exhibit "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Property is a natural area which contains significant relatively natural habitats in which several species of fish, plants and other wildlife normally live, as detailed in the Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Application (hereinafter "FWS NCWCG") dated June 27, 2014 including Maritime Forest, Shell Midden Woodland, Pond Pine Woodlands, and Salt and Brackish Marsh, and the Property contains high quality examples of said habitats which are worthy of protection and provides unique research opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Property is a land area appropriate for the outdoor recreation of the general public, the education of the general public, and research; and

WHEREAS, the Property is worthy of protection for its open space value based upon the scenic enjoyment of the Property by the general public, and such protection will yield a significant public benefit as contemplated in 26 CFR § 1.170A-14(d)(4)(iv); and

WHEREAS, the characteristics of the Property are further described in a "Baseline Study" a copy of which is on file at Grantee's office and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "C" and which Baseline Study consists of maps, photographs, and other documentation that the parties hereto agree provide an accurate representation of the Property at the time of this grant and which is intended to serve as an objective, though nonexclusive,

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information baseline for monitoring compliance with the terms of this conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, as described in the Baseline Study, the Property has significant fish and wildlife habitats, significant open space values, and significant recreation, conservation, educational, and research opportunities (collectively, the "Conservation Values"), which are of great importance to Grantor and Grantee; and

WHEREAS, per FWS NCWCG requirements a management plan approved by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Nongame Conservation Section (hereinafter "Management Plan") will be adopted by Grantor to provide guidelines for management strategies and actions associated with the Property to promote the Conservation Values, which Management Plan will be updated from time to time as necessary to incorporate then current federal, state, and regional policies, and best practices, regarding forestry, wildlife management, invasive species, research and study, public recreation, and coastal management, a copy of which Management Plan will be maintained on file with Grantor and Grantee; and

WHEREAS, Grantor intends, as owner of the Property, to convey to Grantee the right to preserve and protect the Conservation Values in perpetuity pursuant to the terms of this conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, Grantee, an eligible donce as described under 26 CFR § 1.170A-14(c)(1), is a governmental unit whose purposes include protecting the natural, scenic or open space values of real property, protecting land for outdoor recreational uses of the general public, and protecting historically important land areas and structures; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Uniform Conservation Easement Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-10-1 et seq., permits the creation of conservation easements for the purposes of, <u>inter alia</u>, maintaining or enhancing water quality and retaining or protecting the natural, scenic, or open space values of real property, and Grantor and Grantee wish to avail themselves of the provision of that law; and

WHEREAS, the State Properties Commission approved the acceptance of this conservation easement in form and substance on the 16th day of December, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by Grantor, and of the covenants, mutual agreements, conditions and premises herein contained, Grantor does freely give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever, a conservation easement in perpetuity (hereinafter referred to as the "Conservation Easement") over the Property consisting of the following:

### A. PURPOSE

The purposes of this Conservation Easement are: (1) assuring the Property will be retained in perpetuity in its predominantly natural, scenic, undisturbed and open condition; (2) maintaining and preserving the Property's water quality, wetlands, and riparian areas; (3)

protecting the native ecological integrity of the Property; (4) protecting any rare plants, animals, or plant communities on the Property; (5) protecting the recreational and historic nature of the Property; (6) providing Passive Recreation (defined below) and environmental, historical, cultural, and conservation related educational and research opportunities, the cumulative impact of which do not impair or interfere with the Conservation Values; and (7) in all respects preventing any use of the Property that would materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values; the foregoing list collectively referred to herein either as the "Purpose" or the "Purposes".

"Passive Recreation" means one or more of the following passive park uses, as appropriate given site conditions, the location of the Property, and other attributes considered in sound park planning practice, that are not expressly prohibited by this Conservation Easement and do not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, all subject to the Purposes listed above: walking, hiking, running, cycling, horseback riding, fishing, bird-watching, picnicking, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, boating, nature appreciation, educational and other low-impact recreational activities, together with such associated auxiliary improvements, such as permeable parking facilities, boat launches, permeable trails, benches, docks, and restrooms, as may be desirable to enhance the public's use and enjoyment of the Property or a portion thereof as a passive park, to the extent the construction thereof is not expressly prohibited by this Conservation Easement.

Grantor intends that this Conservation Easement will limit the use of the Property to such activities and uses consistent with the Purposes.

### **B.** AFFIRMATIVE RIGHTS. The following rights are hereby conveyed to Grantee by this Conservation Easement:

Subject to the terms herein, Grantee shall have the right in perpetuity to preserve and protect the Conservation Values of the Property including the right to prevent any activity on or use of the Property that will materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values.

Grantee shall have the right, in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times, to enter the Property for the purposes of inspecting same to determine compliance herewith, for management, educational, research and other official purposes, and, at all times, to access and use the boat ramp on the Property. Grantee shall have the right to prevent or restrict any activity on or use of the Property that is inconsistent with the Purposes including from time to time public access, public recreation or archeological activities or other activities and uses. Grantee shall also have the right to enforce by proceedings at law or in equity the covenants, terms and conditions of this Conservation Easement, including but not limited to, the right to require the restoration of the Property to its condition at the time of the grant of this Conservation Easement following a breach of Grantor's obligations hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed to entitle the Grantee to institute any proceedings against Grantor for any changes to the Property due to causes beyond the Grantor's control, such as changes caused by fire, floods, or storm.

