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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Stakeholder Comments on Triennial Review/Proposed Revisions to Rules of the Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 391-3-6, Water Quality Control

Dear Mr. Capp:

Please accept these comments from Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) providing stakeholder feedback regarding Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) Triennial Review and proposed amendments to the water quality rules and regulations found in 391-3-6-.03 of the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control.

CRK is a non-profit environmental advocacy organization dedicated to the protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, its tributaries and watershed. CRK represents approximately 8,700 members who use and enjoy the river system and depend on the Chattahoochee River and its lakes as a source of drinking water and economic prosperity. On behalf of our members and river users we submit these comments on proposed revisions to state water quality rules and regulations.

1. CRK urges EPD to expand the Recreation designation on the Chattahoochee Specific Use Designations, Ga. R. & Regs. 391-3-6-.03(14)

CRK applauds EPD for moving forward with updating the Designated Use of the 13-mile section of Chattahoochee River between Snake Creek and Yellowdirt Creek to recreation. This section of river is long overdue to be redesignated. EPD's current proposal would be a step in the right direction; however, CRK requests that EPD extend the length of the agency's current proposal to update the Chattahoochee River's Designated Use to include recreation for the entire 76-mile section of river between Peachtree Creek and New River. This river section is heavily used for recreation and long overdue to be redesignated.

Every year, hundreds of people paddle, swim, boat and wade in the Chattahoochee throughout its length between Peachtree Creek and New River. Thanks to significant improvements to wastewater infrastructure and stormwater management upstream, this section of river is dramatically cleaner today than it was decades ago. Riverside communities all along this part of the Chattahoochee are reconnecting with their river, and new initiatives to promote river

access are prevalent from west Atlanta down to Franklin and West Point Lake. Along the 76-mile section of river below Peachtree Creek, 16 boat ramps and access points are frequently used by people who recreate on the river and at least 3 new access points will soon be established along this stretch [*see Exhibit A*].

Examples of current initiatives underway to promote recreation and river access between Peachtree Creek and New River include:

- Outings and Paddle Trips – CRK has documented 1,801 trip participants who paddled on this section of river with different organizations between 2013 and 2017 [*see Exhibit B*]. Among groups who lead trips on this part of the river are Chattahoochee NOW, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, EcoAddendum, The Georgia Conservancy, Georgia River Network, Keeping it Wild, the Newnan Paddlers, and West Atlanta Watershed Alliance. Photographs of trip participants on this section of river are included below [*see Exhibit C*].
- Chattahoochee Hills Water Trail – The City of Chattahoochee Hills is working to establish a 25-mile water trail from the GA Hwy 166/154 boat ramp to Chattahoochee Bend State Park, which will include development of two new boat launches on this section of river.
- New River Access at Bush Head Shoals – The Development Authority of Heard County is partnering with the Department of Natural Resources to establish a new boat launch and paddler park on the river at Bush Head Shoals.
- Events in Franklin – The City Franklin has begun to host riverside events and festivals along its waterfront at Franklin’s riverside ball park.
- Riverwalk Atlanta – This project is establishing new trails and access along the river in Atlanta between Standing Peachtree Park and the Fulton County Airport.
- Chattahoochee NOW’s Vision53 – This initiative is fostering new access and river activities on the river from Peachtree Creek to Chattahoochee Bend State Park.
- 100 Mile Master Plan – Led by The Trust for Public Land and Atlanta Regional Commission, this planning process is underway along the 100 mile river corridor from Helen to Columbus and will promote access and recreation.
- Middle Chattahoochee Blueway – This initiative brings together the National Park Service, Georgia River Network, the Georgia Water Trails Network, the Carroll County Parks Department and others to create a river trail on the Chattahoochee for canoes and kayaks from the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to Chattahoochee Bend State Park.
- River Outfitters – Outfitters such as The Whitewater Learning Center and Georgia Trail Outfitters lead trips and teach paddlers on this part of the river year round and depend on river recreation for their business.

Residents along the Chattahoochee between Peachtree Creek and New River strongly support updating the Designated Use of this section to include recreation. In just a short amount of time, CRK has collected 516 signatures and 245 comments in support of redesignating this 76-mile stretch of river [*see Exhibit D*]. Most of those who submitted comments specifically indicated that they regularly swim, paddle, fish, boat, wade-in or otherwise recreate on this part of the Chattahoochee.

Now is the right time to update the Chattahoochee River's designation to recreation between Peachtree Creek and New River. As stated on the EPD website, "Designated uses establish the environmental objective of the waterbody."¹ With hundreds of people recreating on the 76-mile section of river below Peachtree Creek every year and numerous initiatives now underway to promote and increase access and activity, the "environmental objective" of this stretch of the Chattahoochee should be designated as recreation. Upstream of Peachtree Creek, the river's designation for recreational use extends for 135 continuous miles to the river's headwaters. Downstream of New River, the Chattahoochee is designated for recreation for another 67 miles. It is time to close the gap, and recognize the 76-mile section of river between Atlanta and West Point Lake as the vibrant and actively used resource for recreation that it is.

2. Revision to definition of "Natural Conditions" Definitions, Ga. R. & Regs. 391-3-6-.03(3)(i)

EPD proposes to revise the definition of "Natural Conditions" to include pH among the "collection of conditions for a particular waterbody used to develop numeric criteria for water quality standards which are based on natural conditions." CRK requests that EPD provide a full, reasoned explanation for the proposed addition of pH to the collection of natural conditions. No such explanation has been provided so far in presentations or materials from the agency nor has any guidance from EPA been supplied that justifies or supports the revision.

3. EPD should move forward with the inclusion of more protective numeric criteria for selenium in state water quality standards. General Criteria for All Waters, Ga. R. & Regs. 391-3-6-.03(5)(e)(ii)(9)

EPD's initial Triennial Review proposal to stakeholders included a revision to selenium criteria, based on EPA's 2016 recommendations for freshwater selenium criteria. However, in the current proposal, EPD does not intend to adopt the EPA Recommended 2016 Aquatic Life Selenium Criteria. *See, e.g.*, Georgia EPD Presentation for 2016 Triennial Review, slide 32 of 50 (12/13/2017 DRAFT).

