

From: R G P <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:05 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Flood risk markers showing height of water

Create flood awareness using water heights on road side poles. Reference adjacent water sources contributing to the flooding. Say circular blue shield throughout SC. Any community with flood risk will have informed residents or visitors who can interpret atmospheric data in that locality.

X River 4 ft above flood stage

Atlantic Ocean 4 ft sea surge  
From: R G P <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 3:57 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Implementation process

Give every entering college student approaching their senior year (define by credits completed to graduation) a paid tuition stipend if they will defer their graduation by one year, and work at defined sites or projects and under the supervision of defined implementers on defined flood recommendations listed in this report that have measurable outcomes.

From: April O'Leary <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:26 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] City of Conway Citizen Input for Commission  
Attachments: SC FLOODWATER COMMISSION TASK FORCE PUBLIC COMMENTS.docx

Please see attached below.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit public comment. I apologize I am past the deadline. I have been going to every meeting the county has been hosting this week surrounding the flood mitigation and resilience study and plan.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]  
From: Harriet Festing <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:00 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protecting vulnerable families - Residents for Rosewood Buyouts  
Attachments: Residents for Rosewood Buyouts.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Public input on the SC FloodWater Commission Report

On behalf of vulnerable families living in the Rosewood Estates, Horry County, who were severely impacted by flooding from Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, I would be grateful if you would consider the option of home buyouts. Around 30 residents are interested in having their homes bought out at a fair price that allows them to relocate to a high opportunity with jobs, transport and schools. Another 30 home owners may be interested.

I am attaching a factsheet summarizing the Residents for Rosewood Buyout project, which is an unique, innovative, project led by residents themselves.

We are happy to discuss this further with you. Thank you for this opportunity.

Best wishes  
Harriet

Harriet Festing  
Co-Founder and Executive Director  
Anthropocene Alliance

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 6:03 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Re : townofedistobeach.com : Let Google Help Your Customers Find You

Hello townofedistobeach.com

My name is Henry Wilson, and I'm a SEO Specialist.

I was on your website and found, there are many scope of improvements in designing and development part. This will improve the overall usability and user friendliness of your website.

If you are Interested I'd be happy to send you No Obligation Audit Report for your website, our package, pricing and past work details, if you'd like to assess our work.

We could lower that cost and not compromise on quality!

Hope to hear back from you soon.

Kind Regards  
Henry Wilson! Business Development Manager

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Note: Reply back with us "Interested" and get issue fixing plan now only at \$199 (One Time)

From: S B <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 9:42 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

Dear Chairman Mullikin,

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As the commission moves forward in developing a final plan for Governor McMaster, I urge you to continue to identify and prioritize natural flood mitigation solutions in your recommendations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on these findings.

Sincerely,

S B

Ladson, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72562658>>

From: "Jimmy Carroll" <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 5:10 PM

To: Nicole Elko

Cc: Floodwater Commission; [REDACTED] Blanche Brown ([REDACTED]) Iris Hill; John Pedersen ([REDACTED]) Linda Tucker ([REDACTED]) Marilyn Hatley;

[REDACTED] Sel Hemmingway; Tim Goodwin ([REDACTED]) Will Connor;

Subject: [External] Re: Public Comment submission

Great letter. Thank you all for the time you have put into this. The beaches are a treasured state asset that need to be preserved for not only us, the residents but also for our visitors and the tourism dollars they bring to our state.

Jimmy Carroll

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2019, at 4:27 PM, Nicole Elko <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Again, thank you for your commitment to mitigating coastal flooding in our state. Please contact me, or Nicole Elko, at the number or email address above if we may assist you.

Sincerely,

Tim Goodwin, Chair

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From: Sara Bazemore <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 4:53 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] RES Comments on Initial Task Force Report Findings of the SC Floodwater Commission  
Attachments: Comment letter on Initial Recommendations of SC Floodwater Comm\_10.24.2019.pdf

On behalf of RES and our dedicated team of ecological restoration providers living and working in South Carolina, I submit the attached comments in support of the Initial Task Force Report Findings (August 26, 2019). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]> or (803) 622-1888.

Best Regards,

Sara

Sara Pendarvis Bazemore

Client Solutions Manager

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From: Amelia Wood <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 4:51 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Initial Task Force Report Fondings

Thank you to Governor McMaster and all of the members of the task force.

Overall, I agree with the findings and the hard work.

One particular finding about which I have many questions is the idea of a reservoir. As it is presented, it seems to be a way to develop land without any clear rationale. If it were specifically to protect historical or critical infrastructure, that might justify the idea.

