



The Jekyll Island Conservation Plan Committee, which includes members from a cross-section of conservation organizations such as the Jekyll Island Authority, the Georgia Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Little St. Simons Island and two biologists chosen as representatives of the general public, have announced a revised timeline for the completion of the new Conservation Plan.

Comments from the public have been received and will be posted on the Jekyll Island website for public review. In addition, plan consultant Dr. Jay Exum, will provide a summary of the comments and notes from the committee's review. Those documents will be available on February 18th on [Jekyll Island's Conservation Page](#).

The next public meeting for the Conservation Plan has been rescheduled from the previously announced date of February 23rd to March 25th. The meeting will be held at the Jekyll Island Historic District Convention Campus, Magnolia Hall from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

“The Conservation Plan is an important policy matter for the Jekyll Island Authority,” stated Richard Royal, Chairman of the JIA Conservation/Preservation Committee. “It need not be rushed and I applaud the hard work of the committee. The public engagement is vital to having an excellent plan to protect the natural beauty of Jekyll Island.”

The next plan draft will be posted for public and committee review on March 7th. The public meeting on March 25th will be held in order to review the key revisions and additions to the plan and also engage in public comments, questions and input. The public meeting will be recorded and placed on the [Jekyll Island Conservation Page](#).

Public input on the March 7th draft and any follow up comments from the March 25th public meeting will be accepted until April 1st. From that point, it is expected that a final draft will be prepared for presentation to the Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. All Jekyll Island Authority Board Meetings are open to the public.

“I’ve done many conservation plans, and it’s exciting to have such an engaged public,” expressed Dr. Jay Exum, Wildlife Ecologist and Project Lead with AECOM. “What we need to focus on is harnessing that engagement for constructive purposes, I hope to discuss an effective way to do that at the public meeting on March 25th.”

All drafts, comments and video of Conservation Plan public meetings can be found on the [Jekyll Island Conservation Page](#).