EPD declines to adopt the more protective standard because purportedly the agency's laboratory current methods cannot reliably test to a reporting limit below the value of EPA's recommended criteria. It is hard to believe that EPA would recommend numeric criteria for which its approved laboratory methods could not accurately test. CRK requests that EPD fully explain its reasoning for declining to adopt EPA's recommended selenium criteria, including an evaluation of whether there are alternative laboratory EPA-approved laboratory methods that could be adopted which would reliably report down below the EPA recommended criteria.

With the significant volumes of coal ash currently being moved into and out of storage ponds across the state, wastewater from these coal ash ponds is being discharged into the Chattahoochee and other rivers. We know that selenium is one constituent of concern present in coal ash wastewater. It is prudent for EPD to move forward with the inclusion of protective numeric criteria for selenium.

¹Georgia Water Quality Standards (11/5/15) - <https://epd.georgia.gov/georgia-water-quality-standards>

4. EPA should move forward with E.coli bacteria criteria for secondary contact waters (streams with a designated use of “Drinking Water Supplies” and “Fishing”). Specific Criteria for Classified Water Usage, Ga. R. & Regs. 391-3-6-.03(6)(a)(i)(2) and 391-3-6-.03(6)(c)(iii)(2).

We applaud EPD for proposing to upgrade the bacteria standard for streams designated as “Drinking Water” and “Fishing” (secondary contact waters) from fecal coliform to E. coli. Epidemiological studies show that E. coli is a better indicator of the presence of human-derived fecal bacteria in freshwater and a better indicator of health risk from water contact. EPA now recommends that E. coli is the best indicator of human health risk from recreational contact with freshwater.

The new proposed bacteria standard recommends that E. coli levels in secondary contact waters should not exceed a geometric mean of 630 cfu/ml and a statistical threshold value (“STV”) of 2050 cfu/ml in November – April. During the warm weather months (May – October), E. coli levels should not exceed a geometric mean of 126 cfu/ml and a statistical threshold value (“STV”) of 410 cfu/ml.

The latest draft of the 2016 revisions to Georgia Water Quality Standards specifies that the current fecal coliform criteria shall apply in streams designated as “Drinking Water” and “Fishing” until EPA approves the proposed E. coli criteria for secondary contact waters. We are confident that EPA will support this proposal. Other states in EPA Region 4, including Alabama and Tennessee, have adopted bacteria criteria for E. coli in secondary contact waters similar to the E. coli criteria EPD is proposing through this Triennial Review process (5 times the recreational standard). We encourage EPD to push EPA to approve the E. coli criteria proposed for secondary contact waters when they approve these proposed revisions to Georgia Water Use and Water Quality Standards.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations. We ask that you please respond to these comments in writing. CRK welcomes the opportunity for further meaningful discussions on these issues. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Jeselnik, General Counsel, at kjeselnik@chattahoochee.org or 404-352-9828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Ulseth". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Jason Ulseth
Riverkeeper
Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

Exhibit A – Map of 16 Frequented River Access Points between Peachtree Creek and New River
10 Boat Ramps | 6 Other Frequented Access Points (improved & informal) | 3 New Access Points Planned

