

Summary of Public Comments on the January 4, 2011 draft of the Jekyll Island Conservation Plan, by Category

A total of 261 respondents all said the following:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Jekyll Islands draft Conservation Plan. Jekyll Island State Park is an amazing natural resource and should be preserved and protected for future generations to enjoy.

I applaud you for undertaking the task of drafting a Conservation Plan and ask that in future drafts include:

-- Clear recommendations for sensitive areas to be protected by the requirement that limits development to 35% of the island (GA Code 12-3-243.1)

-- A recommendation for a new law or county ordinance that would require future redevelopment follow strict guidelines such as LEED, earthcraft, green globes etc.

-- Stronger funding mechanisms.

An additional 52 individual responses to the Plan were categorized based on repeated reference to the following topics:

- 1) Minimize Development Impacts to Natural Resources
- 2) Assure adequate staffing/funding for the Plan
- 3) Define the boundaries of conservation/development (65%/35% of the Island)
- 4) Sustain the Island's natural aesthetics
- 5) Reference Jekyll Island as a State Park
- 6) Include management along the causeway in the Plan
- 7) Be aware of the Jekyll Island Authority's conflicting roles
- 8) Conduct a visitor carrying capacity study
- 9) The process and procedures of the EAP need to be refined
- 10) Public involvement in the process of review is paramount to a successful Plan
- 11) An independent, peer review of the Plan should be conducted
- 12) Conduct an analysis of alternatives to the actions in the proposed Plan