Thanks again,

Amelia Wood

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Amelia Wood  
[REDACTED]

From: Nicole Elko <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 4:27 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Cc: [REDACTED] Blanche Brown ([REDACTED]) Iris Hill; Jimmy Carroll; John Pedersen

( [REDACTED] Linda Tucker ([REDACTED] Marilyn Hatley;  
[REDACTED] Sel Hemmingway; Tim Goodwin ([REDACTED] Will Connor;

Subject: [External] Public Comment submission  
Attachments: SCBeachAdvocates-PublicComment-InitialFindings.pdf

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From: Jenny Brennan <[jennabrennan@scbeaches.org](mailto:jennabrennan@scbeaches.org)>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 4:17 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Cc: Chris DeScherer; Angela Kilbert; Rachel Pruzin  
Subject: [External] Floodwater Initial Findings Comments  
Attachments: 10.24.19\_FloodwaterCommissionInitialReport\_SELCCComments.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find our comments regarding the Floodwater Commission Initial Task Force Findings attached. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about our letter.

Thank you,

Jenny Brennan

Science & Policy Associate

Coastal Resilience Initiative

Southern Environmental Law Center <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.southernenvironment.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cfloodwatercommission%40governor.s.c.gov%7C3bdb5796cff240d4615e08d758bf323b%7Ce9f8d01480d84f27b0d6c3d6c085fcdd%7C1%7C1%7C637075450601640920&sdata=8QPdKiB8pMRFgoHcdYRrMOgcYfmwwb7ppGHb88tt7WU%3D&reserved=0>>

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kimberly Heckman <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:02 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

Dear South Carolina Floodwater Commission,

Please support the use of natural infrastructure, protected open spaces, and undeveloped floodplains as cost-effective, nature-based methods to reduce flood impacts and improve flood resiliency. Natural--or "green"--infrastructure provides a cost-effective, resilient approach to flood management. Wetlands absorb floodwaters, buffer storm impacts for upland areas, and filter water. Living shorelines, like oyster reefs and native plants, can reduce erosion and provide important habitat. Creating undeveloped open space by buying-out frequently flooded properties and turning the land into natural areas helps reduce flood damages, saves money, protects lives, and provides habitat. These natural infrastructure approaches should be considered when communities are evaluating shoreline armoring projects to reduce erosion and flood risks, since natural infrastructure can provide effective and economical mitigation benefits.

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Sincerely,  
Kimberly Heckman

[REDACTED]

From: Amy Armstrong <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 12:19 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Comments on the Floodwater Commission Report  
Attachments: Comments.pdf

Please find attached comments on the South Carolina Floodwater Commission Report.

Thank you,

Amy

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Amy E. Armstrong

S.C. Environmental Law Project

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From: Barry Beasley <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 11:20 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Comments on the Initial Floodwater Task Force Recommendations  
Attachments: SCLA combined comments on draft flood recommendations 10 24 19.pdf

Chairman Mullinkin,

The Senior Conservation Leadership Alliance (SCLA) is a newly formed organization of primarily retired environmental and conservation professionals who have served in agencies and organizations ranging from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to the University of South Carolina to NGOs such as the South Carolina Wildlife Federation and Trout Unlimited. Collectively, the SCLA represents hundreds of hours of professional experience in managing natural resources and scientific research. The SCLA is committed to bringing scientific, fact-based information to help in solving South Carolina's most pressing environmental and conservation issues. A list of our current members is included.

We offer the attached comments to help in strengthening the efforts of the commission in addressing our flooding problems in South Carolina. Our comments consist of an executive summary, general comments and three appendices. We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments.

Barry Beasley, Chair

Senior Conservation Leadership Alliance

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>  
803-738-8497

From: Dr. Grier <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 9:41 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

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Sincerely,

Dr. Grier

Greenville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72527124>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jody Tinsley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 9:17 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Please use nature-based approaches to flood control

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Sincerely,  
Jody Tinsley

[REDACTED]  
From: Jane Cooper <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 8:46 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Public comment

Good morning

I have read the initial task force report findings of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission. As a private citizen it appears a lot of thought has gone into this report and it is greatly appreciated. Although I do not have a background in any of the areas listed, I have two concerns that I'm not sure were addressed.

Under the smart rivers and dam security task force section, I did not see actual dam security discussed. I seem to remember that this was an issue in the flooding of 2015 when private dams were incapable of holding the water or actually failed. I do not see that this was addressed or that there is any mechanism to make sure private and public dams are maintained appropriately.