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### C. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Any activity on, or use of, the Property inconsistent with the Purposes and likely to materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values is prohibited without the prior written consent of Grantee (which may be withheld in Grantee's absolute discretion), except as expressly provided below in this section or as otherwise expressly contemplated herein. The Property shall be maintained in a manner consistent with the following restrictions:

- a. Residential, Industrial, Commercial, and Agricultural Use and Roads. Residential (including overnight camping), industrial and commercial activities are prohibited on the Property. Agricultural and horticultural uses are prohibited except in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and the Conservation Values as permitted under Section D below (hereinafter "Reserved Rights"). No right of access or ingress across or upon the Property may be allowed or granted if the right of access and ingress is used in conjunction with residential, commercial, or industrial activity, except pursuant to those easement rights described in the Permitted Exceptions. Guided tours for activities associated with public access to the Property (including without limitation horse-back riding or nature walks) shall not be deemed "commercial" use of the Property under this Conservation Easement, whether or not the tour provider collects a fee for its services.
- b. <u>Disturbance of Natural Features</u>. Any change, disturbance, alteration or impairment of the natural, scenic and aesthetic features is prohibited, except in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- c. <u>Prohibited Structures</u>. There shall be no construction or placing of temporary or permanent advertising signs, billboards, or other advertising material, radio, cell, or other communication towers allowed on the Property. There shall be no construction or placing of temporary or permanent buildings or other structures on the Property, except that certain structures, such as docks, bridges, piers, temporary or permanent walkways, pervious or impervious paths or trails, parking lots, and other public facilities may be permitted in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values..
- d. Roads. There shall be no construction of any new permanent or temporary roads, no widening of existing roads, and no restoration of abandoned roads, except in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- e. <u>Excavation or Exploration for Minerals</u>. There shall be no exploration for or extraction of oil, gas or other minerals, soils or materials on or below the surface including but not limited to mining, drilling, nor removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock, peat, minerals, or other materials. However, filling, excavating or dredging or other changes in topography may be permitted in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- f. Trash. There shall be no dumping of ashes, trash, garbage or other unsightly or offensive material on the Property. However, certain appropriate disposal of trash in discrete

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designated trash receptacles may be permitted in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.

- g. <u>Vegetation</u>. There shall be no timber or crop harvesting and no removal, destruction, cutting, trimming, mowing, alteration or spraying with biocides of any vegetation, nor any disturbance or change in the natural habitat in any manner on the Property, except as reasonably necessary to accommodate the construction, maintenance, or replacement of permitted improvements, the mowing and maintenance of parking areas, roads, trails, and areas open to the public, the controlled cutting of diseased vegetation or vegetation creating a safety hazard or danger to habitat, the removal of non-native vegetation, and the introduction of and revegetation with native plants, all in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- h. <u>Non-Native Invasive Plant Species</u>. For the purposes of this Conservation Easement, "non-native invasive plant species" is defined as any species listed by the Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council (the "Council") or a similar body, in the event the Council no longer exists. There shall be no planting or introduction on the Property of any non-native invasive plant species listed by the Council. Upon reasonable notice to Grantor, Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove non-native invasive plant species from the Property.
- i. <u>Waters and Wetlands</u>. There shall be no material human disruption, pollution or alteration on or from the Property of existing surface or subsurface water flow or natural water courses, fresh water lake and pond shores, marshes, or other water bodies, nor any activities or uses detrimental to water purity or natural water levels or flow in or over the Property. However, this restriction shall not be deemed to prohibit reasonable use of any water wells on the Property, the alteration of water courses or use of water for fire suppression or safety, or minor alterations to water courses or flow arising as a result of the construction, maintenance, or replacement of permitted improvements, all in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- j. <u>Subdivision</u>. There shall be no partitioning or subdivision of the Property or the interest of Grantor or Grantee, except that with the consent of Grantee, Grantor may subdivide the Property to create separate parcels for areas subject to existing easements. Any subdivided parcel will remain subject to this Conservation Easement. A boundary line adjustment shall not be considered a subdivision provided either that: (i) each parcel affected is subject to a Conservation Easement held by Grantee that is at least as protective as this Conservation Easement or (ii) that advance written approval of the boundary line adjustment is obtained from Grantee.
- k. Motorized Vehicles. There shall be no parking or operation of recreational vehicles (RV's), tractor trailers, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), large motor-boats, jet skis or similar personal watercraft or aircraft on the Property. However, this restriction shall not be deemed to prohibit the parking or operation of vehicles, trailers, or boats on the Property by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Automobiles, motorcycles, small motor-boats (twenty (20) feet or less in length) or other types of motorized vehicles may be permitted in

accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.

- l. <u>Pesticides.</u> There shall be no application of pesticides (including, but not limited to, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, and herbicides) on the Property by Grantor, except in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- m. <u>Collection.</u> There shall be no collection or removal of plants, animals, materials or items from the Property, including without limitation, artifacts and downed or dead wood except in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- n. <u>Wildlife and Pets.</u> There shall be no interference with naturally occurring wildlife on the Property (including without limitation the introduction or bringing of pets onto the Property or feeding of animals on the Property) except in accordance with the Management Plan as necessary to further the Purposes and Conservation Values.
- o. <u>Inconsistent Use</u>. Any use of the Property and any activity thereon which in the opinion of Grantee is inconsistent with the Purposes of the Conservation Easement are prohibited.

