

The County of Chatham
Georgia

Resolution

**CALLING FOR CHATHAM COUNTY TO BECOME
“THE GREENEST COUNTY” IN GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the area now known as Chatham County has had a green history, as the delta of a great river, as a home for native American Indians such as the Yamacraw tribe, as the place where General James Edward Oglethorpe chose to found the colony of Georgia, and through the subsequent 275 years of sustained settlement; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, including the Atlantic Ocean, the barrier islands, the tidal marshes, the high bluff of historic Savannah, the forests of pines and live oaks, the Floridan Aquifer and a rich and complex natural ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is also blessed with a diverse human ecology, with many cultural heritages; abundant infrastructure including education, transportation, industrial, national security, and all types of residential; and people who share a great love of our community despite their many differences; and

WHEREAS, we all must now learn to be as energy and resource conservative as possible in order for future generations to survive and prosper, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County desires to show its leadership in helping to create “The Greenest County in Georgia.”

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby request that the Chatham Environmental Forum, with its history of helping to find answers to the difficult environmental questions of the last 20 years, accept the challenge of developing a plan for how we can together become “The Greenest County in Georgia:” by identifying ways to conserve our natural resources; conserve energy in every way possible; enhance our ability to use local labor, talent and materials; and, to make sure that our investment in new infrastructure will help us to build a high-tech, knowledge-based, and creative local economy. **AND FURTHERMORE**, the Chatham Environmental Forum should bring together representatives of local governments, local businesses, and local environmental groups, as well as other community-based institutions, to prepare a plan to enhance our existing conservation programs, eliminate barriers to energy and resource conservation, and provide guidance as to how we can work together to find an environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable future, built upon local resources by local people, as a model for other counties in Georgia, and throughout the United States.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007

Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Attest:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk