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Mayor and Council Members.

Upon first becoming aware of the above referenced, my instincts led me to believe that opposition and a litany of plan flaws would prevail to direct leadership to scrub the concept. Apparently neither the flaws of plan nor the opposition have been pervasive enough and it now seems that the ACOE plan is one of manifest destiny.

Both my instincts and 40 plus years of business and real estate development experience now lead me to believe that this matter is unfortunately destined for litigation.

With the size, scope and resources of beach front property owners who are opposed, there is no doubt that such litigation will be protracted and hugely expensive to all parties. Most of all, this type action will be greatly divisive to our Edisto Community.

Having known most of you ladies and gentlemen for many years, I sincerely plead with you to please not move forward with this project.

Most respectfully, Buddy Smith