Under the grid security task force section, SC House Bill 3282 is discussed. I have not read this bill, but I feel it is mandatory that emergency generators be placed above flood level. New Orleans' hospitals faced infinitely more problems during Hurricane Katrina because their generators were on lower levels of the buildings and so were incapacitated by rising flood waters.

Thank you for this opportunity to add my thoughts to the public discussion.

Jane Cooper  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPadFrom: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 3:05 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Response to Invitation to Comment on the SC Floodwater Commission Initial Task Force Findings

Attachments: Mannion Comments -South Carolina Floodwater Commission Initial Task Force Report Findings August 26 2019.pdf

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I have attached same in pdf format

Carole Mannion

From: Sarah Edwards <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 3:36 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Cc: Laura Lightbody

Subject: [External] The Pew Charitable Trusts Comment Submission

Attachments: Pew\_SCFWC Comment.pdf

South Carolina Floodwater Commission:

I am submitting comments (attached) on the Commission's Initial Findings and Recommendations on behalf of The Pew Charitable Trusts. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to working with the Commission to improve South Carolina's flood resiliency.

Thank you,

Sarah Edwards

Sarah Edwards

Associate, Flood-Prepared Communities

The Pew Charitable Trusts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | e: [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>

From: Franklin Buie <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 12:24 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Cc: Eric E. Goff; Tommy DeLage; Mrs. Jenks ([REDACTED])

Subject: [External] SC Floodwater Commission Report Response

Attachments: SC Floodwater Commission FBB Comments.pdf

Dear Governor McMaster and SC Floodwater Commissioners,

Attached please find my comments on your "Initial Task Force Report Findings." They are addressed primarily to the Landscape Beautification and Protection Task Force.

I could write for hours on the topic. If anyone is interested, has questions, or would like to see the places I mention, please contact me at [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>, or 803-865-2121, or at my home, 209 Jabay Drive, Columbia, SC 29229.

Grace and Peace,

Franklin B. Buie

From: April Donnelly <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:09 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Cc: Tom Mullikin; Mark Robertson; Elizabeth Fly  
Subject: [External] SC Floodwater Commission - Initial Task Force Report Recs - TNC Comment Letter Attached  
Attachments: TNC\_SCFloodwaterCommission\_PublicComments\_Final\_22Oct2019.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached letter from The Nature Conservancy in response to the call for public comments on the Floodwater Commission's initial task force recommendations. We are pleased to have the opportunity to comment and look forward to working with you to advance the concepts reflected in this letter going forward.

Thank you,

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April Donnelly  
Director of Government Relations

The Nature Conservancy

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From: Megan Chase <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:18 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Cc: John Tynan; Rebecca Haynes  
Subject: [External] Comments on Floodwater Commission's Task Force Report  
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Chairman Mullikin,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments on the Initial Task Force Report. We look forward to providing additional comments on the full report when it is released to the public. Please see attached for comments submitted on behalf of the Conservation Coalition.

Sincerely,

Megan Chase  
Conservation Coalition Steering Committee

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Clean Water Advocate  
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Suzanne Barns  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:50 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Suzanne Barns

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: Suzanne Barns <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:45 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

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Sincerely,  
Suzanne Barns

Batesburg, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72384454>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dave Yoder <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:09 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Dave Yoder

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:18 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] RE:Supply Customized LED Strip Light, Accept Paypal and Sample

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Thanks and best regards

Best regards!

Ada Zhang

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Melinda Gleaton <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:31 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Judith Knouff <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 2:57 PM  
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Clover, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72331526>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Linda Richelson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:21 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Linda Richelson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Julie Wisz <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 6:33 AM  
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary D'Errico <[REDACTED]>  
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Mary D'Errico

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Susan Madson  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 9:48 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Harriet Little <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:39 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Priscilla Shumway  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:15 PM  
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Priscilla Shumway

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:12 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: Spam Notification: 1 New Messages

<<https://products.office.com>>

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Misty Zban <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:57 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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[REDACTED]

From: Ms. Gallo <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 6:37 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Gallo

Elgin, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72251220>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Robin Brown <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:47 PM

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nolan Schillerstrom

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 1:02 PM

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nicole Jessup

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[REDACTED]  
From: Eric Goff <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:45 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Cc: MADILYN FLETCHER; Patricia Jerman  
Subject: [External] Comments on the Initial Floodwater Task Force Recommendations-Gills Creek Watershed Association

Dear SC Floodwater Commission Members,

The Gills Creek Watershed Association is based in Richland County, SC and includes a significant portion of Columbia. We restore, educate, and advocate for the Gills Creek Watershed, a task which became more challenging after the 2015 floods, when the watershed experienced significant property losses, and, tragically, loss of life. The Gills Creek Watershed contains over 115 miles of streams, and encompasses over 47,000 acres of land. The watershed's population is approximately 140,000. These facts have made us very aware of the difficulty of managing stormwater in an urban setting, and very aware of the need to do so.