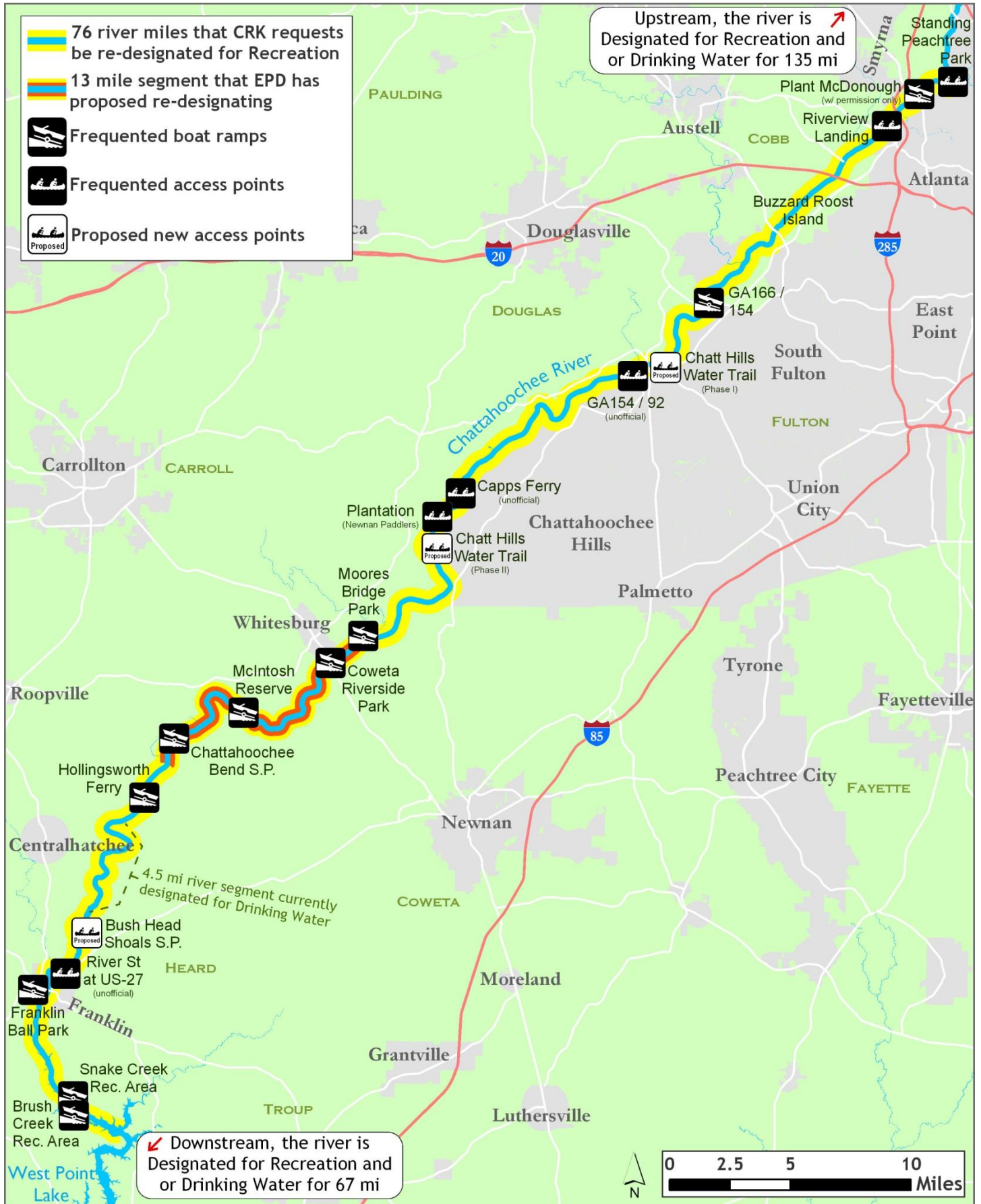


Exhibit B – Selection of Organized Chattahoochee River Paddle Trips between Peachtree Creek and New River for 5-year period of 2013-2017 | 104 Days on River | 89 Trips | 1,801 Trip Participants

Year (5)	Month	Date (if known)	Days on River (104)	Participants (1801)	Start Location	End Location	Organizer
2017	November		1	6	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2017	October	10/21/17-10/22/17	2	36	McIntosh	Franklin	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2017	October	10/7/2017	1	15	Moores Bridge	McIntosh	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2017	October		1	10	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2017	October		1	36	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2017	September		1	30	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2017	August		1	12	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2017	July		1	12	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2017	June	6/11/2017	1	27	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2017	May		1	7	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2017	April		1	10	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2017	March	3/11/2017	1	31	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2017	March	3/25/2017	1	16	Coweta Park	Chatt Bend SP	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2017	March		1	6	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2017	February		1	10	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2017	January		1	7	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2016	December		1	4	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2016	December		1	7	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2016	November		1	13	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2016	October	10/15/16-10/16/16	2	27	McIntosh	Franklin	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2016	September		1	22	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2016	August		1	9	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2016	July	7/23/16	1	36	Riverview Landing	Hwy 166/154	Georgia Conservancy
2016	July		1	8	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2016	July		1	12	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2016	July		1	14	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2016	June		1	9	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2016	June		1	10	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2016	April	4/9/2016	1	13	Chatt Bend SP	Chatt Bend SP	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2016	April	4/30/16-4/31/16	2	17	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2016	April		1	7	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2016	April		1	7	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2016	March		1	4	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2016	March		1	7	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2015	October	10/16/15-10/18/15	3	33	McIntosh	Franklin	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2015	October	10/24/15-10/25/15	2	12	Coweta Park	Chatt Bend SP	Georgia Conservancy
2015	October		1	13	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2015	September		1	10	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2015	August		1	3	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2015	July	7/25/15	1	56	Riverview Landing	Hwy 166/154	Georgia Conservancy
2015	July		1	6	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2015	July		1	9	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2015	July		1	14	Coweta Park	Chatt Bend SP	EcoAddendum

Year (5)	Month	Date (if known)	Days on River (104)	Participants (1801)	Start Location	End Location	Organizer
2015	June		1	8	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2015	June		1	2	Coweta Park	Chatt Bend SP	EcoAddendum
2015	May	5/16/17-5/17/17	2	17	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2015	May		1	7	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2015	April	4/11/15	1	13	Chatt Bend SP	Chatt Bend SP	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2015	April	4/11/15	1	8	Coweta Park	Chatt Bend SP	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2015	April		1	8	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	December		1	6	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	October	10/17/14-10/19/14	3	33	McIntosh	Franklin	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2014	October	10/18/14-10/19/14	2	20	Coweta Park	Chatt Bend SP	Georgia Conservancy
2014	October		1	10	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	September		1	4	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	August		1	4	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2014	August		1	19	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	July	7/19/14	1	70	Riverview Landing	Hwy 166/154	Georgia Conservancy
2014	July		1	7	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2014	July		1	7	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	June	6/24/14-6/27/14	4	450	Riverview Landing	Franklin	Georgia River Network
2014	June		1	7	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2014	June		1	9	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2014	June		1	2	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	May		1	2	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2014	April	4/12/14	1	39	Chatt Bend SP	Chatt Bend SP	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2014	April	4/12/14	1	28	Riverview Landing	Riverview Landing	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2014	April		1	5	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2014	April		1	8	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	March	3/8/14-3/9/14	2	25	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2014	March		1	9	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2014	March		1	3	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2014	March		1	6	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2014	February		1	10	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2013	November	11/02/13	1	14	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2013	November		1	9	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2013	October	10/12/13-10/13/13	2	33	McIntosh	Franklin	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
2013	October		1	7	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2013	August		1	20	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2013	August		1	25	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2013	July		1	20	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2013	July		1	10	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2013	July		1	21	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2013	June		1	20	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2013	May	5/18/13	1	83	Plant McDonough	Hwy 166/154	Georgia River Network
2013	May		1	7	Chatt Bend SP	Franklin	Newnan Paddlers
2013	April		1	20	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers
2013	March		1	5	Plantation	Moores Bridge	Newnan Paddlers
2013	January		1	8	Moores Bridge	Chatt Bend SP	Newnan Paddlers

Exhibit C – Photographs of River Users Recreating on the Chattahoochee River between Peachtree Creek and New River

