

## 2007 Coastal Georgia Greenway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and Workshop

October 23, 2007, 2-4 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce, 425 West Oglethorpe

### Liberty County Meeting Minutes

#### Attending

David Sapp, John Ryon and Mary Beth Evans (representing LeConte-Woodmanston Plantation) Jo Hickson and Drew Wade (representing

East Coast Greenway / Coastal Georgia Greenway)

#### Review of goals:

1. Construct LeConte Woodmanston trailhead
  2. Construct Picnic Pavilion at Riceboro Creek trailhead
  3. Cay Creek wetland reconstruction
  4. Integrate Geechee Kunda as a CGG trailhead
- (watch construction plans on Cay Creek Rd and make appropriate suggestions to maintain this corridor as equestrian friendly access.

Jo Hickson gave a Status Report on **LeConte Woodmanston and Riceboro Creek Trailheads**.

She met with Trent Long, County Engineer and County Manager Joey Brown concerning funding and construction of the identified trailheads. Trent Long has been directed to re-cost both projects and bid at the same time before the end of the year. At this time, the county can only fund construction of one picnic shelter on the south side of Riceboro Creek.

**Cay Creek wetland center:** We must determine whether the \$25K existing can be made available because of irregularities with the initial environmental requirements.

#### Funding Opportunities:

LeConte Woodmanston Plantation is 67 acres, owned fee simple. Jo suggested using property value as local match for grants. She said she could assist with grantwriting, though is unfamiliar with historical preservation grant opportunities available. An easement for the county might help to decrease liability for the LeConte Woodmanston Foundation.

Additional suggestions for funding opportunities included wetlands mitigation banking, Jo has

discussed this with Becky Rowden, Environmental Attorney with the US Army Corps of Engineers who recommends that LeConte Woodmanston hire an environmental consultant to advise them concerning this possibility. Ms. Rowden will advise Jo about potential consultant contacts.

**Announcement:**

Mary Beth Evans indicated that LeConte-Woodmanston has prepared a press release announcing a collaborative effort between Leconte, Geechee Kunda, Dorchester School and Seabrook, coinciding well with the upcoming announcement of the Gullah-Geechee National Heritage Corridor. They hope to involve the tourism board more directly as a group.

Organizational materials were reviewed and are posted on the web.

Submitted by Jo Hickson

October 30, 2007

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