Consequently, we were surprised to find that overall, the Floodwaters Commission draft recommendations did not focus on preventing stormwater damage as much as they did on a "build our way out of it" approach to the challenge of preventing damage from flooding. In reality, to effectively minimize flood damage, we need to cease putting property and lives in harm's way in the first place. Yet rather than focus on preventing new construction in flood prone areas, the recommendations tend to focus on large scale construction to theoretically manage the impacts of flooding.

We hope as the Commission refines its recommendations, it will begin with a focus on prevention, floodplain resilience, and moving development out of harm's way. Charleston's Dutch Dialogs have highlighted the approach of "adapting development to water systems, not adapting water systems to development." This should be the overriding approach of the Commission as well.

We understand that we will have the opportunity to comment on the full report, with revised recommendations, later this fall, and consequently are offering only a few comments on individual Task Force reports below.

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The Gills Creek Watershed Association looks forward to the next iteration of the Commission’s report and is happy to assist the Commission’s efforts as needed.

Kind Regards,

Eric E. Goff, PhD  
Coordinator

Gills Creek Watershed Association

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ginny Canady <[REDACTED]>  
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[REDACTED]  
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<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:27 PM  
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<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 5:32 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Michelle Evans

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Greenville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72179023>>  
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Thomas Mathews

Charleston, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72175340>>

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Michele Springsteen

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alison Vaughan

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To: Floodwater Commission

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Sincerely,  
Alison Vaughan

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maurine Gilmore

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:31 AM

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Maurine Gilmore

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of mary osusky <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 10:45 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: Sara Castillo <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 10:33 AM  
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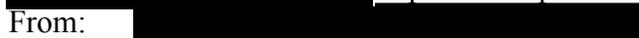
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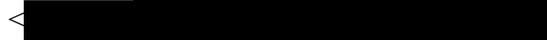
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From:  on behalf of Ray Michielini

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Ray Michielini

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Susan Ryan <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 5:08 AM  
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Susan Ryan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: Andre Meaux <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:47 PM  
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Sincerely,

Andre Meaux

Charleston, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72158541>>

From: Carol Hill <

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:23 PM

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Spartanburg, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72157246>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Johanna Miller <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:13 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Johanna Miller

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sandra Edwins  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:16 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Sandra Edwins

[REDACTED]  
From: Greg Nicholas <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:10 PM  
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[@advCity], South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72153529>>

From: Amelia Linder < >

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Amelia Linder

Columbia, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72153392>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Laura Caldwell <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:46 PM

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Sincerely,

Laura Caldwell

[REDACTED]

From: Kathy Bradley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:06 PM

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[REDACTED] <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72151992>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mitzi Stewart <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:20 PM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Pam Utzig <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 5:24 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,  
Lawrence Green

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lisa Scharin <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 4:57 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Lisa Scharin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: Kristin Carstarphen <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 4:30 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on these findings.

Sincerely,

Kristin Carstarphen

Charleston, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72146005>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Darrel Walker <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 4:06 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

Dear South Carolina Floodwater Commission,

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Sincerely,

Darrel Walker

From: april doyle <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:51 PM

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Conway, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72144173>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Vanwormer <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:34 PM

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Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Vanwormer

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Ersik <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:30 PM  
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John Ersik

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Suzanne Robinson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:30 PM  
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Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches - It's economical!

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Sincerely,  
Suzanne Robinson

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mia Cook <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:28 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Mia Cook

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kat Coker <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:08 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Kat Coker

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyce Braxton <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:51 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Joyce Braxton

[REDACTED]  
From: Mary Fratelli <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:49 PM  
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Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

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Sincerely,  
Mary Fratelli

Murrells Inlet, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72140925>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Elizabeth Watson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:42 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Watson

[REDACTED]

From: Amy Armstrong <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:37 PM  
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Amy Armstrong

Pawleys Island, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72140410>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Susan Zoltewicz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:35 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Patricia Luck <[REDACTED]>

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of Margaret Zelius <[Redacted]>  
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[REDACTED]  
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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:03 PM  
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Sincerely,

Lynn Martin

Bluffton, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72138597>>

From: Marilyn Shup <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:46 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

