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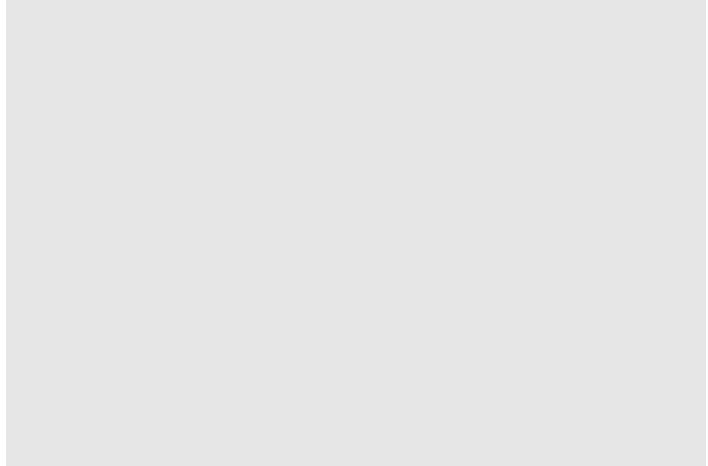
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FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT MARKS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Last month marked the 25th anniversary of the Clean Water Act (CWA), which is the nation's primary federal law for protecting and improving water quality. The broad purpose of the Act is "to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Nation's waters," and its thrust is to declare unlawful the unregulated discharge of pollutants into all waters of the United States. One of the main strengths of the CWA is its comprehensive, nationwide approach to water quality protection, which requires federal, state and local governments to act cooperatively for the achievement of common goals.

The *still unmet* goals of the CWA (originally to have been achieved by the mid-1980s) are to eliminate the discharge of pollutants into the nation's waters and to achieve water quality levels adequate for fishing and swimming.

The Act makes state agencies and the EPA jointly responsible for identifying and regulating both point and nonpoint sources of pollution. A permit-based program governs "point source" pollution, or discharges from a discrete conveyance such as a pipe or ditch. All other sources of water pollution not associated with a discrete conveyance, or "non-point" sources, are approached with various management strategies. Additionally, the CWA regulates activities affecting wetlands, spills of oils and hazardous substances, storm water runoff, and the use and disposal of sewage sludge.



Some sections of the Chattahoochee River is cleaner today thanks to the Clean Water Act.

25-Year Reprt Card

The CWA has provided the foundation for dramatic progress for reducing water pollution over the past 25 years, especially in curbing pollution caused by untreated wastewater and industrial effluents (See EPA Statistics, page 6). These sources of pollution are easiest to identify because they originate from outfall pipes or other point sources.

Nonpoint source pollution, however, has emerged as the primary cause of impaired waters, and involves a diverse set of problems including runoff from agricultural and urban areas, mining and forestry operations, industrial sites, suburban yards, and highways, as well as atmospheric deposition of acidic agents, heavy metals and other toxins. Combined sewer and sanitary overflows, contaminated sediments, wetlands and other habitat loss, and the degradation of estuaries and near-coastal waters represent other challenges.

See Federal Clean Water Act, page 6

THE RIVER MATTERS

Monthly River Cleanups

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Reflections

I climbed into a small helicopter seat, adjusted my headphones and looked down on the disappearing pad below. Struggling to find landmarks, most of which look vastly different from the air, I listened to the comments from my travelmate, Fulton County Commission Chairman Mitch Skandalakis.

Chairman Skandalakis had invited me to go along for a bird's eye view of the County's sewage treatment plants that discharge into the Chattahoochee River. Fulton County had just been socked with a fine of more than \$100,000 for sewage discharges from its plants and sewer lines.

We chopped our way to south Fulton and the Camp Creek sewage plant mistaking, for a few seconds, the city of Atlanta's Utoy plant for our destination. Hovering over Fulton's Camp Creek facility and viewing its white foamy discharge from the air, I recalled my two-hour meeting with Fulton's former Public Works Director Frank Bockman. He had openly reviewed all the problems at this facility, whose much-needed upgrade the Fulton Commission had been unwilling to fund in the early 1990s. Unfortunately, Mr. Bockman is no longer with the County, apparently the scapegoat for Fulton's recent sewage problems.

We flew upstream, above the river, heading for Fulton County's northern sewage plants. It hadn't rained for weeks and the river was a beautiful blue-green. As always, it surprised me how very small a stream it is that sustains so many people, so many businesses and so much wildlife. Almost fifty percent of all Georgians drink from this river.

