

Miles of undeveloped beaches and over 9,000 acres of federally designated wilderness will be in danger if construction of a spaceport is allowed near Cumberland Island National Seashore in Georgia.

Camden County is proposing to build a Spaceport across the river and marsh from Cumberland Island National Seashore. The Spaceport project does not meet the regulatory requirements of the Georgia Coastal Management Plan and the Coastal Marshland Protection Act.

Located so close to Florida and Nassau County, the project could have impacts there as well. The National Parks Conservation Association has provided [this automated petition](#) where you can voice your concern about the project bypassing regulatory requirements.

LINK: <https://secure.npca.org/site/R?i=YgRDXwTbXNpC2uQRWNOlqQ>

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Shad Khan's plan to [build a Four Seasons hotel](#) using tens of millions of taxpayer dollars on some of the last remnants of public land along Jacksonville's riverfront has popular, if not unanimous, support among Jacksonville's City Council. Khan's exclusionary plan would place development right on the river, flying in the face of resiliency and public access concerns, while crushing the dream of a large, contiguous, [riverfront park for all](#) featuring green spaces and natural areas.

This survey from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund is seeking input from residents about how you use the riverfront and what you'd like to see there. Khan has an endless supply of money, political power and media influence working in his favor to ram his project through; a strong outpouring of support for parks, access, greenspace and resiliency in a survey like this—which is supposedly going to be used by the City to envision the riverfront—could alter Khan's project by showing deep public opposition to it.

Khan's plan: <https://www.jaxdailyrecord.com/article/jaguars-owner-shad-khan-proposes-four-seasons-football-performance-center>

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/jaxriver>

Riverfront Parks Now: <https://www.riverfrontparksnow.org/>

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In order to save the planet, do we all need to stop eating beef? I don't think so. While factory farming and industrial agriculture and ranching are major sources of climate change and biodiversity collapse, they are also both major solutions to climate change and biodiversity collapse.

Think of it like this: "it's not the cow, it's the how." There is an environmentally supportive way to raise beef, known as regenerative agriculture, and there is an environmentally destructive way to raise beef, which is largely how the world's cattle producers have been doing it since World War II.

[Regenerative agriculture](#) is a farming practice that goes beyond "sustainable," to "regenerative," and when employed, is actually climate negative (capturing more carbon than it releases). The use of cover crops, no tilling, planting a multitude of different crops, composting, discontinuation of fertilizers and pesticides, and using cattle to replicate the positive impacts on the land once derived from the large ungulates – hooved animals – that used to roam the landscape in the millions – like buffalo – can repair biodiversity, repair our degraded soil, filter our water, clean our air and provide more nutrient dense food.

LINK to more info on regenerative agriculture: <https://regenerationinternational.org/why-regenerative-agriculture/>

Dr. Mark Hyman is a physician at the forefront of this movement. [His podcast](#) is the best resource for learning more about the multitude of benefits derived from regenerative agriculture and how our current food production methods doom human health and the planet.

Doctor's Farmacy Podcast: <https://drhyman.com/blog/2021/03/24/podcast-ep163/>

The National Audubon Society initiated a [certified bird friendly ranching program](#) where you can buy your beef from to assure its suppliers are working for, not against, the environment.

Audubon Bird Friendly beef: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/ranching>

Buck Island Ranch covers over 10,000 acres in the headwaters of the Everglades, raising cattle using practices more aligned with regenerative agriculture. The ranch partners with Archbold Biological Research Station to incorporate science into its operation. The undeveloped ranchland is an ecological throwback to "old Florida" supporting panther and bear habitat, along with a multitude of bird and native plant species, all while producing cattle.

I talked to the long-time manager of Buck Island Ranch on a recent episode of my ["Welcome to Florida" podcast](#).

PODCAST LINK: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1169570/8569266>