

**DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT  
CITY OF OCILLA – Project Arrowhead (Project ID 4689)  
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AFFECTED PARTIES COMMENT FORM**

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Do you believe your jurisdiction will be affected by the proposed development? Yes  No   
 Please describe the expected impacts (positive and negative) on your jurisdiction.

I am a private landowner operating property adjacent to the Alapaha River in Berrien County for forestry and wildlife management. This property is protected under a permanent conservation easement with GA Forest Legacy Program. I am very active in environmental education and habitat conservation. I was one of the contributors to the 2025 Georgia's State Wildlife Action Plan, which prioritizes protection of land for conservation purposes using a hub-and-corridor system. Our family property is one of the protected "hubs," as is the Alapaha WMA. One of the corridors is along the Alapaha River, just west of the proposed development and upstream from me.

I oppose any large industrial development that permanently fragments undeveloped rural areas that have potential for future conservation. The habitat fragmentation, changes to hydrology, and development of powerlines and roads to service the facility will result in irreparable damage to the region, including my property.

As population increases in GA and becomes increasingly urbanized, the need for conservation areas for varied recreation is increasing rapidly. Landowners have opportunities for alternative revenue from recreation (birding, canoeing, hunting, fishing, camping, etc.), which is particularly important after the closure of several pulpmills has reduced income from timber sales. Development such as the Project Arrowhead proposal will severely limit opportunities for income from recreation and agritourism and will negatively impact property values throughout the region.

**Return** this form by COB May 11th, 2026 by 5pm to James Horton  
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