Yet, the river's edge is still amazingly green in north Fulton, Gwinnett and Forsyth Counties. But, for how long? Most of the forests that I could see have been re-zoned for major construction projects. It wasn't the development that I could see that worries me, but what is yet to come.

Sally Betha
RIVERKEEPER

CANOE 1997 A HUGE SUCCESS!

On September 11th at Canoe Restaurant, Riverkeeper hosted 200 friends of the River with a candlelight Patron Appreciation Dinner honoring Charles Seabrook with *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution*. Co-Chairs for the evening were Michael and Donna Coles, with special guests, Roger Kintzel, Publisher, *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Ron Martin, Editor and Jim Kennedy, Chairman & CEO of Cox Enterprises, Inc. Because of the generous donations of our Sponsors, Riverkeeper netted over \$90,000. If you would like to become a Sponsor for next year or would like information regarding event sponsorship, please call Sandy Layton at Riverkeeper.

Riverkeeper Board Chairman Rutherford Seydel (center) greets Shannon Mayfield (left) and DNR Commissioner Lonice Barrett (right).

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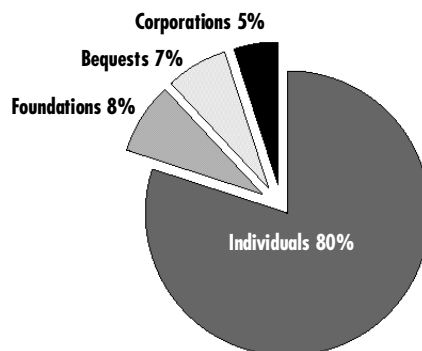
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Bequests are an important source of funds

Donations made through bequests represent almost as large a piece of the charitable pie as foundation grants. In 1996, \$150 billion was given away by the private sector as shown in the following graph.



From Giving USA Annual Report which has tracked giving patterns in the U.S. for 35 years.
For more information about bequests and other planned gifts,
please call Riverkeeper at 404-352-9828.

The Docket

RIVERKEEPER'S LEGAL ACTION PROGRAM

DEFENDANT

CITY OF ATLANTA

BACKGROUND

Riverkeeper and eleven downstream plaintiffs filed suit in October 1995 to get Atlanta to commit to a schedule to upgrade the city's sewage treatment plants and to reduce pollution from combined sewer overflows. Atlanta's refusal to commit to any deadlines, to acknowledge that water quality standards apply to its sewage overflows, and to improve operation and maintenance of its facilities (including testing and monitoring) has halted settlement discussions.

STATUS

The Court is presently considering the issues related to the CSOs and a ruling may be issued in the next six weeks. Among the issues expected to be addressed is whether the discharge from the CSOs must meet state water quality standards

CITY OF ATLANTA
(APPEAL OF SEWAGE PLANT PERMITS)

On December 24, 1996, EPD modified permits for Atlanta's sewage treatment plants to **remove any requirement to complete plant upgrades which would reduce phosphorus and resolve serious treatment capacity problems**. Without permit provisions with deadlines for upgrades, the permits are not enforceable and leave Atlanta free to delay upgrades or change the technology at the whim of public officials.

Last summer, EPD withdrew the permit modifications issued in 1996, which had been appealed administratively by Riverkeeper. On October 10, 1997, EPD signed *new* permits for Atlanta's sewage plants which include permit conditions detailing *specific milestones and annual deadlines for construction upgrades* at the plants, including a final completion date of December 31, 2000 for R.M. Clayton plant. This is a major victory for Riverkeeper and represents achievement of one of the original goals of the above federal lawsuit against the city of Atlanta.

Michele Merkel Joins Riverkeeper *as General Counsel*

Thrown right into the rapids of ongoing legal action against the City of Atlanta and teaching responsibilities at the Emory Environmental Law Clinic, Riverkeeper's new General Counsel, Michele Merkel, has quickly become an integral part of our staff. Following graduation from LaFayette College as a biology major, Michele taught English in Japan, cementing her interest in joining the

Foreign Service. Several years later however, once enrolled in law school at Tulane University and active in the school's environmental law clinic, Michele discovered an interest in environmental public interest law. Upon helping a group of citizens win a case against a large hazardous waste facility in Louisiana, Michele describes the experience as "extremely satisfying to represent people who otherwise lacked meaningful representation in the legal system." Michele then spent two years working for King and Spalding in Washington D.C., focusing primarily on food and drug, and tobacco related cases. At Riverkeeper, Michele is already teaching students at the Emory Law Clinic and feels excited to provide students with an opportunity that gives them a chance to serve others while learning. "Ultimately," Michele says of joining the Riverkeeper staff, "it's a wonderful opportunity to work with passionate people dedicated to public service."

