Friends of Whitehall Park, is a new group with the single purpose of helping to move forward on a new opportunity for having a park at Whitehall. The group, modeled after the very successful groups "Friends of Hunting Island", "The Friends of Crystal Lake" and "Friends of Ft. Freemont" and will be comprised of representatives from the County, the City, Beaufort County Open Land Trust and other local interest groups.

Acting Chairman, Paul Butare says "the goal of this group is to encompass as many interested parties that are willing to be involved. We hope to have broad participation from the public using the Facebook site, the petition site Change.org and, Web site

(<u>www.FriendsofWhitehallPark.com</u>) as a source of current and historical information."

Mark Weeks, President of the Lady's Island Business and Professional Association (LIBPA) said "We fully support a new park at Whitehall, and see it it as a tremendous asset for the Lady's Island Community and for our area in general. We have already made a financial contribution to the effort and hope that will "prime the pump."

Robert Semmler, Chairman of the Lady's Island 2018 plan project, and member of the Metropolitan Planning Committee. "This is truly a tremendous opportunity to preserve a place of great beauty and to have it enjoyed by the public for future generations."

County Council Chairman Paul Sommerville adds:

"We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to preserve an Iconic property, reduce traffic impact, better protect the Beaufort River and create a public asset for Lady's Island, Beaufort and the surrounding communities" Mayor Billy Keyserling added "We have for some time believed that a park at Whitehall would be of benefit to the City and Region. A park has always been a part of our Civic Master Plan and we continue to support that concept.

There are experienced and talented professionals working out the details and we are supportive of the process"

We believe that the ongoing and enthusiastic interest, past and present, has contributed to bringing us to this critical point. We are grateful that so many have worked so hard in the past. This is a special opportunity to work together that could result in a unique waterfront park for Beaufort and Lady's Island that so many have envisioned.

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More info will be added to our website....as it develops. Please like us on Facebook page and our website at https://friendsofwhitehallpark.com And please go to Change.org, to sign our on line petition.