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Dear Members of Satilla Riverkeeper,

We're so close to seeing the whole Noyes Cut project done! With your help on a final push, it will be finished! All the non-federal money is now available, but the Corps of Engineers still needs an allocation from Congress for the federal share. Personnel from the Corps of Engineers and Georgia DNR are not allowed to lobby Congress. It's up to us.

As soon as you can, would you please write to your two US Senators and your US Representative to ask them to urge Congress to fund the completion of the Noyes Cut project?

An easy way to do this is just print and fill out the statement on the next page and mail it first class to their Capitol offices in Washington DC. If you have time, you can add your own personal note in the envelope. Or feel free to use the statement as you see fit in writing your own letter.

In whatever you send, you will need to include your name and main residential address (so they can identify your voting district). The statement includes lines for that.

Please write to all three members of Congress that represent your voting district (two senators and your House representative). However, even if you're not in US Representative Buddy Carter's district, it wouldn't hurt to send him one too because the project is in his District: His Capitol Office address is:

Representative Buddy Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1001

Below are the addresses for our two Georgia senators. You can find the address of any member of Congress with the map at this website:

<https://www.gawater.org/resources/contact-your-legislator#/legislators/>.

Thanks for helping with this final push. We all will benefit from seeing this through.

Yours truly,

Shannon

Shannon Gregory, Executive Director & Satilla Riverkeeper

Capitol office addresses of our Georgia Senators:

Senator Jon Ossoff
United States Senate
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Raphael Warnock
United States Senate
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

_____[Date]____

Dear _____ [Senator or Representative] _____ :

Please urge the United States Congress to provide \$6.3 million as soon as possible to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) so they will complete on schedule the second and final phase of the *Noyes Cut Ecosystem Restoration Project* in the Satilla River estuary, Camden County, Georgia.

The project funding agreement requires federal funds and non-federal matching. The required non-federal match for Phase Two is already in place from the State of Georgia’s Outdoor Stewardship Fund and the Dover Bluff Hunting and Fishing Club. All that remains is to provide the federal share.

USACE determined that three artificial navigation cuts built a century ago in the Satilla River estuary damage fishery habitat and access in at least 4,500 acres of tidal marshes and creeks. USACE in cooperation with Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Satilla Riverkeeper are addressing these impacts in a corrective action called the *Noyes Cut Ecosystem Restoration Project*.

The project consists of two phases: Phase One closed two smaller cuts and Phase Two will close Noyes Cut itself. Phase One was completed in March 2023. Phase Two is scheduled for completion in 2025 and is truly “shovel ready.”

I’m a member of Satilla Riverkeeper. Advocating for this restoration project has been the longest running and most involved effort of Satilla Riverkeeper throughout its 20 years. All of us are anxious to see the *Noyes Cut Ecosystem Restoration Project* finally done for the benefit of the river, its habitat, and the enjoyment of its estuarine backwaters.

Signature _____

Name printed _____

Residential street address _____

City _____, State _____