Community Partnership Award *presented to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company*

EPA IV Regional Administrator, John Hankinson, presents the Community Partnership Award to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. for its riverbank cleanup and restoration project at its asphalt recycling plant along the Chattahoochee River in Cobb County. This Award highlighted the collaborative effort between C.W. Matthews and the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper which resulted in the removal of a 100,000 ton stockpile of used asphalt from the riverbank and the expenditure of well over \$350,000 to construct a detention basin & stabilize several hundred feet of riverbank. (From left to right: Bob Matthews, President; John Hankinson, EPA-IV Regional Administrator; Pace Jordan, VP-Matthews; and James Williams, Plant Superintendent-Matthews)

STREAM LINES

HERITAGE RIVER NOMINATION

Communities all along the Chattahoochee River from Helen, Georgia to Eufala, Alabama are coming together to nominate our hometown river for national recognition through the American Heritage River Program. While only ten rivers will be selected nationwide (and announced in early 1998), the nomination process itself is already delivering benefits to the Hooch in increased communication between upstream and downstream neighbors.

If you would like to help with our nomination petition, please call the Riverkeeper office at 404-352-9828.

CONGRESS PASSES TRI-STATE COMPACT

Congress recently ratified a tri-state compact, passed earlier this year by the Georgia, Alabama and Florida legislatures, which outlines a process for sharing water in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin. By December 31, 1998, the three states must agree on water allocations in the form of specific numbers or formulas. Otherwise, the compact dissolves.

Riverkeeper worked with Georgia's Congressional delegation and federal agencies to ensure that the discretion of federal resource agencies which administer environmental laws is clearly preserved, as the states make water management decisions. Because this is the first compact enacted since the passage of important federal environmental laws (e.g., the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and many others), the issue of federal discretion was especially important.

We believe that the compact, as ratified by Congress, creates a framework capable of delivering a management system which balances water needs for economic growth in the ACF basin with water needs for natural resource protection. The real work lies ahead, however, as state and federal agencies and other stakeholders attempt to agree on specific allocation numbers, a real-time monitoring program, and the roles of various key players.

Riverkeeper secured a \$35,000 grant from the **Conservation Alliance**, a national

group composed of 55 outdoor businesses, to create a coalition of environmental and recreation groups in the three states and to provide technical assistance and policy guidance to this group on matters related to the compact and water allocations. **Perception, Inc.**, sponsored Riverkeeper's funding request to the Conservation Alliance. This company, owned by Bill Master's was founded in Easley, South Carolina. From a one-man operation in his backyard, he developed Perception into an international company distributing kayaks throughout the world.

MANAGING RISKS AND PROTECTING STREAMS

New Erosion and Sediment Control Kits Available

The Chattahoochee no longer has to run red every time it rains! Riverkeeper has produced new Erosion and Sediment Control kits created especially for the development community, but useful to anyone needing information about proper erosion control measures.

Georgia's Environmental Protection Division estimates that 75% of the pollution in state streams that do not meet water quality standards comes from non-point sources that are carried into waterways by rainwater. Sediment is a pollutant that causes significant damage to Georgia's waterways as it is eroded from the land and carried into streams and lakes.

Uncontrolled development has caused serious environmental and economic impacts to the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries. **For every acre under construction, about a dump truck and a half of soil washes into a nearby lake or stream unless the builder uses proper erosion controls.** Other problems caused by soil erosion include: increased costs for local governments to clean drinking water, lower property values, and poor fishing.

Riverkeeper's kits include: a pocket-sized Field Guide with information on proper installation of various best management

practices, professional publications, a list of certified soil erosion professionals, and other information. Our sponsors for this project include: **Georgia Forestry Commission, Vulcan Materials, and Donahue Studios**.

As citizens, you too can help keep eroded soil from flowing into the Chattahoochee. If you see muddy water leaving a site or suspect that best management practices (e.g., silt fences and hay bales) are not being used, call your county erosion control inspector to report the problem.

