

# RIVERCHAT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER

## KEEPING DIRT OUT OF OUR DRINKING WATER

If you ask Roswell's **Luke Wood** or Douglas County's **Pete Frost** about their biggest challenge in delivering clean drinking water to their customers, they'll answer in one word — dirt.

Construction projects that are not complying with erosion control laws are raising water treatment costs and threatening our rivers and lakes with other pollutants that attach themselves to soil particles. As documented by *Atlanta Constitution* reporter Charles Seabrook in his acclaimed "River in Peril" series, the mud, sand and sediments at the bottom of the Chattahoochee River are laced with high levels of toxic pollutants.

### *Increasing Cost to Taxpayers*

The Chattahoochee River, which supplies more than 2.8 million Georgians with drinking water, is seriously impacted by erosion from the rampant development in metro Atlanta. The Dog River Reservoir, built in 1992 to supply Douglas County residents with water, has so much sediment from upstream construction that the county is considering an expenditure of \$1.4 million to dredge the lake. The city of Atlanta is paying more each year to remove eroded soil from its drinking water and repair equipment damaged by the sediment.

The fact is that our rivers are not naturally muddy. A "red" river is a sign of an ecosystem under stress from eroded soil. Each year, thousands of tons of mud and silt are discharged



*Eroded soil flows out of Dick's Creek into the Chattahoochee.*

into Georgia's waters literally choking the life out of these waters. The state estimates that 75% of pollution in Georgia's streams that do not meet water quality standards is attributable to runoff, or "non-point pollution" including eroded sediments.

### *Enforcing Erosion Control Laws*

More than twenty years ago, Georgia passed a state law, the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, to prevent soil from washing off disturbed areas into nearby streams. Unfortunately, the condition of our streams and rivers is a testament that this law has been a dismal failure. Reasons for this failure include: lack of enforcement, lack of an objective standard to document whether erosion control measures are working, and shared regulatory responsibilities among numerous understaffed government agencies.

*See **Keeping Dirt Out**, page 6*

## THE RIVER MATTERS

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| <b>True Brew Festival - Riverkeeper Benefit</b><br>Phoenix Brewing Co. - Atlanta                                 | November 6 - 7 |
| <b>Annual Membership Meeting</b><br>see page 7   | November 22    |
| <b>River Cleanup Patrols</b><br>Call Capt. Harlan Trammell at 404-352-9828                                       | Every 4th Sat. |
| <b>Community Watershed Workshop</b><br>Call 404-352-9802, ext 16 for details                                     | December 1     |
| <b>LaGrange Town Hall Meeting</b><br>LaGrange Chamber of Commerce (6 - 8pm)                                      | December 10    |
| <b>X-Mas Party - Riverkeeper Benefit</b><br>Coca - Cola Roxy - Buckhead<br>Call 404-352-9828, ext 12 for details | December 11    |



ALL IS BORN OF WATER;  
ALL IS SUSTAINED BY WATER.  
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### RIVERKEEPER'S EROSION CONTROL CAMPAIGN

EROSION KITS FOR:

- Developers, Local Officials and Citizens • Soil Watch Workshops
- Site Design Consultation • Streambank Restoration
- Headwaters Demonstration Site • Legal Actions

Call Alice Champagne for additional information: 404-352-9828, ext. 16

# Reflections

Riverbanks. Highway bridges. Hiking trails and overlooks. Canoes, kayaks and rafts. These are the usual vantage points for river watching and experiencing.

Riverkeeper members were treated to an entirely new river experience, however, when our River Adventures Program took a hike down the *middle* of the Chattahoochee not far from its beginning in Union County. I joined eight other adventurers on a warm July day for a trip that our outfitter, photographer and writer Joe Cook, called "not for the faint of heart". It wasn't.

Six miles and seven hours after we began our hike (or slosh) down the river, we were exhausted and dirty, but we had met the challenge. It was a feat that many others probably would not tackle, certainly if they were at all concerned about breaking bones on slippery rocks. At the same time, we had seen and felt the river in a totally new way, and it was spectacular (*see article and photo, page 5*).

