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Our partners, the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) and the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), and I have been working assiduously over the past few months in an effort to protect Cumberland Island against the threat of development. To that end, we have explored every conceivable option - and we plan to go forward with every possible approach that we think may be successful.

We've met with, or appeared before, the Camden County Commissioners, County Administrator, County Attorney, and Lumar LLC numerous times, and more meetings are planned.

Atlanta-based SELC has been working with one of the foremost land use experts in the state, and they've made 5 trips to the island to date to speak with Island residents. Don Barger, NPCA representative, has done a heroic job of working with state and federal authorities, and our fellow environmental organizations (state and national) have lent their considerable efforts to this "cause" while local St. Marys residents (Mr Bill Bruce in particular) have done an impressive job of "getting the word out."

The Hardship Variance Appeal is still on the table even though the County requested a six-month postponement. (The County has been open about its requested a six-month postponement. (The County has been open about its desire to rezone all 1,000 acres of the Island's fee-simple inholdings although they have yet to state that fact in a public forum.) I will do as much as I can (given certain legal constraints) to update the St. Marys EarthKeepers Facebook page and website News page whenever possible <http://www.stmarysearthkeepers.com/news.html>

As this process unfolds, please make your feelings known to the County and the press.

Alex Kearns

Chair

St. Marys EarthKeepers