- Check out www.riverkeeper.org for Who-to-Call Erosion Info in your county.
- Contact the Riverkeeper office if you are interested in receiving a soil erosion kit (\$4 Shipping fee).

Erosion and Sediment Control Course to be held at UGA's Center for Continuing Education - December 1-3. Registration Fee \$120. For additional information, contact Joyce Fleeman at 706-542-2101.

Data Overlays to Cover Chattahoochee Watershed

Have you ever wondered how far your favorite spot on the river is from a landfill or an industrial discharge, or how many acres it would take to put a 50-foot buffer around every tributary to the Chattahoochee? These are the sorts of spatially-oriented questions that can be answered using a Geographic Information System (GIS), a computer system capable of holding and using data describing places on the earth's surface. Sets of data, much like acetate overlays, can be combined to better understand and analyze relationships between different factors.

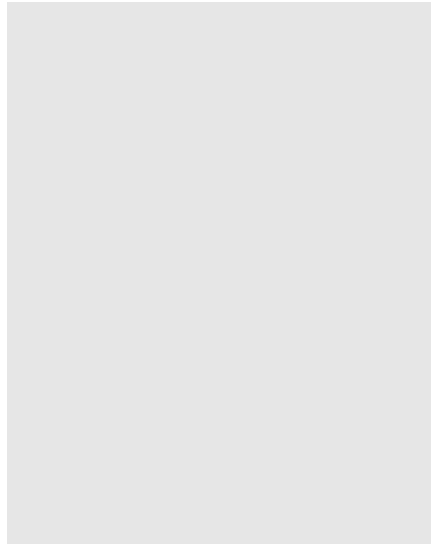
Information about the location of streams and rivers, land use, and water quality data, for instance, can be combined on one map to illustrate the affect of land use on water quality. The accompanying map shows the location of point source discharges in the watershed and labels receiving streams for selected discharges.

Last autumn, Dr. Bill Watson, a professor of Public Policy at Georgia Tech (see below), offered the assistance of his graduate students to help write a grant for Riverkeeper to compete for GIS capabilities. The application was sent to the **Conservation Technology Support Program**, a consortium of groups including Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company, Sierra Biodiversity Institute, Interrain Pacific, Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center, and Desktop Assistance. From a highly competitive field of conservation groups, Riverkeeper was awarded a package including GIS software (ARC/INFO and ArcView), training and a new computer and printer on which to run the program.

Riverkeeper staff members are in the process of learning to use the powerful GIS software. Future projects are aimed at providing educational materials for watershed residents as well as providing information that can positively influence decision - making concerning the river.

Watson and students compute for a healthier Chattahoochee

Throughout his career, **Dr. Bill Watson**, Professor of Public Policy at Georgia Tech, has worked to provide information in a way that will improve environmental decision-making. A Ph.D. in economics, Dr. Watson has been working with GIS since 1986. Before coming to Atlanta, while working for the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia, Watson started the coal mining mapping program. This program helped protect the environment by mapping coal mine sites to estimate risks



Dr. Bill Watson

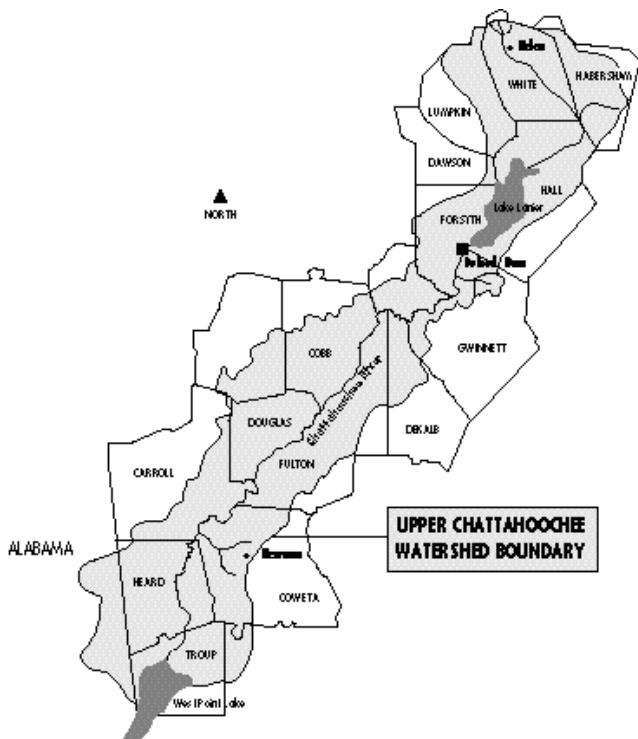
for subsidence and contamination of groundwater and also to catalog and prioritize abandoned mines for clean-up.