#### D. RESERVED RIGHTS

- Reserved Rights. Grantor reserves to itself and its successors or assigns all rights accruing from its ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in, and to permit or invite others to engage in, any and all uses of the Property that are not prohibited herein, provided: (i) that such uses are consistent with the Purposes and do not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values; (ii) that Grantor shall notify Grantee in writing and Grantee shall have a right of consent in each case prior to the exercise of any reserved right hereunder if the exercise thereof may reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with the Purposes or to materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values; and (iii) that Grantor hereby acknowledges that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-10-4(b) Grantee is a necessary party to any proceeding of or before any governmental authority which may result in a license, permit or order for any demolition, alteration or construction on the Property. The Reserved Rights include, without limitation, the following:
- a. <u>Management and Maintenance</u>. Grantor has the right to maintain the Property in its present condition, including, but not limited to, the right to take action to prevent or control erosion or to protect the public health or safety, and the right to repair, replace, and maintain any existing infrastructure, buildings, roads, the boat ramp and trails, and any other improvements permitted to be constructed on the Property under this Conservation Easement from time to time, including, without limitation, the replacement and/or relocation of the dock and the removal of the boat hoist, as well as the right to maintain any open spaces by mowing or other means. The rights related to management and maintenance are subject to the qualification that such use shall

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be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.

- b. <u>Construction.</u> Subject to the limitations contained herein, Grantor has the right to construct fences, gates, parking areas adjacent to Lawrence Road (having up to fifteen (15) parking spaces), parking areas adjacent to Village Bluff Drive (having up to five (5) trailered parking spaces and twelve (12) additional parking spaces), restroom facilities, utility connections, trails, signs, the existing or a replacement boat launch, the existing or a replacement dock, fishing facilities, and viewing platforms on the Property. Prior to the commencement of any construction, Grantor must obtain written approval from Grantee of the proposed construction and the location of such construction. Any construction shall be carried out in a manner in conformance with federal, state, and local law. The rights related to construction are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan. Any construction must be consistent with the Purposes of this Conservation Easement, local zoning ordinances, and state and federal law.
- c. <u>Signage</u>. Grantor has the right to install signage on portions of the Property, as reasonably required for appropriate way finding, management, and education, including posting of "No Trespassing" or similar signs as necessary, or as required by applicable law. The rights related to signage are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- d. Roads and trails. Grantor is obligated to maintain, repair, improve, and replace the existing roads from time to time, as such roads are described in the Baseline Study. In addition, Grantor has the right to maintain, repair, improve, and replace the existing trails from time to time, as such trails are described in the Baseline Study, and to construct new trails on the Property from time to time, and to thereafter maintain, repair, improve, and replace the new trails from time to time. The right to maintain, repair, improve, and replace roads or trails includes the right to alter the topography, mow grasses, cut, or remove vegetation, as necessary, and the right to maintain, repair, improve, and replace any utility facilities adjacent to or within the roadways. The obligation and rights related to roads and trails are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- e. <u>Recreational Uses.</u> Grantor has the right to grant access to the Property to the general public for Passive Recreation. The rights related to recreational uses are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- f. Research and Study. Grantor has the right to conduct or perform environmental, educational, historical, cultural, and conservation related research or study of the Property, or to allow one or more third parties access to the Property to conduct or perform environmental, educational, historical, cultural, and conservation related research or study. The rights related to

research and study use are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.

- Motorized Vehicles. Grantor has the right to allow motorized vehicles to be operated on and parked in the designated parking areas or roads on the Property, and in other areas for the limited purposes of ecological and property management, monitoring, emergencies, and other limited purposes authorized in the Management Plan, or as may otherwise be approved in writing by Grantee. The rights related to motor vehicles are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- Collection. Grantor has the right to collect or remove, or allow third parties to collect or remove, plants, animals, materials or items from the Property, including artifacts and downed or dead wood and non-native invasive vegetation, to the extent authorized in the Management Plan or required by law or public regulation. The rights related to collection are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- Forest Management Activity. Grantor has the right to perform selective timber i. thinning and harvesting, including prescribed burning (collectively, "Forest Management Activities"). Any Forest Management Activities must meet or exceed standards accepted as best management practices by the Georgia Forestry Commission. The rights related to forest management activity are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- Pesticides. Grantor has the right to allow pesticides (including, but not limited to, insecticides, fungicides, larvacides, rodenticides, and herbicides) to be used on the Property in accordance with the Management Plan or as may otherwise be approved in writing by Grantee. The rights related to pesticide use are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- Water Wells, Grantor has the right to modernize, maintain, alter, repair, or replace, if needed, and draw and use water from any existing water wells located on the Property, and to drill and construct a new well or wells on the Property, with a pump house, provided that such activities do not materially adversely affect the freshwater hydrology or materially impair the Conservation Values and provided all water removed from wells is for use solely in connection with the permitted activities on the Property or for fire suppression on the Property or adjacent lands and is not sold commercially. The rights related to water wells are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.