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Beaufort, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72137404>>  
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Murrells Inlet, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72136963>>  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Amy Fisher <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:22 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sara Sigwart

[Redacted]

From: marianne Salamone <[Redacted]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:07 PM

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Summerville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72135606>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Fran Williams <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:01 PM

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Fran Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: Tony Wise <[REDACTED]>  
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North Augusta, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72134896>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marianne Salamone <[REDACTED]>

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From: mary swilling <[REDACTED]>

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mary swilling

Summerville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72134638>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Roberta Mills <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:50 PM

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Greenville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72134473>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lily Blume <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:44 PM

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Sincerely,  
Lily Blume

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Stephanie King <[Redacted]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:18 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: Carol Dodson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:55 AM  
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Elgin, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72130873>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Linda Coley <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Ronda Reynolds

Columbia, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72130527>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Rita Cox <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:47 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Rita Cox

[REDACTED]  
From: Charlotte Edwards <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:33 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Summerville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72129877>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of E Tipton <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:24 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
E Tipton  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of elizabeth Cummings

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Sincerely,  
elizabeth Cummings

2030 Cullum Trail Rd Aiken, SC 29803-9395

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Janet Swigler <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:19 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods in a natural way

Dear South Carolina Floodwater Commission,

I encourage you to please use flood control methods that are as natural as possible. As you know, South Carolina's marshes and floodplains provide invaluable, as well as delicate, resources for humans and animals alike. It's crucial we protect them and maintain a natural balance to protect against flood damage.

Sincerely,  
Janet Swigler

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Janice Toporek <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:16 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,

Stephen Powell

Central, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72128429>>

From: Nancy Sienknecht < >

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:10 AM

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Nancy Sienknecht

Summerville, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72128384>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Abby Kobrovsky

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:10 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kati McArdle <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:08 AM  
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Why wouldn't we do this, if the option is there? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kati McArdle

[REDACTED]  
From: Stanley Charles <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:00 AM  
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Fort Mill, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72127449>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carla Hedden <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:00 AM

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Sincerely,  
Carla Hedden

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[REDACTED]  
From: Scott Harris <[REDACTED]>  
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Scott Harris

Murrells Inlet, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72127116>>

From: Jesse Tamez <[REDACTED]>  
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Jesse Tamez

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72126889>>

From: Sara Schechter-Schoeman <

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:56 AM

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Sara Schechter-Schoeman

Columbia, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72126550>>

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susan ellis

Pawleys Island, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72125520>>

From: Peggy Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:49 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Prioritize Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

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Columbia, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72125467>>

From: Valerie Conrad <[REDACTED]>

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Fort Mill, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72125407>>

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Camden, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72125312>>

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Anderson, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72125254>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Herbert Lord <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:43 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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[REDACTED]  
From: Brandon Spring <[REDACTED]>

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Aiken, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72124799>>

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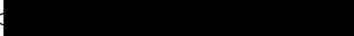
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Columbia, South Carolina <<http://admin.phone2action.com/email/open/leg/346679/72124733>>

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jan Booth <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:34 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Jan Booth  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Karin Haupstein <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:01 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Connie Lippert <[REDACTED]>  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carol Halla <[REDACTED]>  
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Carol Halla

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madeleine Bolick <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
Madeleine Bolick

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marty Yates <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:08 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
John Zillioux

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Charlotte McCreary

<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:06 AM  
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jere Kirkley <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:04 AM  
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Jere Kirkley  
133 Upper Lake Dr Easley, SC 29640-8719

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jessica Peragine <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 9:03 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Linda Parker <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:57 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of D C <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
D C  
Charleston, SC 29414

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jan Urban <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:38 AM  
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Jan Urban

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cathy Olsen <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:37 AM  
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Cathy Olsen

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of James Hales <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:32 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marijean Dornback

<[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lynnette McCluskey

<[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,  
Lynnette McCluskey

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Michelle Yacob

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Michelle Yacob

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Allen Edgerton <[Redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:20 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

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Allen Edgerton

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sarah Morris <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:16 AM  
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Sarah Morris

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Anita Burton <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:00 AM  
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Anita Burton

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lorraine Abruzzo  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:46 AM  
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Lorraine Abruzzo

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Craig Cavanaugh <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
Craig Cavanaugh

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mike Richmond <[REDACTED]>  
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Mike Richmond

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Betsy Paroby <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
Betsy Paroby  
Greer, SC 29651  
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Corinne Corte <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:38 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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[REDACTED]

