

**Coastal Development and Watershed Planning:  
Collaborative Problem Solving to Protect Water Resources**

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**Liz Gilland – Pledge of Support**

“I want to commit this to this group, and to the folks at Coastal, and to the private and public partners here. This is fascinating to me. This is a part of the visionary process and the way I want to help lead my portion of the county to work with the developers like Doug Wendel and the engineering companies like DD&C. We need to do exactly some of the things that I just heard about so far this morning and been reminded of. There are ways to do this so that 10 years, 15, 20 years from now, looking back on it, instead of people saying “Why didn’t they do this when they could. . . we wouldn’t be in this situation now.” Maybe they’ll look back and say, “Who were those folks that were far sighted enough and visionary enough to let us have such a wonderful situation we have now by planning and implementing those plans back early on. That’s what I want to be a part of, that’s what I want my council and my county government to be a part of and I will spread this message and be a cheerleader and a leader in this along with the panel, the Universities and Tech. We need to do this, I’m excited about it. I commit. I pledge to give my assistance and whatever I can do to help us to achieve some of these things that I’m sitting back here dreaming about and hoping for and wishing for. We’re going to do some of these things in the next few years. Thank you so much Susan. I’ll be working with you. The county will. And for you all, Georgetown and Horry County, and those of you who have come here from outside, this is just round one. We’ve got a ways to go but we’re going to see some of these things on the slides that are goals and dreams and visionary approaches in the next few years in this county. They’re going to happen if I have anything to do with it at all.”