The Chattahoochee is about 15 feet across at the point where we began in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Initially, we walked gingerly, trying to keep our feet dry by stepping on stones. Soon, it became apparent that boldly stepping through the water was the most direct course to take and provided the best river experience.

Only in the river could you see and feel its power, the water-sculpted boulders, the extensive palate of underwater stones in oranges and browns, and my favorite-the secret waterfalls. Water cascades down slick black rock under cantilevered rhododendrons that you cannot see unless you are in the river. Plunging into deep pools with oxygenating bubbles, these cold mountain streams are the lungs for the life that inhabits them.

The Chattahoochee has many diverse faces; our 1999 River Adventures Program offers you the chance to experience them!

*Sally Bethea*

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# CANOE 1998 A HUGE SUCCESS!



Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard and Riverkeeper co-founder Laura Turner Seydel

On September 17th at Canoe Restaurant, Riverkeeper hosted 200 friends of the river with a candlelight Patron Appreciation Dinner honoring **Lt. Governor Pierre Howard** for his decades of legislative work to protect Georgia's rivers, including the Chattahoochee. Recognition was also given to the Region IV office of the US Environmental Protection Agency and **John Hankinson**, Regional Administrator, for the agency's role in helping secure a strong enforcement action against the city of Atlanta for its violations of the federal Clean Water Act. Co-chairs for the evening were **Fran and Steve O'Day**. Because of the generous donations of our sponsors, Riverkeeper netted over \$96,000.

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## NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ON BOARD

For the past two years, Riverkeeper has benefited from the exceptional event-planning and fundraising skills of **Sandy Layton**, who served as our first-ever development director. Despite Sandy's recent retirement from her staff position, she continues to work tirelessly as a volunteer to raise money to protect our river and is currently handling our holiday card project (see insert). Huge thanks to Sandy for her organizational skills, clever ideas and hard work!

Riverkeeper's new devel-

opment director, **Clare Richie**, was most recently the program coordinator of Literacy Volunteers of America. A New Jersey native, Clare is a graduate of Brown University and spent 6 years working in the business sector for Hewitt Associates before deciding that nonprofit work was her passion. She says, "Every day Riverkeeper proves that informed and concerned citizens can make a difference in their communities. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this team effort."



Clare Richie

### THE RIVERKEEPER STAFF

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## CLARKESVILLE RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Our last *River Chat* reported that an estimated 10,000 gallons of untreated sewage had spilled into the **Soque River** from a Clarkesville lift station that did not have a backup generator and was not operational following a power outage. Additionally, hypodermic needles and other medical waste were observed at the overflow site. EPD has assured Riverkeeper that a consent order with the city of Clarkesville will be finalized soon to address these problems. Clarkesville is finally under a consent order to resolve long-standing problems at its sewage plant and has met its first deadline by submitting a report on the short-term corrective actions taken at the facility. The city has paid more than \$51,000 to date to improve its plant and collection system and anticipates spending an additional \$600,000 for a complete plant renovation by December 1999.

## SEWAGE PLANT ABANDONED

In late 1997, Riverkeeper discovered that **Raylar Corporation**, owner of a sewage plant serving commercial customers in Troup County, had not submitted several monthly compliance reports to the state EPD, as required by the federal Clean Water Act. After discussions with EPD officials, Riverkeeper learned that the plant, which discharges into **Long Cane Creek**, had been totally *abandoned* by its operator for several months. Subsequently, EPD staff inspected the plant and noted in a memo that "the facility is not under any type of supervision and could pose significant environmental and health risks." EPD sent an emergency action letter to Raylar requiring the company to retain a contract operator for the treatment facility and entered into a consent order with Raylar. The company hired a contract operator who has made the necessary repairs to bring the plant into compliance with its permit and stop discharging untreated waste into this Chattahoochee tributary.

