

Keeping Watch Over Our Waters

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Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Announces Cox Enterprises and The Ray C. Anderson Foundation as Presenting Sponsors of the Climate Change Conference

Previous River Guardian Award recipient to sponsor event

ATLANTA (August 7, 2017) — Chattahoochee Riverkeeper announces the 2017 Climate Change Conference with presenting sponsors Cox Enterprises and The Ray C. Anderson Foundation. The conference is set to take place on September 27-28, hosted by the Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center.

More than 40 local and national scientists and sustainability experts will explore the effects of changing climate conditions to human, infrastructure and ecological interests in the Chattahoochee watershed and offer solutions for a resilient future for all who depend on the river system. Paul Hawken, Executive Director of Project Drawdown, and Dr. Marshall Shepherd, Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor and Director, UGA Atmospheric Sciences Program, are keynote speakers.

"The Chattahoochee River is the reason Atlanta is where it is," said Cox Enterprises' Chief Operating Officer Alex Taylor. "The Chattahoochee River is the foundational lifeblood of Atlanta, and its health and future is synonymous with the health and future of our great city. Cox Enterprises is committed to ensuring that future."

John Lanier, Executive Director, of the Ray C. Anderson Foundation said, "The Ray C. Anderson Foundation is proud to stand with Cox Enterprises in sponsoring Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's Climate Change Conference. We believe that climate change is the most pressing issue of our time, and this conference will help illuminate the opportunities we have in our region for impactful climate action."

Mary Anne Lanier, President of the Ray C. Anderson Foundation and member of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Board of Directors, serves as Chair of the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper 2017 Climate Change Conference.

"Chattahoochee Riverkeeper is proud to present the first-ever conference focused exclusively on climate change effects in our watershed and invite dozens of leading scientists, engineers, community leaders, policy makers and others to explore solutions for a resilient future for all who depend on the Chattahoochee River," said Juliet Cohen, Executive Director.

Cox Enterprises is a previous recipient of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's River Guardian award for the company's efforts toward generating awareness of important water issues. Cox's support of the Climate Change conference is part of the company's national Cox Conserves sustainability program that is celebrating its <u>10th anniversary</u>.

To register for the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper 2017 Climate Change conference, visit <u>www.chattahoochee.org/conference/</u>.

About Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

CRK's mission is to advocate and secure the protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, including its lakes, tributaries and watershed, in order to restore and conserve their ecological health for the people and wildlife that depend on the river system. *For more information, visit* <u>www.chattahoochee.org</u>.