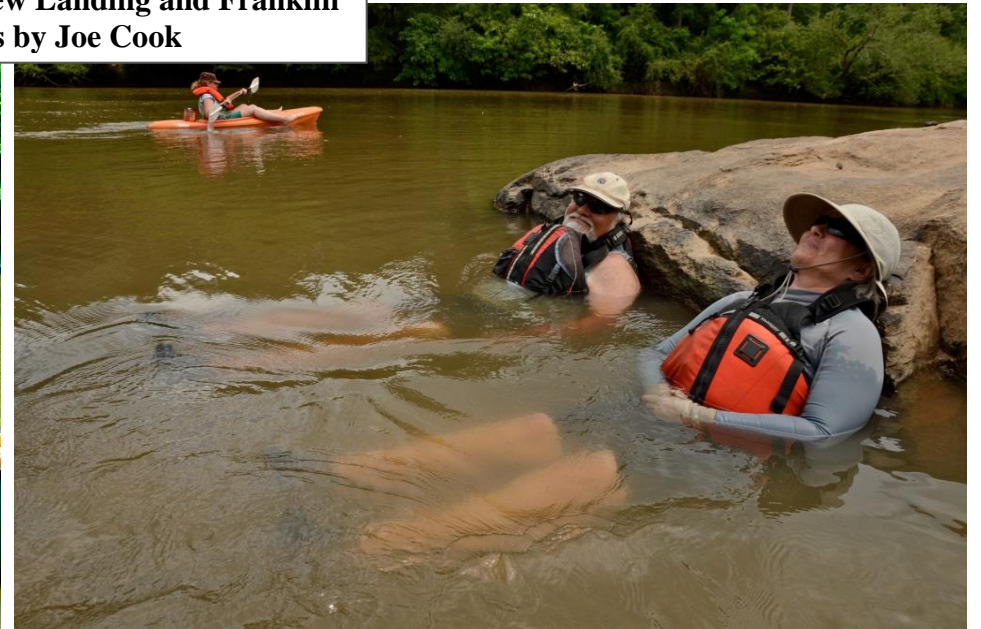


**Georgia River Network - Paddle GA (June 2014)
Taken between Riverview Landing and Franklin
Photographs by Joe Cook**





**Georgia River Network - Paddle GA (June 2014)
Taken between Riverview Landing and Franklin
Photographs by Joe Cook**





**Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Trip (October 2017)
Taken between McIntosh Reserve and Franklin
Photographs by Clint Miller and CRK Staff**



Exhibit D – 516 Signatures and 245 Comments Collected Supporting Chattahoochee Riverkeeper’s Designated Use Request

Signatures were collected from 1/11/17 - 1/26/17 in response to the following request from Chattahoochee Riverkeeper: “Sign your name below to ask Georgia’s Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to update the Designated Use of the Chattahoochee between Peachtree Creek and West Point Lake (where the Chattahoochee meets the New River) to be consistently designated for ‘Recreational Use.’” Signatures have been organized below so that those with comments appear first. Email addresses have been omitted to protect individuals’ privacy and can be provided to EPD if required. Timestamp data is also available upon request.

Name <i>(Last names removed from public version for privacy)</i>	Zip	Share any additional comments for EPD about how you spend time on the section of the Chattahoochee River between Atlanta and West Point Lake (i.e. paddling, swimming, wading, fishing) and why it should be redesignated for Recreational Use
John	30265	Dear EPD. I am writing to seek support for a higher recreational designation of the Chattahoochee River from Atlanta to Franklin, Ga.. This beautiful, wild section of the river is home to abundant bird and wild life. There are multiple access points for the numerous kayak, canoe and floating trips enjoyed by thousands year round. The exciting shoals are plentiful and yet not above Class II in difficulty which makes this 69 mile section ideal for paddlers of all levels. This is such a wonderful means of enjoying the wonders of nature not far from home. Eagles, Osprey, hawks, deer, river otter, turtles are all seen along this section which adds to the beauty. Camping, fishing, tubing are common activities also seen here. Thank you for your support. Sincerely. John _____ Organizer - NewnanPaddlers.
Sherry	30265	I have paddled these sections of the river many times, from Capps Ferry through West Point Lake. My husband and I take my two children, and we routinely swim from the many convenient rock islands, depending on weather. These sections are precious - we see bald eagles, otters, herons, deer, etc. From the Hwy 16, CBSP or the Franklin boat ramps, we routinely see fishermen, tubers, and other paddlers on the river. There is no question these areas are used for recreation. What's more, recreation on the river should (and likely will, with the addition of new boat access points) be encouraged to bring even more people to enjoy these activities, and spend money in the area while doing so. Ensuring the water is clean is absolutely necessary to increase this kind of tourism. In the meantime, there are plenty of locals that will and do use the river all the time for recreational purposes.
Claudia	30269	I paddle a lot on the river and we also have a boat on Lake West Point. I believe it is extremely important to better protect and guard this beautiful and important treasure. We should do this not only for ourselves but for future generations and maybe we'll even attract tourists to our wonderful waterway.
Peggy	30350	I paddle here quite often enjoying the river and scenery and always see lots of people doing the same. Fishing, boating, swimming are enjoyed by all.
John	30327	We own several miles of river front in this section and use this river weekly for recreation, paddling, and swimming.