## REGULATING HOGS AND CHICKENS

Until recently, Georgia operators of **concentrated animal feedlot operations** ("CAFOs") have been able to avoid regulations that have been placed on CAFOs in other states to protect waterways. Permits for a 10,000-animal hog farm in Tattnall County and a 20,000-animal hog farm in Taylor County prompted extensive discussion during the 1998 General Assembly. Due to pressure from the environmental community, the state Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has hosted, and Riverkeeper participated in, a series of meetings between environmental and agricultural groups, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders. Charged with presenting proposed regulations by the end of October, the CAFO Stakeholders Group will address four areas of concern: (1) classification and regulatory size, (2) location restrictions, odor, buffer and setbacks, (3) nutrient management, soil and water quality monitoring and (4) design and administration. EPD hopes to finalize proposed regulations by the end of 1998. Riverkeeper is pressing for increased regulation, including comprehensive permits, inspections, monitoring and other controls.

## HELEN'S TRASH SOLUTION

During summer months, the Chattahoochee, as it flows through the city of Helen, looks like a "bowl of fruit loops" because of the many people enjoying the water while floating on colorful inner tubes. With the influx of recreationists, however, come piles of trash and much outcry from local and downstream landowners. For the past several years, Riverkeeper has worked with the city of Helen, Georgia's Wildlife Resources Division and local tubing companies to sponsor cleanups and discourage tubers from taking disposable items on the water. Recently, the city has gone a step further, requiring tubing companies to each pay \$100 per week during the tubing season into a city-administered "**riverbank restoration fund**", in addition to conducting a required weekly river cleanup. Riverkeeper commends the city of Helen for working to protect the Chattahoochee in the headwaters region.

## GOLF CLUB EROSION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Douglas County's Engineering Department, responsible for enforcing the erosion and sedimentation program in the county, documented serious violations at the **Bear Creek Golf Club** in August. Included in the long list of deficiencies were items such as encroachment into the 25-foot state stream-mandated buffer, silt fence failures, lack of temporary grassing, a failing detention pond, and severe washing of graded slopes. The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission also investigated and filed a report. After receiving phone calls from members, Riverkeeper staff contacted county personnel and the developer and subsequently conducted a site visit with engineer Steve Murray (see page 6). Based on recommendations from the government agencies and Riverkeeper, the site management has improved greatly and all parties appear to be working together to keep eroded soil from flowing off-site to nearby tributary to Bear Creek.

## NEW RIVER REGULATIONS DOWNSTREAM OF ATLANTA

In October, land use restrictions under the 25-year old **state Metro River Protection Act** (MRPA) became effective for an additional 34 miles downstream of Atlanta's Peachtree Creek. Pursuant to an amendment to MRPA, passed with Riverkeeper's assistance during the 1998 General Assembly, local governments and the Atlanta Regional Commission will now regulate development within 2,000 feet of the river to protect water quality from construction in South Fulton, South Cobb and Douglas Counties. Counties along the 48-mile river section from Buford Dam to Peachtree have been subject to MRPA requirements since 1973. *For a copy of the revised Chattahoochee Corridor Plan (\$10 including shipping), call ARC's Phyllis Thigpen at 404-364-2502.*

The Fulton County Commission deserves recognition for its passage in August of the **South Fulton Tributary Protection Ordinance**. This ordinance, strongly supported by Riverkeeper, establishes a solid framework for stream protection in South Fulton County, which we hope, and expect, the county will aggressively implement. *For a copy of the South Fulton Ordinance, call Riverkeeper at 404-364-9828.*

## Hooch's Smith Island Section De-listed

# STATE REMOVES PROTECTION FROM TROUT STREAMS

The 4,000 miles of Georgia waters that are designated by law as "trout streams" are protected by various state regulations to ensure trout survival with clean, cold water. Higher levels of dissolved oxygen are necessary for aquatic life in these waterways that are the headwaters for most of Georgia's major rivers.

The greatest threats to trout streams are sedimentation and elevated water temperatures that result from land use practices that disturb natural conditions. Strict limits are set on the construction of impoundments, or dams, to prevent the elevation of stream temperature, and the vegetated buffer zone adjacent to trout waters is set at 100-feet, opposed to warm water buffers which are only 25-feet.

