



## **Mark Williams**

### **Commissioner, Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

As Commissioner of Natural Resources, Mark Williams is the sixth person to head the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its approximately 1600 employees. DNR has statewide responsibilities for the management and conservation of Georgia's natural, historic and cultural resources, including fish and wildlife, land conservation, coastal resources, historic preservation, and sustainability initiatives. DNR protects and conserves Georgia's diverse wildlife populations and provides quality outdoor recreation through its management of more than one million acres of public lands in state parks, natural areas, public fishing areas and wildlife management areas.

Mr. Williams serves as Chairman of the Coastal Marshlands and Shore Protection Committees and serves on the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation, the Land Conservation Council, the Jekyll Island Authority, the Sapelo Island Heritage Authority, the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, the Governor's Water Supply Program Task Force, and the Georgia Aviation Authority boards. Mr. Williams also serves on the boards of Hospice of South Georgia, the Savannah River Council, Wayne County Partners in Education, and the Altamaha Area Boys and Girls Clubs. He is a director of Prime South Bank, past president of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and recipient of its 2011 Distinguished Service Award, past president of the Rotary Club, and served as chairman of the Wayne County Hospital Authority for four years.

Mr. Williams represented the 178<sup>th</sup> district in the State House of Representatives for two terms from 2006-2010 and is a former high school teacher and football coach. He is the owner of Harris Real Estate in Jesup and a veteran of the Army National Guard.

Born in Valdosta, Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Georgia College and State University. He is a member of Ducks Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Altamaha Wildlife Association, and the Satilla Riverkeepers.

Mr. Williams, his wife Pam and daughters Mary Katelyn and Miranda reside in Jesup in Wayne County and attend Unity Church of God.