Sign your name below to ask Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to update the Designated Use of the Chattahoochee between Peachtree Creek and West Point Lake (where the Chattahoochee meets the New River) to be consistently designated for "Recreational Use"

Name <i>(Last names removed from public version for privacy)</i>	Zip	Share any additional comments for EPD about how you spend time on the section of the Chattahoochee River between Atlanta and West Point Lake (i.e. paddling, swimming, wading, fishing) and why it should be redesignated for Recreational Use
Kaitline	30339	Friends and I wade & paddle in this water every week, at least once a week!
Mary	30022	I paddle the river and have paddled, waded and just enjoyed sections of the 'Hooch between Atlanta and West Point Lake a number of times with family and friends. I have seen many others enjoying the River as well. This section of the River should be redesignated for Recreational use as many a memory and smile has been created for families and individuals who have enjoyed its beauty.
April	30601	I've taken many paddling trips through this beautiful section of the Chattahoochee - as have thousands of others. It is used for recreation and should be designated for recreational use.
Thomas	30268	I love to canoe the river. I also find it patently unfair that the southern arc of the river (less affluent, more diverse) doesn't have the same protections as the northern arc. The Atlanta Region has an unhappy legacy of redlining. Lt's end that on the river NOW.
Clifford	30268	I have canoed this stretch of the river, and it is beautiful. It is a vital part of my community. Chattahoochee Hills now has two potential boat landing sites -- two riverside parcels of land. What a delight it would be to see children and families boating on the water and connecting with nature!
Judy	30268	I kayak often! Usually near Whitesburg and McIntosh. Would love to have more access!
Elizabeth	30030	As a stream ecologist, I spend time in Atlanta's streams and rivers for work, but I also love swimming and paddling for fun. The Chattahoochee between Atlanta and West Point Lake is conveniently accessible for recreation to the over 5 million people in the Atlanta metro area. Folks from the city, the suburbs, and the rural areas all deserve to have a swimmable, wadeable river that is safe for paddling, too.
Miranda	30135	My husband and I love to paddle between South Fulton and Carroll Counties.
Doug	30309	This is a beautiful section of the river for paddling and is an amazing recreational resource. Please preserve the Chattahoochee!!
Dee	30344	I kayak in this part of the Chattahoochee River with some frequency, so I know how beautiful and fragile it is. Please protect and preserve it by designating it for recreation!! Thank you.
Allen	30559	I have paddled (kayaked) this section of the Chattahoochee many times and I often see Bald Eagle's, Heron's nesting, River Otter's and a variety of other wildlife. There are beautiful waterfalls along the way. It is a one of my favorite sections of the Chattahoochee as well as many, many paddler's I know and have paddled this section with over the years.

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Dean	31833	I have paddled this section of the Chattahoochee several years in both a kayak and in canoes, in both organized groups and small independent groups. This area should receive more attention than it does. All people that paddle it appreciate what it has to offer.
Laura	30240	I have paddled, fished. and floated this section of the river many, many times. Please designate this section for Recreational Use.
Marty	30116	As Chairman of Carroll County we have spent 6M in SPLOST funds buying and enhancing river property. We fully support the change in designation!!!
Barbara	30281	This section of the river is used by my family members in a number of recreational activities, such as paddling, fishing, wading and swimming. Both upstream and downstream sections of the river are held to higher quality standards. It is time that this 76 miles is also held to a higher quality standard for the added safety of the public who use this area for recreation.
Paula	30188	I'm a huge supporter in protecting our Rivers not only as drinking water but for recreation as well. I'm an avid kayaker and would love to see the same standards, support, and love put into this 76 mile stretch. Let's do the right thing and close the 76 mile gap.
Bethany	30240	My school of 60+ students conducts science and ecology lessons in and around the water in this area. My family uses the river recreationally almost weekly throughout the year: swimming, paddling, boating, fishing. My brother operates a kayak rental business on the river in West Point.
Greg	30263	This part of the River is a huge recreation area for the often ignored Southside of ATL. South Fulton, Carroll, Coweta & Heard County residents as well as visitors from all over utilize this section on day & overnight trips. Chattahoochee Bend State Park & McIntosh Park are mid-section anchors that increase draw to these waters. As an involved Coweta native I know we've had to clean up after and fight for years against power of ATL City neglect for our section of the Hooch. It's time the State stepped up to help this important immediate downstream of ATL section of water. Thank you in advance for doing the right thing.
Judy	30041	I have paddled kayaks / waded / camped on that section of the river many times.
Scott	30263	My family lives in Coweta County and use the river for paddling from Chattahoochee Bend State Park. Residents below Atlanta deserve to have the same water quality as above. I was surprised to find out that we do not have the same protections.
Randa	30108	I have paddled this area and fished it many times, and believe it deserves a recreational use.

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Anne	30030	Wading, usually with grandchildren in tow. This section of the Chattahoochee is an important natural resource for tens of thousands (at a minimum) of metro Atlantans. We have no other river in the area and no other natural resource that exceeds its importance.
Sally	30309	I have taken more than 50 trips on the Chattahoochee below Atlanta over the past two and a half decades - paddling, camping and hiking along the riverbanks; this section includes some of the most beautiful river reaches on the entire length of the Chattahoochee River: abundant wildlife, a vibrant fishery, interesting cultural history on adjacent lands and more. The river between Atlanta and West Point Lake, long considered off-limits for pollution problems, is a hidden treasure that must receive the recognition and protection that it deserves.
Mike	30055	I have often spend time on the Chattahoochee between Atlanta and West Point. I've paddled, waded and done retriever training all along that stretch. I would like to see that entire stretch of the river designated for Recreation Use.
Austin	30324	I love kayaking and fishing these beautiful waters! Designating the stretch for recreational use will allow my children to safely paddle/swim/fish these waters for the future!
Daniel	30327	The time has come to designate the Chattahoochee from Atlanta to West Point lake for recreational use. In fact, it is being so used more and more. State and County parks are being planned and constructed all along the lower parts of this section. I am working with the city of Chattahoochee Hills to develop recreational access for that city's thirty two miles of river frontage. We need assurance that the water quality and quantity will be appropriate to support safe and healthy recreation on the section of the river. I understand why this section was not initially designated for recreation. Twenty years ago, no one had any interest in recreating in it foul waters. Things have drastically charged since then, thanks to billions of dollars spent by the taxpayers and water users of the City of Atlanta and Cobb County. The Water is now pleasant enough that it is very tempting to recreate in, and people are doing so. EPD needs to protect these people and attract other people to enjoy this wonderful recreational resource by bringing its designation up to recreational use.

