



April 1, 2024

To whom this may concern:

The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Visit Savannah, is pleased to submit the following information in response to the Request for Information: National Historic Landmark Nuclear Ship Savannah Available, Federal Register # 2024-01502.

- Proposed use(s) for the ship;
Our organizations are interested in investigating the possibility of adding the NS Savannah to our visitor offerings, as well as adding an educational opportunity for area students.
- Mission statement for your organization;
The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to ensuring the region's employers and employees have every opportunity to succeed and thrive. Through advocacy, networking and collaboration, economic development, community engagement and tourism promotion, the Chamber works every day to nurture a positive business environment in Savannah, Chatham County and our neighboring communities.

Visit Savannah serves as the official destination marketing organization for the Savannah/Chatham County area, and is committed to supporting the more than 28,000 area hospitality jobs by increasing visitor spending, economic vitality and quality of life for the region, all while continually building upon Savannah's image as a world-class destination.

- Proposed or potential locations for ship;
While other locations may be feasible and worthy of study, the most obvious location is in a slip next to the Savannah Convention Center, which is currently undergoing a major expansion and soon will break ground on a hotel adjacent to the center and slip 3. This is across the river from the location the NS Savannah was stationed during its previous stint here.
- Staffing resources for maintaining and operating the ship;
All to be determined. Our best guess would be a non-profit organization created specifically for this purpose.
- Experience with ship maintenance and operations;
With a very active port facility (the 3rd largest container port in the US), we have many entities that have substantial experience with ship maintenance and operations. However, we do not have any experience in managing this type of attraction. We would likely look for assistance from other areas that have had this type of experience.



- Experience with historic property or structures;
Savannah was founded in 1733, and our community takes historic preservation very seriously. The entire downtown historic district was declared a National Historic Landmark District in 1966, and is one of the largest urban, community-wide historic preservation districts in the United States. We have many historic properties and structures that are being preserved around our community.
- Funding sources; and,
To be determined. We have not had a community-wide conversation about this potential project yet.
- Preferred conveyance mechanism for acquisition of the ship.
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert Brantley".

Bert Brantley
President & CEO
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce