



As reported in IPJI's previous newsletter, the construction of two beachfront hotels on the site of the former Georgia Coast Inn has been approved by the JIA, bringing the total number of the island's hotel rooms back to just short of its all-time high. And, a yet-to-be determined redevelopment project is slated for the 13-acre site of the former Buccaneer Resort, just south of the Days Inn. Additionally, 9 or 18-holes of Jekyll's golf course complex may be 'retired' in the near future, clearing the way for possible redevelopment of up to 100 acres, which is a lot of land! Separate from these redevelopment opportunities, there are 20 acres of land on the island that are eligible for new development, according to the 2014 Jekyll Island Master Plan. Given that further commercial and/or residential development could affect the characteristics of Jekyll that have traditionally endeared the island to visitors and residents, IPJI will be urging the JIA to avoid additional building on Jekyll once the redevelopment of the Georgia Coast Inn and Buccaneer properties is completed.

Success in any effort by IPJI to influence further development of Jekyll Island is wholly dependent on public support. Put simply, we cannot draw the JIA's attention on our own nor can we get press coverage and introduce the Jekyll development issue into the political arena without showing that Jekyll's visitors and residents care deeply about this issue. As some of you may know, Jekyll's visitors, whether from out-of-state or Georgia, have previously affected JIA development decisions. "Follow the money" fits the bill here since the island's visitors spend millions of dollars annually on lodging, food and activities while on Jekyll, making them the backbone of Jekyll's economy and enriching the JIA's revenue stream. **That said, if you have any input regarding further development of Jekyll Island, please email it to IPJI at [degan1@bellsouth.net](mailto:degan1@bellsouth.net), using "Jekyll development" as a subject line. Please include your name and hometown.**