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Billy	30214	My family and I spend countless hours per year on the Middle Hooch kayaking and swimming with friends and community members. Its such a wonderful and undeveloped section of the river. We participate in cleanups, and community efforts. I would like to see this section redesignated to Recreational use to protect the environment, wildlife, and ecosystems in and around the river. As well as protecting the individuals that use this river from harmful pollutants that wash downstream. It is a beautiful section of river and we should make sure it stays that way. Please redesignate this section of river to Recreational use and keep our rivers clean, fun , and accessible to all those who want to enjoy its splendor.
Hayley	30312	Tubing, paddling, and wading with my dog! Why should water quality standards be lower between two sections held to a higher standard?
Pearl	30307	I swim every summer in this section of the Chattahoochee - I want it clean for our families and pets!
Gene	30263	i live on the river just below plant yates, done alot of clean ups over the years and it shows, one of the greatest parts of the chattahoochee to paddle and fish, alot of paddlers , tubers from whitesburg to mcintosh and down to the state park on a daily bases . Please help us keep are river clean.
L.	30170	The Development Authority of Heard County is entering an intergovernmental agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to build a kayak and canoe park on the Chattahoochee River approximately three miles north of Franklin, GA. Please take steps to improve the water quality for the entire stretch south of Atlanta! Thank you.
Mark	30263	I kayak this section of the river frequently.
Jeremy	30214	I would love to see this section of the river held to higher standards. I paddle on this section of the river at least 10 times per year.
Eddie	36854	My friends and I kayak all year long on that part of the river and help clean it up but it will take a lot mare than us.
Lindsey	30214	During the summer, I spend almost every weekend on the water kayaking on the Chattahoochee river south of Atlanta. Less frequently in the spring and fall but you'll still find me on my kayak from time to time! It's an amazingly beautiful river, the closest kayak-able river to me, and I know many people who enjoy recreational (and fishing!) time on this river. Please protect this water so that generations to come can enjoy the river too.

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Thomas	30263	Yearround paddler on Hooch south of Atlanta Usually make weekly trips except for extreme wether in winter months Enjoy shoals, ledges chutes as well as flat water sections, stopping to enjoy rock formations, bluffs, islands and abundant wildlife. A real treasure!
Dennis	30116	I am a frequent paddler on this section of the Chatt, and would certainly like to see it receive better protection.
Michael	30230	I paddle the section between whitesburg and Franklin on a regular basis. With this designation hopefully more people will be out enjoying the water so we can build more put in and take out areas
Mark	30144	I kayak on this section of the river, on average, about once per month. It would be a great loss to my paddling group and me if this area wasn't redesignated for recreational use.
Walt	30306	My partner and I have recently purchased a canoe and we've taken kayak lessons in preparation to be more comfortable exploring the Chattahoochee River by boat. Last summer/fall, we covered about 30-miles on two different trips down the river and went on one camping trip south of Atlanta. We've also been hiking and have attempted to take driving tours along the banks (difficult to find roads, but we're making progress). I also have been boating on this section of the river (about 32 miles). We hope to cover even more of the river and have recruited a group of friends to join us, now that we're getting more familiar with the opportunities.
Dana	30230	I use this river yearly to fish and boat. please consider changing it to recreational use.
Alice	30338	The Chattahoochee River is a premier recreational resource for both the people of Georgia and to attract tourism dollars. I regularly paddle the rivers of Georgia, and would love to see the section between Atlanta and West bend Point Lake designated for Recreational Use. This designation would extend the same water quality protections that other parts of the river enjoy, helping to ensure the health and safety of those who use the river to play.
Michael	30528	Paddling the "hooch" from the headwaters to the coast is fantastic trip. Help us keep ALL of it safe and clean as possible!
Robin	30024	It's a great place to kayak
Bonny	30518	This area is beautiful and should be protected and enjoyed

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Michael	30067	I fish this section dozens of times a year, i love the scenery and exploring. It should be protected.
Ronald	30312	Among paddling, fishing, or just standing on the river bank and admiring the view and wildlife, the Chattahoochee is a most valuable resource to myself and many more in this area
Chris	30075	I make a living guiding fly fishing and hunting trips along the river
Dena	30533	I paddled this section of the Chattahoochee. It was a beautiful area. I feel it should be a protected area for paddling and other non-motorized water recreation.
Boris	30307-2121	This is a great resource for Georgians that needs to be protected for future generations to enjoy. Paddling down it and enjoying its serenity and beauty is a real treat!! Thank you.
James	30265	I spend a considerable amount of time each year paddling on the Chattahoochee between Whitesburg (HWY 16 bridge) and Franklin GA. This stretch of the river is truly magical, it is a must see part of Georgia.
Scott	30306	We paddled this section and kept tipping over. Not the river's fault.
Alicia	30030	We have paddled the Chattahoochee from Macintosh Reserve to the headwaters of Westpoint Lake... mostly as part of Group Paddles led by the wonderful Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. This part of the river is most accessible to us from our Decatur home--- and the combination of mostly quiet water and just a little bit of excitement at small shoals is perfect for our level of paddle expertise! This sections should be redesignated for Recreational Use because this will bring more paddlers, boaters, fisher-folk, etc from nearby areas to enjoy and then advocate for protection and care of our beautiful river.
Ellen	30033	I have paddled this portion of the Chattahoochee each of the last two falls. It is beautiful. I loved the opportunity to spend time in this quiet part of Georgia nature.
David	30117	I paddle my canoe and fish between Whitesburg and Franklin. This is a very beautiful section with abundant wildlife and Bald Eagles! Please designate for Recreational Use.
Mark	30030	I enjoy rafting along this section of the river.
Clare	30318	My husband and boys kayak and fish all areas of the Chattahoochee. We would like this area to be updated and included as Recreational Area too so it can safely be used by all!

