Carter meets with acting EPA admin on Terry Creek

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U.S. Rep. Buddy Carter announced Wednesday he sent a letter to and talked with Environmental Protection Agency Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler regarding the consent decree for cleanup of the Terry Creek Superfund site that the federal government and Hercules signed off on earlier this year.

On Sept. 18, the city of Brunswick and Glynn County commissions unanimously approved resolutions opposing the plan and calling for removal of all the contaminated sediment at the site, a move which would cost Hercules several million more dollars than the present plan. Carter met with local officials on the Terry Creek matter Monday.

“I had a productive conversation with Administrator Wheeler today regarding the Terry Creek site,” Carter said in a statement Wednesday. “I told the administrator that the EPA and their federal partners need to go back to the drawing board to develop a consent decree that is consistent with the needs of our local community. I told the administrator that we need action and that I will continue to follow up until we receive it.”

In his letter to Wheeler, Carter said the Terry Creek site is an important stretch of land and valuable as a possible site of redevelopment, should the cleanup go properly.

“It is a difficult task pursuing economic development opportunities, and to have to market a property with contaminated materials only makes it more difficult,” Carter wrote. “While the Department of Justice has a leading role in the recently released consent decree, I urge you to work with them to consider the thoughts and needs of the local communities and put forth a solution that accounts for those.”

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