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<[REDACTED]>  
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Dave Eslinger

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nancy Gergen <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:35 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Judy Nester <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:28 AM  
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Judy Nester

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of James Garabedian <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:16 AM  
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James Garabedian

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Phoebe McLeod  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:09 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kurt Krucke <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:02 AM  
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Kurt Krucke

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Charlene Massey

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:55 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lori Neid <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:22 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bert Corley <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:00 AM  
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Bert Corley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Amy Schofield  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 5:55 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Everett Gauthier <[Redacted]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 4:18 AM  
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[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Carol Hay  
<[Redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 3:27 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Carol Hay

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marian Calhoun <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 2:06 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Marian Calhoon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on behalf of Nancy Pellatt

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:16 AM  
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Paula Feldman <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:31 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Use Nature-Based Approaches to Protect SC from Floods

Dear South Carolina Floodwater Commission,

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Sincerely,  
Paula Feldman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jen Bialockki <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:28 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Jen Bialockki

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Crystal Carlson  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 12:04 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Crystal Carlson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michele Smrekar <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:49 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Michele Smrekar

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Greg Grunzel <[REDACTED]>  
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Greg Grunzel

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jan Modjeski <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:41 PM  
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Jan Modjeski

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carol Kelley <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:29 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] I oppose the proposed rule amending the National Environmental Policy Act regulations for the U.S. Forest Service

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Sincerely,  
Carol Kelley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Debbie Thomas <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:20 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Debbie Thomas

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of William McCullough <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:16 PM  
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William McCullough

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of George Sakakini <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:12 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission

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George Sakakini

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Elizabeth Baldwin

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 11:07 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

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Elizabeth Baldwin

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Schenck <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:50 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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John Schenck  
Camden, SC 29020

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Greene  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:31 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Mary Greene

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lauren Kindred <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:25 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Lauren Kindred

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maggie Smith  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:24 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Maggie Smith

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nancy Roane <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:04 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Nancy Roane

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jane Ellenberg <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
Jane Ellenberg

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bridgett Stagliano  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:00 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Bridgett Stagliano

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Chris Bunner <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:50 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Chris Bunner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Danielle Schneider  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:45 PM  
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Danielle Schneider  
Pickens, SC 29671

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John Friestad

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Camille Lemon <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:27 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Camille Lemon

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of James Brooke <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:19 PM  
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Sincerely,  
James Brooke

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Palmira Brummett

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:17 PM

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Palmira Brummett

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Paula Smith <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:07 PM

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Paula Smith

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Gregory Weis <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:01 PM  
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Gregory Weis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barbara Rystrom <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:00 PM  
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Sincerely,  
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lisa-May Reynolds

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:00 PM

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Lisa-May Reynolds

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joseph Bennett <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:59 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Steve Dennis

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ruth Todd <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:55 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Ruth Todd

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Peg Henderson-Mills  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:54 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Peg Henderson-Mills

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Nancy Kilgore

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:48 PM

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Sincerely,  
Nancy Kilgore

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Susan Leonard

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:46 PM

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Susan Leonard

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Christina Benson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:46 PM  
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Sincerely,

Christina Benson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kim Norris-Caneda <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:42 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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I am very interested in habitat friendly solutions that protect birds and other wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Kim Norris-Caneda

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cheryl Townsend <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:36 PM  
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Cheryl Townsend

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jeanne Daly <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:26 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ezra West <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:25 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,  
Audrey Shaw

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Geri Layne Craddock

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:22 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

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Sincerely,  
Geri Layne Craddock

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Anna Victoria <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:17 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Anna Victoria

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nancy James <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:16 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Nancy James

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ann Donaldson <[REDACTED]>  
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Ann Donaldson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Susan Mathews <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:14 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Susan Mathews

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Doris Briggs <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:13 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Doris Briggs

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Gloria Prevost <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:10 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Gloria Prevost

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Diane Coiner <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:07 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission

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Sincerely,  
Diane Coiner

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Peter Engonidis

<[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:06 PM

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Peter Engonidis

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Meg Hunt <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:04 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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Sincerely,  
Meg Hunt

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Rhonda Hughes <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 8:03 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Rhonda Hughes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Laura Lovins <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:50 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Laura Lovins

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Linda Harrell <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:49 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Linda Harrell  
Yemassee, SC 29945

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Evanna Kemble-Teller

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:46 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

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Sincerely,  
Evanna Kemble-Teller

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Pope <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:44 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches. It is the smart way.

