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Clay Montague, Ph.D. Appointed to Serve on Spaceport Camden Steering Committee

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – October 7, 2015 – At the October 6, 2015 regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting, Dr. Clay Montague, a Camden County resident and Georgia native, was appointed by Commissioners to Chair the Environmental Sub Committee of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee. County Administrator Steve Howard recommended Dr. Montague for this role, which begins immediately. Dr. Montague has over 30 years' experience as a university professor and coastal systems ecologist in the Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences, College of Engineering, University of Florida. He also brings with him a wide array of coastal area experience as an environmental scientist, researcher, author of scientific papers, and consultant.



Originally from Atlanta, Montague received a B.S. in Biology in 1973 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, a M.S. in 1977 from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Georgia Tech, and a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Georgia in 1980. While at Georgia Tech, he spent a summer studying estuarine ecology at Skidaway Island State Park and he would later live on Sapelo Island for two years doing field work in salt marshes for his doctoral research. From 1980 to 2010, Dr. Montague was a professor of systems ecology, coastal ecology, and general environmental science in the Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences at the University of Florida.

Much of Montague's coastal area experience comes from his time spent on the management of navigation inlets; beach nourishment; oil spill damage assessment; animal damage control under pesticide use; large modifications to river drainage and canals; other dredge and fill operations; coastal wetland impoundments for mosquito control and waterfowl management; winter freezes in mangroves; sea level rise; ecotoxicology; and the fate of beloved exotic animals on public lands.

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In addition, Dr. Montague has completed field work in estuarine bays, tidal marshes, seagrass, coral reefs, and mangroves. He has consulted on other Environmental Impact Statements produced for the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems. Dr. Montague has worked with environmental scientists; project managers; administrators at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the National Park Service; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Florida’s Water Management Districts; Florida’s Inlet Management Districts; Florida’s Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Science Foundation; several large consulting firms; and a law firm.

In 2010, Montague was named an Associate Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida and moved to Camden County. He has significant involvement with non-profit environmental organizations in Georgia and Camden County and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Satilla RiverWatch Alliance, Inc. Mr. Montague was Interim Executive Director for the Satilla Riverkeeper during 2012 and early 2013. County Administrator Howard said, “I am confident Dr. Montague brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Spaceport Camden Project. He will certainly be a tremendous asset to the newly formed Steering Committee and we look forward to this new working relationship.”

For more information about Dr. Montague or to view his resumé, see Clay Montague’s LinkedIn page <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/clay-montague/2a/51b/312>.

For a detailed curriculum vitae, see the link for Montague on the Satilla Riverkeeper website: <http://satillariverkeeper.org/assets/CLMLongCV15MAR2015.pdf>.

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