### Changes in Trout Stream Procedures

A law passed in the 1998 General Assembly completely changed the way trout streams are listed and de-listed in Georgia. The bill allows state officials to make changes to the list of waterways designated as trout streams administratively, rather than through the Georgia Legislature. This change, in effect, streamlines the process to de-list, or list, those streams receiving extra protection as trout waters. There is no science-based, written policy, however,



that provides criteria to guide the state Department of Natural Resources in this process.

In July, when Riverkeeper became aware of a proposal to de-list 224 miles of trout streams, many questions about the designation process were raised. The proposed de-listing included a main stem section of the Chattahoochee River above Lake Lanier from Highway 115 to Highway 255, known as the "Smith Island" section.

State fisheries biologists use a temperature criterion (22.2° C) to decide whether or not streams can "support trout throughout the year". Riverkeeper argued at public hearings and in comment letters that with-

out historical data, higher current temperatures could be due to development in the buffer zone and construction of farm ponds, both of which serve to warm receiving waters. If this is the case, de-listing of trout waters only initiates a trend whereby waters that were once trout streams can be de-listed following abuses in the watershed and along riverbanks. Riverkeeper, Trout Unlimited, and other organizations believe that these waters, which are on the borderline, demand greater protection and restoration efforts.

### Federal approval pending

Although Georgia's Board of Natural Resources voted to accept the recommendation to de-list 224 miles of trout streams from the Game and Fish Code, the Board also passed a resolution creating a trout stream advisory committee, at Riverkeeper's request, to guide the future listing and de-listing of trout streams. Further, any changes to the trout waters listed in the state's water quality regulations (separate from the Game and Fish Code) must be reviewed by the U.S. EPA for final approval. According to EPA, it is conducting a stream-by-stream evaluation of the state's de-listed trout streams. Riverkeeper will continue to monitor this process.

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## RIVER BANK RESTORATION COMPLETED AT HUNTCLIFF STABLES



Eight dump trucks full of horse manure were removed from the riverbank and trees and bushes were planted to stabilize the soil and create a buffer zone.



Volunteers help Riverkeeper project coordinator Dana Poole complete Phase 2 of the bank restoration project at Huntcliff Horse Stables in north Fulton County.

# RIVERKEEPER MEMBERS EXPLORE THE WATERSHED



Fording a rapid on the river in the Chattahoochee National Forest during the July Headwaters Hike.

By foot and by canoe, dozens of Riverkeeper members explored the Chattahoochee watershed with our 1998 River Adventure Program led by nature photographers and writers **Joe and Monica Cook**. These quarterly outings, free for members on a first come basis, offered special experiences on hiking trails in the headwaters (see *Reflections*) and on the river downstream from Atlanta.

A two-day canoe and campout in Heard County in late October was the highlight of the program, according to the two dozen people who enjoyed a low, clear river, perfect fall weather, and a huge bonfire.

Riverkeeper's 1999 River Adventure Program will be expanded to include additional trips. Watch for the schedule in the *Winter River Chat*.



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## CITY OF ATLANTA BEGINS MASSIVE STREAM CLEANUP

In October, the city of Atlanta began a year-long effort to remove *all* trash and debris from 37 miles of urban streams pursuant to the Consent Decree which settled Riverkeeper's lawsuit against Atlanta for violations of the federal Clean Water Act. The city will spend a minimum of \$2.5 million to conduct the cleanup which constitutes one element of the two-prong Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) negotiated as part of Riverkeeper's settlement.

The second component of the SEP involves a \$25 million greenways acquisition program to purchase stream and river corridor lands to protect the water quality of the Chattahoochee and the South River and their tributaries. A 10-member SEP Advisory Committee, including two Riverkeeper representatives, is overseeing the cleanup and the greenways program.

The Atlanta streams that will benefit from the cleanup are **Proctor Creek, Utoy Creek, Intrenchment Creek, McDaniel Branch, Clear Creek, Tanyard Creek** and a portion of the **South River**. If funds are available, a portion of Peachtree Creek will also be cleaned. Professional crews will remove trash, household appliances, automobile engines and parts, shopping



All trash and debris will be removed from 37 miles of urban streams.

carts and other material from these long-blighted urban streams. An educational campaign will emphasize litter prevention, in the hopes that these streams will remain clean.