Upon moving to Atlanta and seeing Riverkeeper Sally Bethea on TV, Watson realized that Riverkeeper was "the right group for this GIS stuff." Fortunately, a student alerted Dr. Watson to the availability of GIS grants from the Conservation Technology Support Program (CTSP), and Dr. Watson and his GIS class immediately took the grant application on as a class project. Along with graduate students Pam Davee, Lisa Novak, and Abbas Sheikhzineddin, Dr. Watson worked with Riverkeeper to detail goals and projects that could be best accomplished using GIS. The many volunteer hours paid off when Riverkeeper was notified of our award package.

The talents and enthusiasm that Dr. Watson possesses concerning GIS didn't stop, however, upon receipt of the CTSP grant; Watson continues to structure his classes to encourage students to work with Riverkeeper as part of their class projects. Becky Wagner and Dawn Wyatt, for example, have just completed a map of the watersheds in Troup County as part of a Riverkeeper project with Troup County schools. When asked what the main benefit of GIS technology is to the river, he says, "in the long-term, complex models to assess and monitor growth and total maximum daily loads, but for now - it's a great way to provide people with information about the creek in their neighborhood."

Bill Watson is just one example of the many committed professionals who are daily helping Riverkeeper protect and restore the Chattahoochee River.

For more information contact Katherine Baer in Riverkeeper's Gainesville office 770-538-2619.



Chattahoochee River Basin

FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT MARKS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

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CWA Allows Citizen Suits to Protect Waterways

Recognizing that neither the U.S. EPA nor the states would have the resources to enforce the CWA in every instance where the law was violated, Congress wisely provided a mechanism for citizens to take direct legal action against polluters for ongoing violations of the CWA and related regulations. Consequently, since passage of the CWA, citizens have filed more suits to enforce this statute than any other environmental law, embedding the notion of "private attorneys general" in our legal system.

The citizen suit provision in the CWA is an important tool in Riverkeeper's arsenal of environmental statutes. For example, in 1995, Riverkeeper and eleven downstream plaintiffs filed a citizen suit against the City of Atlanta to force Atlanta to upgrade the city's sewage treatment plants and to reduce pollution from its combined sewer overflows. As a result of its citizen enforcement action, Riverkeeper hopes to join the ranks of communities who have succeeded in making CWA violators clean up their pollution where government has failed, until very recently, to act.

Despite dramatic strides, the goal of clean water continues to elude us. Sediments, nutrients and chemical contaminants still clog Georgia's waterways, including the Chattahoochee River. Thus, as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act and anticipate its reauthorization by Congress, we must seek to strengthen and improve the Act so that its original goals are ultimately achieved.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, water quality has improved as a result of the CWA in the following ways:

In 1972:


- ⑥ Only *one - third* of the nation's waters were safe for fishing and swimming.
- ⑥ Wetland losses were estimated at about 460,000 acres annually.
- ⑥ Agricultural runoff resulted in the erosion of 2.25 billion tons of soil and the deposit of large amounts of phosphorous and nitrogen into many waters.
- ⑥ Sewage treatment plants served only 85 million people.

Today:

- ⑥ *Two - thirds* of the nation's waters are safe for fishing and swimming.
- ⑥ The rate of annual wetland losses is estimated at about 70,000-90,000 acres according to recent studies.
- ⑥ The amount of soil lost due to agricultural runoff has been cut by one billion tons annually, and phosphorous and nitrogen levels in water sources are down.
- ⑥ Modern wastewater treatment facilities serve 173 million people.

For more information see www.epa.gov/25water/

Volunteers Cleanup Peachtree Creek



Tires, shopping carts, and assorted trash were pulled out of the smelly water of Peachtree Creek during a clean - up at Atlanta Memorial Park on October 11. Riverkeeper participated in the **Sixth Annual Georgia River Clean - Up Week** coordinated by the Georgia DNR. Approximately seventy volunteers of all ages gathered to pick up and dig out 60 bags of trash, 20 tires and 2 shopping carts. Thanks to Paul Tillman's students at **Woodward Academy**, students from **Sprayberry High**, the **Atlanta Jaycees** and all of the other Riverkeeper volunteers who helped to make this day a success. Peachtree Creek continues to be a highly polluted stream.