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ANDREA	30033	I love to kayak this river and observe wildlife in this area. Please help to preserve its quality!
Scott	30318	Have done many float trips from McIntosh Preserve to Franklin with a nights camping at Chatt Bend State Park at the end of the first days float. Good fishing and swimming opportunities exist along the way. Great resource that would be made better with more protection
Gail	30030	I paddled the Chattahoochee River with the Georgia River Network for an entire week in 2014. I was so impressed with the section south of Atlanta and the new state park at Chattahoochee Bend. Please increase the protections for this section so that it remains a wild and unspoiled place for recreation and boating.
Tom	30075	I have paddled this section of the river on multiple occasions, and feel it deserves to be protected for recreational use. Please do not allow anyone to degrade the water quality of this beautiful public river.
Marc	30068	This section of the river is used for recreational purposes and should be protected using higher standards. It is not solely used by industry. Thanks!
Bill	30041	I have paddled this section several times it is beautiful.
Alan	30117	I have paddled this section of our river.
Tim	30185	I paddle and fish on that section. My grandkids are learning kayaking and fishing skills with me there. More access is needed above the Moore's Bridge boat ramp .
Elizabeth	30268	I live in Chattahoochee Hills, GA on a tributary of the Chattahoochee River, Little Bear Creek. I frequently take a drive on Old Cochran Rd. just to get to see as much of the Chattahoochee as possible. By avocation I am a naturalist and wish that there was more access to the River but it is totally ignored on this stretch because of water quality. We miss so much by not caring for this valuable and precious river. Especially this stretch of it. A Recreation Use designation will be a valuable tool in giving metro Atlantans access to a healthy Chattahoochee River.
Scott	30327	It is a perfect destination for relaxing paddling, and I often see people (individuals and groups) across this stretch.
Samantha	30102	This section of the Chattahoochee should be designated for recreational use so my friends and I as well as surrounding communities can spend time paddling and exploring the river.

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Mark	30096	I am a boating fisherman, primarily in search of striped bass. This section of river is unique, in that it offers an amazing run of fish that come up from West Point Lake, and I believe are spawning successfully, and deserves special protection. I often launch at Campbellton Road and fish upstream and downstream from there. The fishing can be good, and there are pretty spots, but the river in that stretch could really use some love. I also like to launch at Chattahoochee Bend State Park, and at Franklin. Please provide the same protections and standards to the section of river between Atlanta and West Point as the Buford Tailwater receives.
Ken	30075	I feel strongly that protections are needed to preserve this section of the Chattahoochee for recreational use along with fishing use. This way, developers and land owners will be subject to tighter scrutiny in their developments and planned projects along this stretch of the river.
Mark	30306	Great area to fish now that the water quality has improved.
Steve	30265	Our section of the Chattahoochee has seen a lot of new riverside park development recently, most notably Georgia's 5th largest State Park, Chattahoochee Bend. The Friends of Chattahoochee Bend and park staff have frequent hike-and-paddle kayak and canoe trips. It would be awesome to counter people's comments about the water quality with, "The Hooch is actually cleaner than it's been in decades, and it's only going to get better, now that it's designated Recreational Use."
Diane	30236	We camp and use the water for boating, swimming and fishing. Recreational. It is a beautiful place and would so encourage you to protect the water for us and the other living animals! Thank you!
Jake	3070	Since moving here a couple years ago I have enjoyed spending time looking at the beauty of the River from several different locations. Would like to be able to swim fish canoe kayak paddle board as they're able to due to our North. Please allow this section of the Chattahoochee be designated for recreational use for all who will enjoy.
Lee	30655	I have paddled that river and that section many times, and its preservation is of paramount importance. In the current anti-environmental climate, even more important.
Emily	30318	I live along the river near the Atlanta Riverside neighborhood. I use the trails for hiking and walking.
Valerie	30101	Please update the Designated Use of the Chattahoochee between Peachtree Creek and West Point Lake (where the Chattahoochee meets the New River) to be consistently designated for “Recreational Use”

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Chris	30101	Please update the Designated Use of the Chattahoochee between Peachtree Creek and West Point Lake (where the Chattahoochee meets the New River) to be consistently designated for “Recreational Use”
Bastian	30033	I love paddling in the river.
Albert	30033	Hi! I go on boat trips and swim on this stretch of river and I would love to see it be designated as recreational!
Susan	30263	We use this section for kayaking , fishing and swimming.
Craig	30318	This is a portion of the river that is being targeted by many, many people and organizations and local governments for increased access and recreational use. It is happening now, and a recreational water use designation should recognize and match that. There is simply no reason to do otherwise. This section of river is entitled to the same goals and water quality as the adjacent sections of the Chattahoochee upstream and downstream.
Ben	30312	This area should definitely be redesignated for Recreational Use - it's a no-brainer for me an my family!
GEORGE	30265	i LOVE TO KAYAK THIS AREA ON THE WATER WITH ALL THE GROUP OF MEET=UP. WE OFTEN HAVE 15 TO 25 KAYAKS AND CONOES ALL TOGETHER. PLEASE UPGRADE THE RATINGS FOR THIS SECTION OF BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS. GOD BLESS.
Tracy	30269	I enjoy paddling this section of the Hooch. Let's please work to keep it clean.
Martin	30350	I like to kayak on the northern section of this and may hit the Columbus course this year with one of my recreational paddling meetup groups. Pls. designate this a recreational region of the river.
Al	30135	I spend most of my days on the Chatt, south of Douglasville. After Atlanta gets through with it, they send it downstream with little thought of water quality standards. When will we stop thinking that our river systems are nothing more than a way to flush things out to the ocean? The ocean has had enough. It also is dying and guess who's next? Please upgrade water quality standards.
Cheryl	30263	We enjoy trips in our kayaks going down the river.
Laura	30240	I hike at Chattahoochee Bend State Park and McIntosh Reserve. There are 2 sections my husband and I like to paddle between Newnan and Franklin.