- l. <u>Existing Easements</u>. Grantor has the right to allow the holders of easements described in the Permitted Encumbrances to exercise those easements. Also, subject to Grantee's prior approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, Grantor has the right to relocate the existing easements by agreement with the holders thereof, provided the relocation of the easements does not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values.
- m. <u>Cemetery Access</u> Grantor has the right to permit holders of access rights the First American Baptist cemetery located adjacent to the Property to access the First African Baptist cemetery from time to time, and to maintain, repair, improve, and replace any trails or paths providing access to the cemetery from time to time. The rights related to cemetery access are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.
- n. <u>Public Health or Emergency.</u> Grantor has the right to take such action as may be necessary to protect public health or safety, or to comply with applicable laws, including the right, in the case of an emergency due to the impacts of a fire, earthquake, storm, disaster, flood, hurricane, infestation, pestilence, or other natural disaster, to take reasonable and prudent actions.
- o. General. Subject at all times to this perpetual Conservation Easement, Grantor has the rights, privileges and uses incident to ownership, including the right to sell, give, mortgage, lease, or otherwise convey (subject to this Conservation Easement) or encumber (subject to this Conservation Easement) the Property, including by lease or license, which are not inconsistent with this Conservation Easement and the FWS NCWCG. Grantor shall notify all transferees, lessees or licensees of the terms and conditions of this Conservation Easement and ensure all lessees or licensees comply with such terms, and upon request provide Grantee with a copy of any deed, lease, license or other pertinent documents regarding the use of the Property by or interest in the Property of such parties.
- p. Other Permitted Activities. Grantor has the right to undertake or continue any activity or use of the Property not expressly prohibited by this Conservation Easement. In addition, the right to exercise a Reserved Right includes the right to exercise such activities as are reasonably necessary for the exercise of the Reserved Right, including without limitation, alteration or disturbance to natural features, topography and minerals, vegetation, and waters. The rights related to other permitted activities are subject to the qualification that such use shall be consistent with the Purposes, shall not materially impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, and shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the Management Plan.

### E. GRANTEE'S REMEDIES

1. <u>Notice of Violation: Corrective Action</u>. If Grantee determines that a violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement has occurred or is threatened, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation, and where the violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the Purposes of the Conservation Easement, to restore the portion of the

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Property so injured to its prior condition in accordance with a plan approved by Grantee. If an event or circumstance of non-compliance is corrected through negotiation and voluntary compliance, Grantor shall reimburse Grantee all reasonable costs, including staff time, incurred in investigating the non-compliance and in securing its correction.

- Injunctive Relief. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from Grantee, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a thirty (30) day period, Grantor fails to begin curing such violation within the thirty (30) day period, or fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity, in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement, to enjoin the violation, ex parte as necessary, by temporary or permanent injunction, and to require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any such injury. Grantee's rights under this Section apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Conservation Easement. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement are inadequate and that Grantee shall be entitled to the injunctive relief described in herein, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Conservation Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. Grantee's remedies described in this Section shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity.
- <u>Damages</u>. Grantee shall be entitled to recover damages for violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement or injury to any Conservation Values protected by this Conservation Easement, including without limitation, damages for the loss of scenic, aesthetic, or environmental values, attorneys' fees, costs, fines and punitive damages. Without limiting Grantor's liability therefor, Grantee may apply damages recovered to the cost of undertaking any corrective action on the Property.
- Emergency Enforcement. If Grantee, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Conservation Values of the Property, Grantee may pursue its remedies under this Section without prior notice to Grantor, or without waiting for the period provided for cure to expire.
- Costs of Enforcement. All reasonable costs incurred by Grantee in enforcing the 5. terms of this Conservation Easement against Grantor, including without limitation, costs and expenses of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees, and any costs of restoration necessitated by Grantor's violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement shall be borne by Grantor; provided however, that if Grantor ultimately prevails in a judicial enforcement action each party shall bear its own costs.
- Forbearance. Forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this 6. Conservation Easement in the event of any breach of any obligation of this Conservation Easement by Grantor shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantce of such breach or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other obligation of this Conservation Easement or of any of Grantee's rights under this Conservation Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee

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in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

- Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor hereby waives any defenses of laches, estoppel, or prescription.
- Third Party Violations. Grantor and Grantee retain all remedies at law and equity to protect and defend its respective interest in the Property from any activities or uses by any third party, including Grantor's licensees or lessees, which violate or are inconsistent with the Purposes of this Conservation Easement, Grantor agrees to promptly notify Grantee of any such violation known to Grantor. In the event that either party pursues legal proceedings against a third party violator, then the other party may, in its sole discretion, join in such legal proceedings; provided that each party shall be responsible for its own legal costs and expenses.
- Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to make Grantor liable for or entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from causes beyond Grantor's control, including, without limitation, changes in climatic conditions, fire, flood, storm, infestations, natural deterioration, earth movement, government action or inaction, the wrongful acts of third parties other than Grantor's agents, employees, or contractors, provided Grantor has taken reasonable steps to prevent such third parties (including the public) from trespassing and from causing harm to the Property and has not consented to or participated in the acts of such third parties, or from any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Property resulting from such causes.

