

AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE ST. MARY RIVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this <sup>24</sup>~~6~~ day of <sup>November</sup>~~month~~ 2021 by and between:

- BAKER COUNTY
- NASSAU COUNTY
- CHARLTON COUNTY
- CAMDEN COUNTY

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an Interlocal Agreement creating the St. Marys River Management Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, Chapter 163.01, Florida Statutes, and the Constitution of the State of Georgia, 1983, Article 9, Section 3, Paragraph 1, permits local government units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities, and

WHEREAS, Camden County and Charlton County, Georgia and Nassau County and Baker County, Florida, continue to encourage and support the long-term viability of both the environmental and economic resources of the St. Marys River, now therefore

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises, covenants, and benefits to accrue from conduct of a comprehensive regional planning process, the member governments do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Continuation of St. Marys River Management Committee as a multi-jurisdictional agency.
2. Purpose. The purpose of the St. Marys River Management Committee is to identify issues and recommend solutions related to the St. Marys River and its water quality. The St. Marys River Management Committee is to promote the protection and long-term viability of both environmental and economic resources of the St. Marys River through mechanisms which retains local control, protects private property rights, and fosters

cooperation of local individuals, governments, regional, state, and federal agencies.

3. Duties and Responsibilities. The duties and responsibilities of the St. Marys River Management Committee are as follows:

To identify issues of concern related to water quality and recreational/commercial use of the St. Marys River.

Pursue the establishment of a coordinated and consistent code of regulations which, when implemented, will protect the water quality of the St. Marys River.

Develop and implement a St. Marys River Management Plan for the protection of the water quality of the St. Marys River.

Promote the establishment of positive incentives for landowners to encourage land management options which provide the greatest benefits to the ecology of the St. Marys River.

Review and provide recommendations on public policy issues such as local government comprehensive plans and land development regulations, the expenditures of public resources, development proposals, and other state and federal actions which will impact the resources of the St. Marys River.

Serve as an advisory committee and provide coordination among various regulatory, land use planning, acquisition programs, and governmental entities to protect the resources of the St. Marys River.

Educate the public and provide information on the resources of the St. Marys River.

Provide a forum for affected landowners and county residents wishing to provide input into recommendations for protecting the water quality of the river.

4. Voting Membership. Each member County Commission (Nassau and Baker Counties, Florida and Camden and Charlton Counties, Georgia) shall appoint five (5) persons representing their respective county, to serve on the Committee. Of the five appointees from each County: one (1) will be a County Commissioner, two (2) will be landowners who own property on the St. Marys River in that county, or if the landowner is a company, corporation or other legal entity, then an appointed representative of that company, corporation, or legal entity, and two (2) will be residents of that

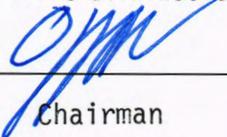
county. Members representing the landowner category may be appointed at the discretion of the respective county commission, if applicants meeting the criteria are not available.

- 5. Terms of Service. Each voting Committee member shall be appointed by the County Commission and shall serve for a four (4) year term. Terms of Committee members shall be staggered so one half of the committee terms will end every two years.  
If the status of the appointed member changes during his/her term which makes the individual ineligible for their particular appointment, the County Commission of the affected member may appoint a replacement at the next available Commission meeting.
- 6. Technical Advisors. The Committee may request that representatives from all appropriate state agencies, such as the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to attend meetings as technical advisors and to represent their agency.
- 7. Funding. Each member County shall contribute an equal amount based on a budget approved by all member counties. The Committee, with the approval of member Counties may pursue grants, donations, and other funding sources to support the implementation of and further goals of the St. Marys River Management Committee.
- 8. Term of Agreement. This amended Agreement shall replace the original Agreement and remain in force and affect for period of fifty (50) years: however, it is further provided that any party may, upon six (6) month written notice to all other parties, withdraw from the Committee and terminate all of its obligations set forth herein which had not already occurred prior to the sending of the withdrawal notice.

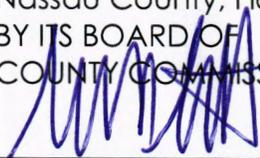
EXCEPT as hereby expressly amended, all terms and conditions of the Interlocal Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have officially adopted and caused this agreement to be executed and their signatures to be affixed by their respective Chairman or chief official as of the day and year first above written.

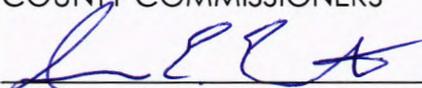
Baker County, Florida  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Chairman

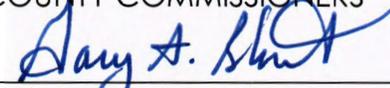
Nassau County, Florida  
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Chairman

CHARLTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
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CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
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