

Subject: Assemblage Permit (Fourth District)
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Department: Development Services – Planning & Zoning
Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Applicant: Color My Outdoors, in partnership with Savannah Canoe & Kayak
Parcel: 459-59
Location: **Tommy Long Boat Ramp**
158 Tommy Long Road
Rincon, GA 31326

Item Description:

Consideration to approve an Assemblage Permit for the event titled “**Color My Outdoors**” to be held at Tommy Long Boat Ramp (Parcel: 459-59) on Saturday, **June 20, 2026**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will include guided kayak tours on historic Ebenezer Creek, community gathering activities, music, food, and storytelling intended to promote healing, outdoor recreation, and community engagement.

Summary Recommendation

Staff finds that the request meets the intent of the Assemblage Permit requirements by providing a controlled outdoor community event focused on recreation, education, and public engagement. Based on the information submitted, staff recommends approval of the Assemblage Permit for the “Color My Outdoors” event to be held on June 20, 2026, at Tommy Long Boat Ramp.

Executive Summary/Background

The applicant, Color My Outdoors, a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in the South, in partnership with Savannah Canoe & Kayak, is requesting approval for an inaugural community event within Effingham County.

The event is designed to honor the memory of those lost during the 1864 Ebenezer Creek Massacre through guided kayak tours and shared outdoor experiences. Additional activities will include music, food, storytelling, and community fellowship. Registration will be required for attendance, with approximately 50 participants anticipated.

The event will be conducted entirely outdoors at Tommy Long Boat Ramp. Event setup is scheduled to begin at 7:00 a.m., event operations will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and breakdown activities are expected to conclude by 6:00 p.m.

Site Operations and Logistics

1. Parking will be available onsite at Tommy Long Boat Ramp.
2. Event staff and volunteers will provide directional signage and assist with parking coordination.
3. The applicant anticipates no impacts to surrounding roadways or traffic circulation.
4. No law enforcement or traffic control personnel are being requested at this time.
5. One food truck will be onsite during the event.
6. Existing restroom facilities include two permanent restrooms onsite, and the applicant will provide an additional three-stall restroom trailer.
7. CJS Rentals will provide rental equipment associated with the event.



(Concept Plan)

Alternatives:

1. Approve request for an Assemblage Permit for the “Color My Outdoors” event to be held at Tommy Long Boat Ramp on June 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2. Deny request for an Assemblage Permit for the “Color My Outdoors” event to be held at Tommy Long Boat Ramp on June 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Development Services

FUNDING: N/A

Attachments: **1.** Assemblage Permit Application