#### F. COSTS, LIABILITIES, TAXES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

- Costs, Legal Requirements, and Liabilities. Grantor retains all responsibilities and 1. shall bear all costs and liabilities of any kind related to the ownership, operation, upkeep and maintenance of the Property, Grantor remains solely responsible for obtaining any applicable governmental permits and approvals for any construction or other activity or use, permitted by this Conservation Easement, and all such construction or other activity or use shall be undertaken in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and requirements. Grantor shall keep the Property free of any liens arising out of any work performed for, materials furnished to, or obligations incurred by Grantor.
- Taxes or Other Charges. To the extent any taxes, assessments, fees and charges (collectively "taxes") of whatever description are levied on or assessed against the Property by competent authority, including any taxes imposed upon, or incurred as a result of, this Conservation Easement, Grantor shall pay such taxes before delinquency, and shall furnish Grantee with satisfactory evidence of payment upon request, Grantee acknowledges that Grantor asserts that it intends to hold the Property as an institution of purely public charity, and in a manner that would result in an exemption from ad valorem taxes. The parties agree that the inclusion of this provision shall not be deemed to disqualify Grantor from any applicable exemption from taxes under Georgia law, or bear any weight in a determination by appropriate authorities of whether or not the Property is exempt.

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- 3. Tax Deduction. Grantor represents and warrants that it is not seeking a federal or state tax deduction or credit in connection with this Conservation Easement. Grantee makes no warranty, representation or other assurance regarding the availability, amount or effect of any deduction, credit or other benefit to Grantor or any other person or entity under United States or any state, local or other tax law to be derived from the conveyance of this Conservation Easement or other transaction associated with the conveyance of this Conservation Easement. The conveyance of this Conservation Easement is not conditioned upon the availability or amount of any tax deduction, credit or other benefit. Grantee makes no warranty, representation or other assurance regarding the value of this Conservation Easement or of the Property. As to all of the foregoing, to the extent applicable, Grantor is relying upon Grantor's own legal counsel, accountant, financial advisor, appraiser or other consultant and not upon Grantee or any legal counsel, accountant, financial advisor, appraiser or other consultant of Grantee. In the event of any audit or other inquiry of a governmental authority into the effect of this conveyance upon the taxation or financial affairs affecting Grantor or Grantor's successors or assigns or other similar matter, Grantor shall reimburse and indemnify Grantee for any cost or expense of any kind or nature whatsoever incurred by Grantee in responding or replying thereto.
- 4. <u>Control.</u> Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall be construed as giving rise, in the absence of a judicial decree, to any right or ability in Grantee to exercise physical or managerial control over the day-to-day operations of the Property, or any of Grantor's activities on the Property, or otherwise to become an operator with respect to the Property within the meaning of The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), and Georgia's hazardous waste statutes.
- 5. Indemnification. Grantor hereby releases and agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend Grantee and its members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and contractors and the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assignees of each of them (collectively "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all liabilities, penalties, fines, charges, costs, losses, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims, demands, orders, judgments, or administrative actions, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees arising from or in any way connected with: (1) injury to or the death of any person, or physical damage to any property resulting from any act, omission, condition, or other matter related to or occurring on or about the Property, regardless of cause, unless due solely to the negligence of any of the Indemnified Parties; (2) the violation or alleged violation of, or other failure to comply with, any Federal, State, or local law, regulation, or requirement, including without limitation, CERCLA and State hazardous waste statutes, by any person other than the Indemnified Parties, in any way affecting, involving, or relating to the Property; (3) the presence or release in, on, from, or about the Property, at any time, of any substance now or hereafter defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any Federal, State, or local law, regulation, or requirement as hazardous, toxic, polluting, or otherwise contaminating to the air, water, or soil, or in any way harmful or threatening to human health or the environment, unless caused solely by any of the Indemnified Parties; and (4) the obligations, covenants, representations, and warranties of Sections E(5), and F(1) through F(4) as contained herein.

6. <u>Subordination.</u> In the event the Property is subject to an existing mortgage, Grantor covenants and warrants it has obtained all lenders' consents to enter into this Conservation Easement, and has further obtained subordination agreements from all such lenders, whereby each lender has agreed to subordinate its interest to this Conservation Easement.