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Jennifer Pope

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joanne Metts <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:43 PM  
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Joanne Metts

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kit Dugan <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:41 PM  
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Kit Dugan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of David Kuzmeskus <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:39 PM  
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Sincerely,  
David Kuzmeskus

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Michelle Stone <[Redacted]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:36 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Michelle Stone

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of April Gordon <[Redacted]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:31 PM  
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Sincerely,  
April Gordon  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michael Prevost <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:30 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sandra Raines

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Sandra Raines

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Christina Marone <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:23 PM  
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Christina Marone

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maria V Steve <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:22 PM  
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Maria V Steve

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Constance Plavcan <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:19 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lynn Bartosh <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:18 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Matt Knepley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:14 PM  
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Matt Knepley

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jane Marquart <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:12 PM  
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Jane Marquart

[REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn Brown

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Diane Troy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:10 PM  
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Michael Luciano

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:06 PM

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Thomas Simpson <[Redacted]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:04 PM

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kim Gabel <[REDACTED]>  
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Kim Gabel

2980 Ivy Glen Dr Conway, SC 29526-3879

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Margaret Claypool

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:01 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bradley Floyd <[REDACTED]>

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Bradley Floyd

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Karen Liza Avelino-David

<[Redacted]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 7:00 PM

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Vicki Lant-Baird <[Redacted]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:55 PM

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Sincerely,  
Vicki Lant-Baird  
Okatie, SC 29909

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Chelsi Williams <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:54 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Janet Heaslip  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:52 PM

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of Charleen Ounsworth

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Hutchens Jr.

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kathy Bradley <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,  
Kathy Bradley

[REDACTED] 626

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of April Doyle

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April Doyle

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ronda Reynolds

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Christine Abdelmonem

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deborah Boots <[REDACTED]>

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Deborah Boots

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Lindsay Olin <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:28 PM  
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Lindsay Olin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stephen Berkowitz <[REDACTED]>  
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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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Jennifer Jerome

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Crystal Smith-Connelly

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[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,  
Valerie and Patrick LUZADDER

[Redacted signature block]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Margaret Meinert

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:17 PM

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Debbi Locascio <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:16 PM  
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Debbi Locascio

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Amelia Linder <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:13 PM  
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Amelia Linder

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deborah Prier <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:09 PM  
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Deborah Prier

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stephen Powell <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:08 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Stephen Powell

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kristi Dunn <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:06 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Kristi Dunn

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Crystal Arp <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 6:05 PM

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Sincerely,  
Crystal Arp

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Theresa Deery <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:56 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Theresa Deery  
Bluffton, SC 29909

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ellen Allinger <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:56 PM  
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Ellen Allinger

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Albert Grignard Stockell <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:56 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

Dear South Carolina Floodwater Commission,

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kathlyn Gray <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Gerald Haram <[REDACTED]>  
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dorothea Hein <[REDACTED]>  
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Dorothea Hein

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joanne Panek <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:52 PM  
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Joanne Panek

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Beth Darlington <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:50 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Beth Darlington

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alberta Phayer <[REDACTED]>  
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Alberta Phayer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Celia Celorio <[REDACTED]>  
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Celia Celorio

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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<[REDACTED]>  
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[REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,  
Joseph Thompson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nena Powell Rice <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:44 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Sincerely,  
Nena Powell Rice

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ruth Nicholson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:43 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Ruth Nicholson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Arthur Meeder <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:40 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Bill Brabson  
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Sincerely,  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dirk Meyn <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:39 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Madeleine Arnheim <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
Madeleine Arnheim

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Darlene Klinger  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:39 PM  
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Darlene Klinger

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] on behalf of Jim Melton <[Redacted]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:38 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kellie R <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,  
Kellie R

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Pamela Haas <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:37 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Pamela Haas

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Gina Bumgarner  
<[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:35 PM  
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Gina Bumgarner

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of S Beden <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:34 PM  
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Sincerely,  
S Beden

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alyce Lanoue <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:33 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Alyce Lanoue

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Carol Coston <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:32 PM  
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Carol Coston

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of James Majors <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Smaragda Gentile

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[REDACTED]  
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Brandon Spring

[REDACTED]  
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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:30 PM  
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[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of James Wozniczka

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Christopher Marcille <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:25 PM  
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cynthia Campbell <[REDACTED]>  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michael Satterfield <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:24 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kathy Seyalioglu  
<[REDACTED]>  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sheri Scherger <[REDACTED]>  
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From: [Redacted] on behalf of Fred Flickinger <[Redacted]>  
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Greenville, SC 29615