Signed in July, the Consent Decree was officially "entered" by Judge Thomas Thrash on September 24, after a public

comment period. Judge Thrash said, "I think that the \$25 million for the greenway project will be a significant investment in water quality that will pay dividends for many years to come, and that the \$2.5 million for stream cleanup will contribute materially to the quality of the environment in and around Atlanta".

## KEEPING DIRT OUT OF OUR WATER

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The federal Clean Water Act (CWA) also governs the discharge of sediments into our rivers and lakes through a permitting program. Although a "general" permit was adopted by Georgia in 1992 to regulate sediment in the form of stormwater runoff from construction projects of five acres or more, it has been tied up in litigation and, therefore, unavailable as an enforcement tool. The good news is that settlement negotiations between regulatory agencies and citizen groups, including Riverkeeper, will likely result in a general permit being issued before the end of the year. Because this permit will be issued under the authority of the CWA, it will give citizens new opportunities to take action against irresponsible developers who fail to employ control measures.

### *Agreement on General Permit Offers Hope*

At issue in the last general permit appeal, filed in 1996, was the interpretation of the numerical standard in the general permit for "turbidity", a measurement for sediment and mud content in the stream. While the state Environmental Protection Division (EPD) claimed that the standard was to be used simply as a discretionary trigger for enforcement, the environmental groups argued that

the standard must be considered a legal limit for which monitoring and reporting are required.

Administrative Law Judge Jessie Altman ruled last April that the general permit was invalid because the permit failed to include a monitoring requirement for compliance with the turbidity standard as required by the federal Clean Water Act. The state appealed this ruling to Fulton County Superior Court; however, the appeal was suspended when settlement negotiations were initiated between the plaintiff environmental groups, EPA and EPD. Riverkeeper, although not a party to the permit appeals, has participated in the settlement negotiations because of our opposition to the state's narrative turbidity standard, which we believe is unenforceable.

Riverkeeper is hopeful that the remaining issues surrounding the general permit will be resolved without further litigation. Once the permit is issued, we will continue to work with the state and others to enforce soil erosion control laws to improve the quality of drinking water supplies and reduce costs to taxpayers.



## *Erosion Engineer Lends Expertise to Riverkeeper*

**W**hen **Steve Murray** earned his certification as an erosion control specialist three years ago, there were perhaps a dozen other civil engineers in Georgia who could claim the title of CPESC (Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control). Today, there are more than three dozen in Georgia, and the field continues to grow.

Translation: soil erosion and sediment control is slowly becoming a priority among those ushering in the explosive growth and development in Metro Atlanta.

Riverkeeper has been enlisting Murray's technical expertise for the past three years on issues as diverse as a riverbank stabilization project in Cobb County to the development of the erosion control education kits that Riverkeeper distributes to land developers and builders. The 38-year-old civil engineer from Texas A&M University has quietly become Riverkeeper's dirt expert.

"I never really had a huge connection with the river," said Murray. "but a friend got me hooked up with the organization and I guess I got sucked into the vortex and haven't been seen since. In the beginning I did the work pro bono because I thought it was the right thing to do-and the fun thing to do."

Since stepping into the vortex, he's helped Riverkeeper evaluate Fulton County's Erosion and Sediment Control Program, monitored the massive Mall of Georgia construction site, and consulted on untold numbers of development plans to assist



*Steve Murray*

Riverkeeper in determining appropriate stream buffer requirements. He's also provided help with Riverkeeper's Soque River restoration project. Currently, Steve is helping the group develop an education kit for interested citizens who want to monitor construction sites in their own backyard.

*"It's to the point where every creek and river is filled with sediment."*

"People are spending more and more time working with nonpoint source issues," Murray said of the field in which he specializes. "I feel it's going to continue to get bigger until we get a handle on it. It's to the point where every creek and river is filled with sediment."

Murray believes builders and developers as well as the state, with stronger sedimentation and erosion laws (and penalties for violators), can do much more to remedy the situation.

