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Hello-

I was born in Charleston in 1950 and have lived in Awendaw on Sewee Bay for 21 years now. Over my lifetime and more recently I have watched the degradation of our waterways as well as of our cities/towns. Please help save and protect the waters from Venning through Sewee Bay from further development detriment. There is a large parcel (1254 acres) called The King Tract in Awendaw which runs through my neighborhood and drains into the ICW. Once developed it will destroy the water quality and affect all wildlife in and around the waterway. The runoff is already an issue for our neighborhood! The clock is ticking on this one. Please stop it before the damage is done!

- All waters in South Carolina are classified by the Federal Clean Water Act
- This area is connected to areas already classified as ORW. This area is special and deserves our protection. The higher the classification, the greater the protection
- Bulls Bay, Cape Romain Harbor, and Price's inlet are already designated the highest level (Outstanding Resource Water) and share water through daily tides with the ICW
- The Intracoastal Waterway from Venning Creek to Isle of Palms and Sewee Bay are also rated as the cleanest water in the State, based on DHEC Shellfish monitoring programs, but do not have the ORW designation. The ICW in this area should also have the ORW designation
- We want DHEC to reclassify those waters to the highest level, Outstanding Resource Water (ORW)

Sincerely,
Molly Ball

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