For more information on how you can make a difference by adopting a segment of this creek, call Alice Champagne or Dana Poole at 404-352-9828.

ADOPT-A-STREAM NETWORK CELEBRATES 2ND BIRTHDAY

For the past two years the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper organization has offered hands-on assistance for Adopt-A-Stream groups throughout the Upper Chattahoochee River Basin. We have helped over twenty groups get started and have assisted many others with resources and technical information. In total we have reached over 1,500 people with our message of Adopt-A-Stream using a watershed approach.

Many students and teachers have also benefited from our Network and the Captain Planet Foundation grant program. The newsletter *Stream Chat* was created, one year ago, and is an effective communication tool to help groups in the watershed see what others are doing. As we enter our third year we are continuing to grow and change in many directions. Adopt-A-Stream is still, in part, a major focus of the Network, but we are seeing a new citizen watershed movement that focuses on activities on the land and small tributaries which affect a particular stream.

Adopt-A-Stream Network Assists Watershed Groups

People throughout the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed from Helen to West Point are realizing that they do not need special expertise or a technical background to make a difference in the quality of their neighborhood streams. Everyone has something to offer, especially those who know that it is their hard work and dedication that can really make an impact. A few examples of these groups are, the **Kids Downstream** in Troup County, **Ivy Streamkeepers** in Gwinnett County, **Marsh Creek Watershed Coalition** in North Fulton County, **Friends of Douglas County** and the **citizens of Nancy Creek**, soon to form a watershed group.

These groups all have a common watershed vision...healthier streams and enforcement of clean water laws. They define their specific watershed concerns and a strategy to address these issues,

and then break these ideas into bite-sized projects. The passion and tenacity of these watershed activists will ultimately prevail and outweigh bland recommendations in government watershed management plans which often sit on a shelf.

If you would like assistance to start a local watershed group, please call Alice Champagne at the Riverkeeper Office at 404-352-8679.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Chattahoochee River, Stream and Watershed Database

Coming soon to the Riverkeeper Web Page will be an opportunity for watershed groups to input their monitoring data into a Stream Database. Development of this Database is under construction by our Webmaster Russ Koester and should be in operation by January 1998. Stay Tuned!

Adopt-A-Stream and Watershed HOTLINE!

Thanks to a grant from the **Captain Planet Foundation**, the Adopt-A-Stream Network now has a dedicated phone line to assist you with all of your watershed issues and questions. You can reach Dana Poole, Watershed Education Coordinator and Alice Champagne, Adopt-A-Stream Network Coordinator at this number **404-352-8679**.

Membership up for renewal? Please send it in today!

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ACTION ALERT

Help Save 38 Acres Along The Hooch!

THE RAPIDS

Roswell Area People Interested in Developing a River Park System

The RAPIDS is a new organization that wants to establish a greenway along the northern banks of the Chattahoochee River bordering the entire length of the Roswell city limits. The group's first priority is a 38-acre tract on Riverside Road just upstream from the Highway 400 Bridge in one of the most beautiful and serene sections of the river.

Earlier this year, the 38-acre tract which contains more than 2,000 feet of forested river frontage was placed on the market for the development of townhomes. With the help of The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national nonprofit conservation group, and the encouragement of the Roswell mayor and city council, an option agreement was secured which includes time (a two year period for funds to be raised) and a significant discount from the original asking price. The signing of this option agreement is the first step in a partnership with the city of Roswell to establish the Roswell-Chattahoochee River Greenway to protect the natural and historic resources of the river.

How can you help?

The city of Roswell has committed \$500,000 toward the \$1.7 million purchase price of the 38-acre property. The Trust for Public Land is now seeking additional funding from other sources. The key to the success in raising these additional funds is strong local community support.

Please give generously to protect this green buffer along the Chattahoochee forever.

Your tax-deductible contribution will be placed in a separate account dedicated to this project and audited by the accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche.

To Volunteer Call 770-992-2253.

Send your contribution by check made payable to:

The Trust for Public Land Roswell Project

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