### G. EXTINGUISHMENT AND CONDEMNATION

- 1. <u>Extinguishment.</u> If circumstances arise in the future that render the Purposes of this Conservation Easement impossible to accomplish, this Conservation Easement can be extinguished, whether in whole or in part, only by judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-10-8.
- 2. <u>Condemnation</u>. If any or part of the Property is taken by exercise of the power of eminent domain, so as to terminate this Conservation Easement, in whole or in part, Grantor and Grantee may act jointly to recover the full value of their respective interests in the Property subject to the taking, and all direct or incidental damages resulting therefrom. If the Property is condemned and Grantee cannot recover the value of its Conservation Easement as a defendant in the condemnation proceedings then Grantee shall be entitled to a portion of the condemnation proceeds recovered by Grantor that is at least equal to the fair market value of the Conservation Easement be expressed as a percentage interest of the Property as a whole at the time of conveyance, determined as set forth in Section G(3).
- 3. Proceeds. The parties hereto agree that this Conservation Easement gives rise to a property right, immediately vested in the Grantee, with a fair market value that is equal to the proportionate value that the Conservation Easement comprises in the value of the Property as a whole at the time of conveyance. The proportionate value of the Conservation Easement in the Property as a whole shall be expressed as a percentage interest. The fair market value of the Conservation Easement shall be determined by the difference between the fair market value of the Property without the Conservation Easement and the fair market value of the Property encumbered with the Conservation Easement. To convert the Conservation Easement fair market into a percentage interest (i.e. the proportionate value in the Property as a whole), divide the fair market value of the Conservation Easement by the fair market value of the Property without the Conservation Easement.
- 4. <u>Valuation Letter.</u> Prior to closing on the Conservation Easement, Grantor shall provide Grantee with a letter that identifies the Grantee's Conservation Easement percentage interest in the Property at the time of conveyance as a whole based on an appraisal of the Property, which such appraisal shall be provided along with the letter. If necessary, upon written consent of both parties, the percentage interest shall be amended to reflect any final determination thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Internal Revenue Service or pursuant to the FWS NCWCG. The proportionate value or percentage interest of the Conservation Easement retained by Grantee in the Property shall remain constant. Accordingly, if a change in conditions gives rise to the extinguishment or termination by sale in lieu of condemnation of the Conservation Easement under Section G(1) and G(2), the Grantee on a subsequent sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion, of all or any portion of the Property is

entitled to a portion of the proceeds that is at least equal to the Conservation Easement percentage interest identified in the above-referenced letter, unless the laws of the State of Georgia provide otherwise. The parties may not extinguish or terminate by sale in lieu of condemnation the Conservation Easement until such letter and appraisal is on file at Grantee's office.

5. Application of Proceeds. Grantee may use any proceeds received under the circumstances described in Section G in a manner consistent with the Purposes, to protect other

#### ASSIGNMENT H.

This Conservation Easement is transferable, but Grantee may assign its rights and obligations under this Conservation Easement only to an organization that is a qualified organization at the time of transfer under 26 USCS § 170(h) (or by any successor provision then applicable), and authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements under the Georgia Uniform Conservation Easement Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-10-1 et seq., (or any successor provision then applicable) or the laws of the United States. As a condition of such transfer, Grantee shall require that the Purposes that this grant is intended to advance continue to be carried out. Any transferee shall be required to assume Grantee's obligations in writing, in a recordable instrument, Grantee agrees to give written notice to Grantor of an assignment at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such assignment. The failure of Grantee to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such assignment, nor shall it impair the validity of this Conservation Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.

#### I. SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS AND ZONING APPLICATIONS

- Subsequent Transfers. The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this 1. Conservation Easement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns and shall continue in perpetuity. Grantor agrees to incorporate the terms of this Conservation Easement by reference in any deed or other legal instrument by which it divests itself of any interest in all or a portion of the Property, including without limitation, a leasehold interest, Grantor further agrees to give written notice to Grantee of the transfer of any interest at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of such transfer. Failure by Grantor to perform any act required by this Section shall not impair the validity of this Conservation Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.
- Notice of Zoning Applications and Building Permits. Grantor, for itself and its successors and assigns, further agrees to notify Grantee in writing of any request to obtain a building permit or to amend the zoning of the Property at least twenty (20) days prior to the filing of such a request with the appropriate governmental agencies. The failure of Grantor to perform any act required by this paragraph shall not impair the validity of this Conservation Easement or limit its enforceability in any way. Grantor hereby acknowledges that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-10-4(b), Grantee is a necessary party in any proceeding of or before any governmental agency which may result in a license, permit or order for any demolition, alteration or construction on the Property.

### J. RECORDATION

Grantee shall promptly record this instrument and any amendments hereto in the official records of Glynn County, Georgia.

#### K. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

If Grantor desires to transfer all or any portion of Grantor's right, title, and interest in the Property for consideration to a third party, Grantor shall so notify Grantee, requesting the price, terms, and conditions upon which Grantee would be willing to purchase such interest. Within sixty (60) days after Grantee's receipt of Grantor's notice, Grantee shall present Grantor with a response, wherein Grantee shall propose the price, terms and conditions upon which Grantee would be willing to purchase the Property from Grantor. Grantor shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of such response, accept or deny it. If Grantor agrees to sell the interest to Grantee, the closing of the purchase shall take place on a date set by Grantee, which shall be not more than one hundred eighty (180) days after Grantor's receipt of Grantee's response. If Grantor does not agree to sell to Grantee, or if Grantee does not respond to notice as set forth in this Section, then Grantor may sell the entire offered interest at a price not below, nor upon terms or conditions more advantageous to the purchaser than those contained in all responses to the initial response to Grantor by Grantee (or, if no responses are delivered, on any terms and conditions desired by Grantor.) If such transfer is not consummated within one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of Grantee's response by Grantor, Grantor may not subsequently transfer all or any part of its interest without again complying with the requirements of this Section.

