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Greetings from the pocosin swamps and blackwater river floodplains of central south Georgia!

WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. is a watershed-wide nonprofit group working for watershed conservation of the Willacoochee, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Little River Systems watershed in south Georgia and north Florida through awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen advocacy.

WWALS was pleased to hear that the Corps helped organize a meeting 11 April 2013 about the flooding problems in our watersheds, involving multiple federal (FEMA, USGS, NWS, etc.) and state (GA DNR, etc.) agencies and local government representatives, under the auspices of the Corps' Silver Jackets. The recent followup meeting, including organizations from north Florida, was even more promising.

WWALS asks to be included in any further such meetings, and in related correspondence, both online and on paper, so that we can help with watershed-wide communications, data collection and analysis, and publicity. Flooding, as you know, is a large and increasing problem here that is interrelated with numerous other watershed issues, far beyond a single wastewater treatment plant into planning and zoning, remediation, agriculture, and transportation. Public awareness is needed to mobilize resources to deal with this issue.

WWALS stands ready to help in any way we can with watershed issues.

Thank you,

Dave Hetzel, President

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