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of JG Burn <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:20 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Protect South Carolina from floods with nature-based approaches

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Susan Wright

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Naomi Wallace

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:19 PM

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Sincerely,  
Naomi Wallace  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Camille D'Ascoli <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:19 PM

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jonathan Locklair <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:17 PM  
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Jonathan Locklair  
Columbia, SC 29210

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nancy Gasen <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:16 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Eric Brooker  
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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 5:15 PM  
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Eric Brooker  
Charleston, SC 29492

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of SHERRY OLIVERI

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Saul Adelman <[REDACTED]>  
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Saul Adelman

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 12:37 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Business Owner Personal and Confidential

We have a newly listed retail store for sale in the heart of an affluent and growing downtown area in the Upstate of SC listed at \$125,000. Unique personalized gifts, clothing, jewelry and more keep customers coming back for more. For additional information or to learn more about one of our other business listings, call David Carroll at (843) 564-3308 or click on one of the links below:

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David Carroll  
Brand Business Brokerage  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:42 PM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] Comment concerning floodwater Commission work product--a simple request

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. I hope the input received makes a difference.

Linda Lovvorn Tucker

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[REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>

From: Larry Williams <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:23 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Hurricane Blanket

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Dear Mr. Thomas S. Mullikin I want to introduce myself. I am Rev. Larry Williams Pastor of the Tabernacle of God Ministries Dillon South Carolina.

I wanted to share this concept that was given to me by God 3:00 am one morning one year ago.

We can't really protect from a hurricane, but we can protect our homes from the raising waters, its the raising waters that destroy people homes in South Carolina.

We have tested this in hurricane Florence and it works, simple concept but powerful!

I would like to have a set down with you for a closer view at this system to help the citizens of South Carolina protect their home.

Charity begins at home, and then spread aboard!

I look forward of working with you,

Rev. Larry Williams/President

The Hurricane Blanket

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From: Ada Zhang <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 5:49 AM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] Re: LED Flexible Strip Light

Hi Friend,

This is Ada from Shenzhen Jinshida Lighting Co.,Ltd. again.

Today we are sharing a good news with you, hope it is good for your led business.

LED Flexible Strip Light

1) Model: JSD-2835-60-CW and JSD-3528-60-CW.

60LED/M, SMD2835, SMD3528, Unit Price is \$0.54/meter.

2) Model: JSD-2835-120-CW and JSD-3528-120-CW.

120LED/M, SMD2835 or 120LED/M SMD3528, Unit Price is \$0.8/m.

3) Model: JSD-5050-60-CW.

60LED/M, SMD5050, Unit Price is \$0.80/meter.

If you need more information, I would like to provide to you at first time.

Thanks and best regards

Best regards!

Ada Zhang

Sales Manager

Shenzhen Jinshida Lighting Co., Ltd.

Address: Building B, Yuechang Industrial Zoom, Shiyan Town, Baoan District, Shenzhen City, China.

From: Jack McManus <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 6:57 PM

To: Floodwater Commission

Subject: [External] McManus - Georgetown SC

Hello SCFC,

I would like to see a discussion with FEMA about receiving some credit for mitigation work done to flood prone properties. We have a building in Georgetown, SC that has flooded at least once in each of the last five years. During this five year period we have invested in mitigation to stop the flooding. If you file a claim with FEMA they are not interested in anything you have done to improve your building/house. When I inquired about what we need to do to lower our rising insurance costs (rises 25% each year) – they said the building would have to be brought above the elevation certificate level. This is simply not feasible in downtown Georgetown. The entire Front Street would have to be raised 4 – 6 feet to meet the Elevation Certificate Level. Is there some mid point where FEMA recognizes a particular property is actually doing something to help mitigate while another property might be happy with filing a claim each year (and paying increasingly higher premiums). Maybe there are general thresholds to get to a more flood proof building/house. As you reach each new level the insurance increases are eased in some kind of way??? This is a way to encourage people to invest in mitigation, lower FEMA costs in the long run and keep our SC towns in business...

Would be glad to discuss further and can't imagine we are the only property feeling this way.

Thanks,

Jack McManus

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From: Maria Norcia Santillanes <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:59 AM  
To: Floodwater Commission  
Subject: [External] INITIAL TASK FORCE REPORT FINDINGS August 26, 2019

I am in support of the recommendations of the INITIAL TASK FORCE REPORT FINDINGS August 26, 2019.

I fully support SC House Bill 3628.

Excellent common sense findings!

Best,  
Maria Norcia Santillanes  
Mount Pleasant, SC

NY | SC | NM  
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