

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SATILLA RIVER WATER TRAIL
FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, GA

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pierce County value its natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities afforded by the Satilla River; and

WHEREAS, the citizens value the Satilla River for water quality and habitat protection; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the County will greatly benefit from the recreational and natural experiences provided by the water trail and

WHEREAS, providing access to the river at established public sites is a desired goal of the County;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pierce County and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States have for more than twenty (20) years regularly and openly enjoyed and exercised a right of passage by boat on the Satilla River as it travels through Pierce County, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Pierce County have participated with Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Glynn and Ware Counties to study and evaluate this water trail; and

WHEREAS, this water trail is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of Pierce County for recreational facilities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously supported activities that promote recreation on the river; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pierce County have indicated their support for the water trail at Satilla River Water Trail, Satilla Riverkeeper, and Off Grid Expeditions, Inc. meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County affirms and supports the initial water trail for possible future expansion, beginning in Hwy 121 and ending at Hwy 301, to be of value and benefit to the citizens of Pierce County and its neighboring counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioner of Pierce County, Georgia;

Section 1: That the public easement of passage established by more than twenty (20) years of regular and open travel by boat on the Satilla River in Pierce County is hereby recognized and accepted by the Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of Pierce County, and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States;

Section 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption; and

Section 3: That we hereby direct each department in the County to support and implement the water trail.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSION OF PIERCE COUNTY, GEORGIA, this
2nd day of June 2015.

By: _____

Attest: _____