### L. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. <u>Controlling Law.</u> The interpretation and performance of this Conservation Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 2. <u>Liberal Construction</u>. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding this Conservation Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of Grantee to affect the Purposes of this Conservation Easement and the policy and purpose of the Georgia Uniform Conservation Easement Act. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the Purposes of this Conservation Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.
- 3. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Conservation Easement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Conservation Easement, or the application of such provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected thereby.
- 4. <u>Amendment.</u> The parties hereto may amend this Conservation Easement to meet changing conditions, provided that no amendment will be allowed that is inconsistent with the Purposes or affects the perpetual duration of this Conservation Easement. Any such amendment

shall result in equal or greater protection of the Conservation Values of the Property. No amendment(s) to this Conservation Easement will be binding unless such amendment is signed by all parties hereto.

- 5. <u>Successors.</u> The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this Conservation Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property. The terms "Grantor" and "Grantee," wherever used herein, and any pronouns used in place thereof, shall include, respectively, the above-named Grantor and its successors and assigns, and the above-named Grantee and its successors and assigns.
- 6. <u>Termination of Rights and Obligations</u>. A party's rights and obligations under this Conservation Easement terminate upon transfer of the party's interest in the Conservation Easement or the Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer, shall survive transfer.
- 7. <u>Captions.</u> The captions in this instrument have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this instrument and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.
- 8. <u>Notice.</u> Any notices required or permitted in this Conservation Easement shall be in writing and sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery, to the following addresses or such other substituted addresses as Grantor or Grantee may provide to the other for purposes of providing sufficient notice in their names. Notice is effective immediately if overnight or hand-delivered or three days following the day it is sent by United States Mail:

GRANTOR: St. Simons Land Trust

P.O. Box 24615

St. Simons Island, GA 31522

GRANTEE: State of Georgia

c/o Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Real Estate Office

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE

Suite 1352 East Atlanta, GA 30334

9. No Merger. Grantor and Grantee agree that should Grantee, or any successor in interest to Grantee, come to own all or a portion of the fee interest in the Property subject to this Conservation Easement, (i) said owner shall observe and be bound by the obligations and the restrictions imposed upon the Property by this Conservation Easement, (ii) the Conservation Easement shall not be extinguished through the doctrine of merger in whole or in part in view of the public interest in its enforcement, and (iii) said owner as promptly as possible shall assign the Grantee interest in the Conservation Easement of record to another holder in conformity with the

requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The instrument of assignment shall refer to the provisions of this Section, and shall contain confirmatory language suitable to reimpose this Conservation Easement to the extent, if any, necessary to continue it in force.

- Rights Cumulative. Nothing herein shall be construed to change, alter, or affect any rights that either party hereto may have at law or equity.
- Venue. The courts of the State of Georgia shall have jurisdiction over any suit, action, mediation or other proceeding of any nature whatsoever instituted in connection with any controversy arising out of this Conservation Easement or to interpret or enforce any rights under this Easement, and venue shall be in Fulton County, Georgia.
- Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Conservation Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Conservation Easement, all of which are merged herein.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, this Conservation Easement, together with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges belonging or in any way appertaining thereto, either in law or in equity, either in possession or expectancy, for the proper use and benefit of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its duly authorized officer on the day and year first above written, and Grantee has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its Governor, the day and year first above written.

Sworn and subscribed **GRANTOR:** before me this 1 Grantor Sworn and subscribed **GRANTEE:** before me this 54 day of M STATE OF GEORGIA BY: Attest: Executive Director State Properties Commis SALLS

### EXHIBIT "A"

### Legal Description

### Phase One

All of that lot, parcel or tract of land, lying and being in the 25<sup>th</sup> Georgia Militia District, St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia as shown on a Boundary Survey of: Musgrove Plantation, prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., dated; 2/18/16, last revised 3/29/16, said tract of land described as Phase One and being more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at an iron rebar found at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Lawrence Road (100' right-of-way) and the southerly right-of-way line of Village Drive (50' right-of-way line), said point having Georgia State Plane, East Zone, NAD83 coordinates of N:447645.717 E:907515.865; thence along said Village Drive right-of-way line S 70°18'41" E a distance of 1226.31' to a concrete monument found; thence leave said right-of-way line and proceed with the

following courses and distances;

thence S 25°42'51" W a distance of 573.99' to a concrete monument found;

thence S 76°17'56" E a distance of 422.75' to a concrete monument found;

thence S 84°56'41" E a distance of 200.61' to a concrete monument found;

thence N 81°31'16" E a distance of 213.92' to a concrete monument found;

thence S 83°47'20" E a distance of 250.63' to a concrete monument found:

thence S 69°41'03" E a distance of 80.07' to a concrete monument found;

thence N 25°34'46" E a distance of 50.65' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence S 58°24'39" E a distance of 167.13' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence N 60°01'58" E a distance of 84.74' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence N 27°02'23" E a distance of 50.47' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence S 62°57'37" E a distance of 25.00' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence N 27°02'23" E a distance of 10.00' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence N 62°57'37" W a distance of 25.00' to a capped iron rebar found:

thence N 27°02'23" E a distance of 35.22' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence N 27°03'22" W a distance of 143.98' to a capped iron rebar found;

thence N 71°53'30" W a distance of 103.03' to a nail in root of 4" sweet gum tree;

thence N 25°34'46" E a distance of 47.98' to an iron pipe found;

thence N 25°37'52" E a distance of 777.90' to a concrete monument found:

thence S 62°24'26" E a distance of 346.73' to a concrete monument found;

thence S 62°24'26" E approximately 30' to a point at the approximate edge of marsh of Musgrove Creek; thence along said edge of marsh in a southwesterly direction a distance of

approximately 1170' to a point; thence leave said edge of marsh

N 29°03'38" W approximately 20' to a capped iron rebar set;

thence N 29°03'38" W a distance of 40.00' to a capped iron rebar set;

thence N 74°30'20" W a distance of 111.23' to a capped iron rebar set;

thence S 42°35'25" W a distance of 167.43' to a capped iron rebar set;

thence S 79°42'01" W a distance of 53.90' to a capped iron rebar set;

thence N 80°10'48" W a distance of 103.97' to a capped iron rebar set;

