

A Letter to the People of Effingham County

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Over the last seven weeks, thousands of you took the time to read, ask, push back, and participate in a conversation about Project Camellia and what it means for Effingham County. You opened texts and emails, you signed up for updates, you sent us your questions, and you stopped us in parking lots, at ballfields, and after church to tell us exactly what was on your mind. On behalf of the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, ***thank you***. Your engagement over these seven weeks demonstrates the passion and pride each of you have for our County.

You asked about the concerns that matter most: water, power, noise, taxes, and schools. You asked how this decision was made, who was at the table, and what happens if commitments are not kept. ***Those are legitimate questions, and they deserve thoughtful answers.*** That is why we published Project Camellia's Memorandum of Understanding, the review process summary, and the *Done Right* documents on water, power, noise, investment, and our schools so you can read the facts, see the standards, and hold us to them.

The ECIDA is committed to being a responsible neighbor to the people of this county today, tomorrow and into the future.

A key part of the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority's mission is to identify and recruit businesses with high-quality jobs to our County. We take great pride in identifying organizations that also believe in community building as a practice, not a concept. Our team is confident that the Project Camellia team will continue to share our desire to build a successful and vibrant community.

Thank you again for your questions and interest in the future of the place we all call home. Our door and our inbox remain open: visit **projectcamelliaeffingham.com** for updates, email us at **info@effinghamindustry.com** or call the ECIDA office at **912.392.3000** with any and all questions about this project and the process behind it. ***Every question deserves an answer, and we intend to keep giving them.***

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

Effingham County Industrial Development Authority

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