Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island is one of Georgia's greatest assets. It is habitat for nesting sea turtles and migrating birds as well as a paradise of majestic live oaks, sand dunes, salt marshes, maritime forests, and wide-open beaches. It is also one of the few remaining coastal havens that is affordable for citizens of all income levels.

Not surprisingly, the allure of commercial development on coastal property continually threatens the fragile balance between Jekyll's quiet natural character and human impact.

The Jekyll Island Authority asked for input from the public and conservation groups to assist them in revising the Jekyll Island Master Plan, which is the island's governing document and the source of its official policy. Comments are due September 17th by noon.

The Initiative to Protect Jekyll Island (IPJI) is urging those who care about Jekyll and the direction of its future development to read and endorse the recommendations IPJI has made. These recommendations include preserving the remaining undeveloped beach, limiting development to 35 percent of Jekyll Island, promoting nature-based tourism and ecotourism, and protecting the island's natural environment and traditional character.

Please help ensure responsible stewardship for Jekyll Island by showing your support for a Master Plan that guarantees Jekyll will always remain protected, affordable, and a model of restrained development. Please go to www.savejekyllisland.org and read IPJI's Action Alert. If you agree with IPJI's recommendations, please endorse them by clicking on the appropriate link.

Quick Links

Plant Washington Permit Appeal
The hearing on the air pollution permits for Plant Washington began Monday, September 13th, at the Office of State Administrative Hearings, 230 Peachtree Street, Atlanta. The 854-megawatt coal-fired power plant proposed to be built in Sandersville, 60 miles east of Macon.

Monday and Thursdays, September 13/16/20/23, 9:30am-2:30pm
Tuesdays and Wednesday, September 14/15/21/22, 9:30am-5:00pm

Please demonstrate your interest in the issue by attending some part of the hearing. Post your thoughts and impressions on our Facebook page. Contact colleen.kiernan@sierraclub.org for more information.

Sierra Club Meetings

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, October 4th, 6:30p.m refreshments, 7p.m. start, Colleen Kiernan - colleen.kiernan@sierraclub.org or Erin Glynn - erin.glynn@sierraclub.org
Wildlands & Wildlife Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 21st, 7:00p.m., Phil Zinsmeister - Chair, pzinsmeister@oglethorpe.edu

Fundraising Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 22nd, 7:00p.m., Erin Wetty - Chair, ewetty@seyfarth.com

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, September 27th, 6:45p.m., Jim Dexter - Chair, call 678-313-2407, jimdex@aol.com

Inner City Outings Meeting, Tuesday, September 28th, 7:00p.m., Allison Williams - Chair, adwilliams8@yahoo.com

Environmental Events

Celebrate International Car-Free Day!
This world-wide event takes place every September 22nd, when people are encouraged to get around without their cars. Atlanta Bicycle Coalition is highlighting the many practical, healthy, and beneficial ways you can get around metro Atlanta, including biking, riding transit, walking, and more! Let World Carfree Day be a showcase for just how our cities might look like, feel like, and sound like without cars...365 days a year. [RSVP here.]

Second Atlanta Streets Alive
On Friday, September 24th, Atlanta Streets Alive is holding its big pre-event celebration/showcase/fundraiser at the Sweet Auburn Curb Market from 6:30 to 9 PM. The festivities at Curb Market (which will be open extra late) will feature food from favorite market & street vendors, free drinks & giveaways, live music & performances from some of our fall ASA activities partners – including dancers, hooping, martial arts, plus some surprises! – and a silent auction benefiting the October 17th Atlanta Streets Alive (including Sierra Club items donated by the Chapter).

Georgia Giving Society Thank You Party
Thursday, September 30th, 6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.
Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Midtown
The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club will host a special event to thank our Georgia Giving Society supporters. Their support is critical to our success! It will be an evening of hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and remarks by Georgia Chapter Director Colleen Kiernan and Dr. Marilyn Brown from Georgia Tech. For our donors, please expect your invitation in the mail soon. If you would like to donate now to join the Georgia Chapter and guests, please donate now by [clicking here.]

Georgia Solar Tour
The Georgia Solar Energy Association will be hosting its second annual tour on October 2, 2010 from 9am - 2pm. There are three ways you can participate: 1) a virtual tour from your own desk! (free), 2) a self tour, or 3) a guided tour on a bus ($25). Check [www.gasolar.org](http://www.gasolar.org) on September 16th for detailed information about tour stops.

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