
Re: PLANNING COMMISSION Regular Meeting Tuesday March 31, 2026 at 1:30pm, 112 East State Street-Arthur Mendonsa Hearing Room

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Date Mon 3/30/2026 10:14 AM

To Sally Helm <helms@thempc.org>

I am submitting a comment for the agenda item for a Text Amendment for Industrial Buffers for March 31, 2026.

This comment is from Wendy Sevenandt, representing the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Society.

This amendment is great and needed as warehouses and storage lots are flooding Chatham County.

My comment is to include canal right-of-way and recreational trails to the Class 1 land use categories. I am not sure if they are considered "parks" which are listed as Class 1 land use where the new Class 7 buffers would apply.

Specifically, the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Society is requesting that these new Class 7 buffers would also apply to the property line of the historic Savannah Ogeechee Canal. Clarity is needed in the document to capture how buffers would apply to the Savannah Ogeechee Canal and other recreational trails.

As warehouses and storage lots are constructed adjacent to the Savannah Ogeechee Canal, owners in the recent past have been required to implement flat planted buffers. These buffers are not being respected by the owners which create negative impacts at the property line and on the trails of the Savannah Ogeechee Canal.

In the past, buffers have been implemented between the Savannah Ogeechee Canal and housing developments. I do not wish my comments here to exclude housing developments from being exempt from buffers along the Savannah Ogeechee Canal.

Thank you for this consideration.

Due to schedule conflicts, I am unable to attend the meeting.

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On Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 4:43 PM Sally Helm <helms@thempc.org> wrote:

To All -

You may click on the link provided to review your electronic MPC meeting package for Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

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If you have any questions, please call me at 912.651.1462.

Thank you,

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