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To Whom It May Concern:

The Walker County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, April 8th, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Walker County Civic Center in Rock Spring on Hwy 27** to consider the rezoning of the several properties that are located within 300-ft of your property boundaries.

**The Planning Commission will be considering a rezone from residential (R-2) to Industrial (I) for Tax Map and Parcel 0-321-1-001 that is a 40 acre parcel owned by the Walker County Development Authority. This property fronts on West Reed Road. The Planning Commission will also be considering a rezone from agricultural (A-1) to Industrial (I) for Tax Map and Parcel(s) 0-321-001, 0-321-002, and 0-321-2-029, which includes a total of approximately 376 acres currently owned by Joe Swanson. Mr. Swanson's property fronts on Hwy 27. See attached map for location of properties being considered.**

This rezone would allow potential development opportunities through the Walker County Development Authority. The property must be zoned Industrial in order for negotiations to begin with many of the potential industry that is interested in moving to our area. The Planning Commission will hear the request and make a decision based on the information provided to them at the public hearing and by the Planning Staff. You will have the opportunity to speak in support of or against the rezone. If you are speaking against the rezone, please be prepared to provide documentation to support your reasons for the objection. If a large group of people appear at the meeting to speak, then each representative will be allowed 3 minutes each to speak. It is highly recommended that only a few representatives be chosen to represent the majority of people if at all possible. We will have a sign in sheet at the entrance to the meeting room. Please sign in as you enter the meeting and note whether or not you wish to speak during the hearing.

Once the Planning Commission votes, their decision will be forwarded to Walker County Commissioner, Bebe Heiskell, who will hold a second public hearing on April 22, 2010 during her regularly scheduled Commissioner's meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Office Conference Room located at 101 South Duke Street in LaFayette. Anyone is welcome to attend the second hearing as well and will be offered an opportunity to speak before the final decision is made.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Walker County Planning & Development Office, so that your comments and concerns can be noted in the informational packets that are sent to each of our Planning Commission members. We, respectfully request, that you not contact or discuss this matter with any of the Walker County Planning Commission Board Members before the public hearing as this is considered *exparte* communication and is not appropriate. *Exparte* communication means that the member is receiving one-sided information without the benefits of both sides having a public hearing. It also puts our Planning Commission members in a very awkward and uncomfortable situation. We thank you for your cooperation.



Again, please feel free to contact the Walker County Planning & Development Office at 706-638-4048 with your questions or concerns. If you want your name noted as a person with questions or concerns in the packet of information that we send to the members, we will be happy to do that for you, just be sure to tell us when you call. You will also have an opportunity to speak during the public hearing if you so choose.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the hearing.

Sincerely,

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