

Resolution 2015-2
Statement of Support of Illahee Preserve's Expansion Plans

Whereas the Illahee Forest Preserve is looking for support for its plans to acquire Illahee Creek watershed properties and has requested statements of support from their elected officials, including Port Commissioners, and

Whereas the Port of Illahee had previously been working to obtain the same said Illahee Creek properties in order to help protect and preserve them, and

Whereas the purchase of the watershed properties was identified in the Port/DOE funded 2008 Parametrix report as priority properties to acquire to help control sedimentation and aquifer issues, and

Whereas the purchase of said properties is further noted in the Objective section of the Port's Comprehensive Plan dated June 10, 2010: "Facilitate 'Phase II' of the Illahee Creek Restoration Plan to complete the Illahee Preserve and to take recommended actions for storm water control, per the Parametrix report of the DOE storm water grant, by acquiring identified properties, through grants, Port purchase or conservation easements." and

Under Capital Improvement Program: "The Port of Illahee has entered into negotiations with the owner of the approximately 31 acres of property contiguous to the Illahee Preserve known as Timbers Edge. Acquisition of this property would: add over 20 acres to the Illahee Preserve, is vital for the correction of the storm water problem that affects Illahee Creek our shoreline and Illahee Dock, promote revitalization of Illahee Creek to a salmon bearing stream, enhance aquifer recharge, and enable economic development which is in keeping with the Illahee community character."

Be it therefore resolved that the Port of Illahee is appreciative and supportive of the Illahee Preserve's expansion plans which contribute to the health of the Illahee Creek watershed and the reduction of sedimentation that threatens the Illahee Creek culvert and the draft of the floats at the Illahee community dock.



Commissioner Schaefer



Commissioner Aho

Commissioner Magill