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A few citizens can really make a difference



In early 2008, many citizens of Washington County, Georgia, were surprised to learn a coal-fired power plant was proposed for construction in the beautiful woodlands and agricultural area of our rural community. The plant was announced as a project of Power4Georgians, a consortium of ten Electric Membership Cooperatives(EMC's).

A few local citizens began to ask questions and one individual wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper. This letter led to a conversation with a reader, who then knocked on the door of another individual who was interested, who called someone else, and suddenly it was not just a single person with **questions and concerns**, and it was a group of committed citizens.

When the group held a meeting and invited others who shared their concerns, a roomful of people expressed some of the same fears about the impact of the proposed plant. It was from this group that the Fall-line Alliance for a Clean Environment was formed.

Our work has grown and matured since we began FACE almost four years ago. We have been fortunate to learn from people who have been speaking up for their community long before Plant Washington was announced.



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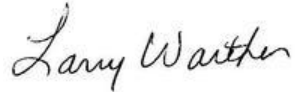
Now, as we gather together to celebrate the holidays and reflect on the year, we have a new reason to celebrate. The Longleaf coal plant, announced almost 11 years ago in Early County, has been cancelled. This victory is a direct result of a few citizens educating themselves and finding the courage to speak up against huge odds. FACE is grateful for the support and guidance the Longleaf opponents have given us, and we are inspired to work even harder in the New Year.



**Will you please consider a gift this holiday season
to support the work of FACE in 2012?**

Your gift will allow us the ability to continue to educate and advocate for the community and engage our neighbors, friends and family in our future.

Yours truly,



Larry Warthen, FACE President

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