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Local commissions need support with Terry Creek

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The city, county and joint water and sewer commissions responded to the 2015 EPA proposed plan for the Terry Creek Superfund Site, and got it right. The EPA recently released a proposed Consent Decree that all but ignores our local commissions recommendations and vision for the future.

The commissions recommend two of EPA's cleanup recommendations, sediment removal (Alternative 2) and installation of four box culverts (Alternative 5). Cleanup and appropriate engineering of the outfall ditch is critical to future economic well being.

The four box culverts are needed to connect Ward Street with Norman Street and have a service road for redevelopment of the Brunswick waterfront along U.S. Highway 17.

Contaminated sediment removal is needed so municipal infrastructure, such as water and sewer, can be installed without bringing contamination back to the surface or incurring very large expenses with studies and permits.

The 2015 Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission comments to the EPA noted the contaminated groundwater plume is only 200 feet from the Terry Creek Road neighborhood. The JWSC drew up plans to extend municipal water line to the neighborhood but the EPA response was one excuse after another. We don't need to be Flint, Mich., and wait until people are drinking poison to act. The JWSC is on the ball and needs our support to get this water line in – now.

Our commissions got this right and need our support to get the EPA to do the right thing for our community without another 18-year delay.

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