

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, Inc.

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Greetings:

The Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission is holding public meetings for development of the management plan on May 28, 2009. I am writing, on behalf of Chairman Emory Campbell, to request your cooperation and participation as we work to fulfill the Commission's vision "to recognize and sustain an environment that celebrates the legacy and continuing contributions of Gullah/Geechee people to our American heritage."

In 2006 Congress established the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor which extends roughly from Wilmington, NC to Jacksonville, FL. The commission is developing a management plan. You and your organization have been identified as being potential partners who may have an interest in the management plan. The management plan will take 3 years to complete and we are cordially inviting educators, historians, clergy, community advocates, government entities and elected officials to join us in developing this plan.

As part of the management planning process, the commission is seeking public and stakeholder input on how Gullah/Geechee resources, arts, and traditions should be preserved, interpreted, and managed in the future. Attendees will be encouraged to comment on places, issues, and items that have been and are important to the Gullah/Geechee heritage in their respective communities.

Partnerships are vital to implementing the plan. Please join the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission to learn about and discuss the development of the management plan for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. We hope you will come share your initial thoughts and ideas for the future of the Corridor. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please visit the website for further information and notifications of future meetings: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/guge>.

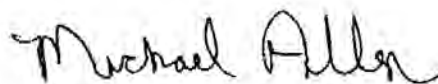
Date: Friday, June 5th, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location:

Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival
Laing Middle School
2213 Hwy 17 N
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Sincerely,



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