When Murray's not volunteering his time to Riverkeeper, he operates his own consulting business, **Insite Engineering Inc.**, out of his loft apartment/office in downtown Atlanta. Murray started the business in May of this year after 12 years of work with other Atlanta engineering firms.

*Contributed by Joe Cook*

## Hands-On Atlanta

# Give Yourself a Hand!

Riverkeeper joined Hands-On Atlanta to clean up Peachtree Creek at Atlanta Memorial Park in October. Forty volunteers pulled more than their weight of trash from the creek including 50 tires, a purse, a cash register, a BMW bumper.

## Coming Soon

# Soil Watch Erosion Kits

Riverkeeper has created special new kits for citizens who are interested in protecting tributaries to the Chattahoochee from eroded soil flowing from construction sites! Information in the kits describes:

- ① **Why** sediment in streams is harmful
- ② **What** "Best Management Practices" are and how they can be used to control erosion
- ③ **How** to document your observations
- ④ **Who** to call and how to write letters to government officials.

Our Citizen Kit will be available soon, along with Soil Watch Workshops. *If you are interested in attending a workshop and/or receiving a kit, call Alice Champagne at 404-352-9828/ext.16.*



## TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

**Riverkeeper Hotline:** 404-352-8679

**Email:** rivrkeep@mindspring.com

**Web Site:** www.chattahoochee.org

**GA State 24-hr Environmental Emergency Response:**  
404-656-4863

# Don't Miss Our Annual Membership Meeting!

Riverkeeper's annual membership meeting will be held Sunday, November 22 (2-4 PM) at the **National Park Service's Island Ford Headquarters** office located on the Chattahoochee near Roswell. This is your opportunity to meet the Riverkeeper staff and other members and learn about our many efforts to protect the Chattahoochee. A 1-hour program will be followed by refreshments and a short hike along the river.  
*Call 404-352-9828 for directions.*

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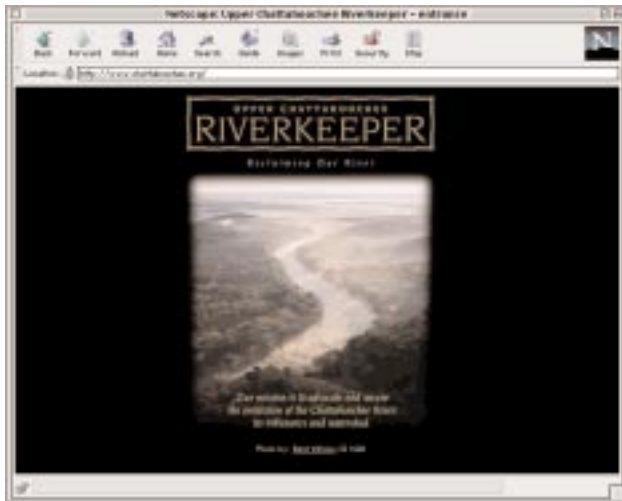
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# ACTION ALERT

## VISIT US AT OUR NEW WEB SITE

Surfing the internet can be fun, informative, fascinating and especially useful if you want to learn more about the Chattahoochee River. On September 21, **Donahue Studios**, launched a new look



The Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper entrance splash screen. To enter the site click on the Riverkeeper logo.

for the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. The new interface is designed for quick and easy access to over 20 megabytes of information. Since the site serves many sectors of the community, it has been engineered to run on both older and newer computers. "The information in the Riverkeeper's site is a valuable asset of the community; packaging the information in an easy to use format is key to a site's success," says Simone du Boise - webmaster. The river is available for all to use and so is [www.chattahoochee.org](http://www.chattahoochee.org).

Here's What You Can Do:

- Learn facts about the river and watershed
- Find out about Riverkeeper's mission & accomplishments
- Read past newsletters
- Find out how to become a member and volunteer
- Discover recreational opportunities
- Gain information about pollution of the river
- Learn about the laws that affect streams and the river
- Join the Adopt-A-Stream Program
- Check out the Calendar of Events including River Adventures
- Go shopping in the Riverkeeper Store

Check It Out & email your comments to the webmaster - [www.chattahoochee.org](http://www.chattahoochee.org)



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