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thence S 84°45'39" W a distance of 52.81' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 77°39'28" W a distance of 108.93' to a capped iron rebar set; thence S 63°34'33" W a distance of 57.50' to a capped iron rebar set; thence S 27°36'22" W a distance of 58.13' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 68°25'18" W a distance of 337.25' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 84°59'47" W a distance of 394.57' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 23°27'00" E a distance of 29.99' to a concrete monument found; thence N 82°14'19" W a distance of 206.00' to an iron rebar found; thence S 24°01'32" W a distance of 21.09' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 82°51'23" W a distance of 633.97' to a capped iron rebar set; thence S 69°49'09" W a distance of 152.85' to a capped iron rebar set; thence S 55°32'26" W a distance of 210.40' to a capped iron rebar set; thence S 81°29'36" W a distance of 224.56' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 83°21'54" W a distance of 231.35' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 73°51'33" W a distance of 269.67' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 76°34'17" W a distance of 186.56' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 86°58'16" W a distance of 124.32' to a capped iron rebar set; thence N 50°20'59" W a distance of 31.01' to a capped iron rebar set on the easterly right-of-way line of said Lawrence Road; thence N 39°39'01" E a distance of 1507.34' to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said tract having an area of approximately 58.4 acres more or less.

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### EXHIBIT "B"

### Permitted Title Exceptions

- a. Matters set forth on the plat of survey made by W. N. Gramling, Civil Engineer and County Surveyor dated June 16, 1945, and attached to that certain deed from Sea Island Company to Nancy S. Reynolds, then Nancy R. Bagley, dated November 29, 1945, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 5-T, Page 275.
- b. Matters set forth on the plat of survey entitled "Survey of Musgrove Plantation 25 GMD St. Simons is. Ga.", made by Biletzskov & Assoc., Inc., certified by Joe Biletzskov, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1672, dated August 27, 1976, and attached to that certain deed from Nancy S. Reynolds, formerly Nancy R. Bagley, to Smith Bagley dated September 17,1976, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia in Deed Book 19-E, Page 861.
- c. Matters set forth on the plat of survey prepared by George P. Underwood Jr. & Associates, certified by G. P. Underwood, Jr., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1927, dated November 1990, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia in Deed Book 40-N, Page 333.
- d. Matters set forth on the plat of survey prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., dated, entitled "Musgrove Plantation, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia, in Plat Drawer 33 as Map No. 173.-4
- e. Easement from Mrs. Nancy R. Bagley to Georgia Power Company dated January 29, 1940, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 45, Page 781.
- f. Easement from Mrs. Nancy R. Bagley to Georgia Power Company dated May 27, 1940, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 47, Page 68.
- g. Easement from Ed Preece to Georgia Power Company dated June 14, 1940, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 47, Page 72.
- h. Easement from Nancy R. Bagley to Georgia Power Company dated October 13, 1952, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 67, Page 378.
- i. Easement from Nancy R. Bagley to the State Highway Board of Georgia dated May 11, 1942, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 5-G, Page 212.
- j. Right of Way Easement from Nancy R. Bagley dated May 11, 1942, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 5-G, Page 213.
- k. Agreement between Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Bagley and Georgia Power Company dated April 14, 1960, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 86, Page 241.

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- i. Easement from Nancy S. Reynolds to Georgia Power Company dated November 29, 1969, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 124, Page 493.
- m. Easement from Nancy S. Reynolds to Georgia Power Company dated November 22, 1969, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 124, Page 494.
- n. Easement from Nancy S. Reynolds to Georgia Power Company dated June, 1980, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Mortgage Book 132, Page 770.
- o. Agreement between Smith Bagley and The Brenn Foundation dated December 20, 1989, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 33-U, Page 230.
- p. Easements and reservations contained in that certain deed from Smith Bagley to The Brenn Foundation dated December 20, 1989, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 33-U, Page 236.
- q. Agreement between Smith Bagley and The Brenn Foundation dated October 24, 1991, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia at Deed Book 40-N, Page 330.
- r, Rights of others under Georgia law, if any, in and to the cemetery located adjacent to the property, or any burial sites on the property, including but not limited to the rights of ingress and egress thereto.
- s. Rights of others under Georgia law, if any, in and to the use of any drains and/or ditches located over, across, in or under the property, and rights to enter upon the property to maintain the same.

t. Matters reserved t	o The Brenn Foundation in that certain Limited Warranty Deed
dated	2016 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Glynn
County, Georgia in	Deed Book, Page

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### EXHIBIT "C"

### **Baseline Study**

[A copy of the Baseline Study shall be filed and recorded in Grantee's office.]

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