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Stephen	30269	Please designate this waterway for recreational use because I think current and future generations will benefit immensely from recreational and exercise opportunities and the natural beauty preserved by such an action.
Kristen	30316	I swim with my dog
Jennifer	10530	I come visit my friends in ATL and we enjoy this beautiful area. Keep it beautiful!
Patricia	30067	I live further north, but that doesn't diminish my passion for keeping this area protected for those who paddle, swim and simply enjoy its beauty!
Matthew	30046	This section of the river should enjoy the same protections as the rest of the river.
Lane	30350	Everyone deserves the same opportunity to experience Nature in the city.
Sara	30307	The Middle Chattahoochee is a treasure that not enough Georgians value for recreation. Thank you for designating this segment of the Chattahoochee for Recreation Use!
Sue	30305	This section of the Chattahoochie qualifis and needs much greater protection.
Julia	30076	I live in Roswell, just across from the river. My husband and I are frequent paddlers. The entire river deserves the same protections that we have here.
Teresa	30101	Clean water is so important for our community!
Debbie	30345	We need clean water for recreation and we desperately need places to go to get exercise and enjoy nature. Environmentally clean places will be the most desirable places in the future. Protection is an investment in remaining viable.
Jeff	30030	I love to canoe and kayak and enjoy the whitewater rafting in Columbus GA. I also enjoy fishing all over the River
Linda	30316	If we don't protect these waters now, there will be little for our children and our children's children to enjoy. I want to leave a legacy of beauty for the people.
Nicole	30152	We float down the chattahoochee almost every other weekend in the summer.
Tiffany	31804	We need our rivers clean!

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Fran	30240	We live on West Point Lake in LaGrange area. We are out on the dock and enjoy the water and the surrounding wildlife. We volunteer by bringing water samples to our local CRK office each week.
Scott	30309	I love paddling ALL sections of the 'Hooch!
Artie	30259	The Chattahoochee River should be kept clean enough for swimming, fishing, paddling and other water activities. It is an important part of Atlanta and this area of Georgia.
Tim	30319	I spend time on the Chattahoochee River paddling from Helen, GA to the Gulf of Mexico. My current location is Morgan Dam.
Travis	30339	I spend approximately 70-80 days a year using the river for recreational opportunities like fishing, paddle boarding, kayaking, hiking, and scuba diving. It’s such a beautiful river that many animals call home like geese, ducks, nutria, beaver, shoal bass, striped bass, trout, panfish. It’s a shame we let our businesses and citizens dump trash into it like it’s a dump! I’ve seen first hand literally 1000’s of plastic bottles, basketballs, diapers, and other trash pouring out of rotten wood creek after a rain. There are 100s of tires on the stretch between powers ferry and paces mill. We need to DO SOMETHING to save the river for future generations.
Sara	30033	I have gone on paddling excursions on the river and plan to in the future. This river is an essential resource in this crowded metropolitan area of Atlanta. It is a place to commune with nature and refresh from the hustle and bustle of crazy city traffic and general frenetic pace of city living. Please do all you can to preserve the entire river for the sake of all of us and the nature it contains.
Brett	30033	I take my dogs to the river every week. It’s embarrassing and disappointing that the Georgia EPD isn’t doing everything in their power to protect the people of Georgia and our beautiful river.
Tammy	30144	I have kayaked this area. Please make this section of the river safer for all Georgians.
Diane	30230	I have recently purchased a home on West Point Lake and look forward to exploring it in a canoe. The amount of trash that ends up along the lake is incredible. We really need to protect our waterways and our beautiful lake so that my children and future grandchildren will have a place to enjoy.
Shaquetta	30331	It will the help community
Richard	30075	Kayaking this area, camping annually. Keep it pristine and beautiful!

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Cindy	30318	Donthe right thing! Protect our waters!
Roger	30307	We paddle on the river.
Woods	30327	After taking a class at my school (Westminster) about the impacts of the Chattahoochee river on a national level, I understand the importance of allowing areas to be marked as recreational. Recreational spaces on the water not only help the river, but also local business that rely on these spaces. Hopefully more people will learn about the vital importance that rivers (especially those with marked recreational areas) bring to their states.
Rebecca	30268	I have not spent time yet--just want to be able to kayak. It would mean a lot.
Lynda	30268	Why are high standards not a high priority for all watersheds?
Brenda	30268	The rivers beauty and health should be in tact for the South side residents to enjoy to fish and paddle safely
Diana	30230	My grandchildren an I enjoy swimming and fishing in the lake during the warm months. Cooking out in the parks are especially enjoyable. Please keep our water clean.
Roseann	30062	The greatest asset to our state is recreation. Showing the value of recreational waterways can only enhance the opportunities for Georgia to grow well!
James	30044	Have paddled on this stretch in the past.
Sarah	30220	I am an employee at Chattahoochee Bend State Park. I LOVE this river. It is a popular place for kayaks, canoes, fishing, tubing, and more. We NEED clean water to play in.
Joanna	30263	The are multiple swimming spots along the river that I my kids would like to use but I haven't let them due to health concerns. We use the river mainly for kayaking but it'd be nice to be able to take a dip when the weather gets hot.
William	30265	We enjoy kayaking, and live near this area. We would love to paddle this section, but the water is nasty (smell, and trash). We frequently drive further to paddle cleaner water.
Leigh	30344	I've spent time on the river south of Atlanta. Whether on the river or enjoying the land nearby for biking, it's important that we protect this natural resource.
Amy	30265	I think paddling, swimming, and fishing should always be available and safe in our waterway.

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Michael	30263	Beautiful stretch of river needs to be cleaner.
Alicia	30316	My husband and I kayak and would like our sons to be able to kayak with us, but we are concerned about the quality of the water.
Erin	30306	I look forward to spending time on the Chattahoochee every summer!
Ashley	30277	It would be nice to be able to go here with my family.
Todd	30318	I live very close to the river in this non-recreational area and want to see it become a place to be able to go and Kayak and enjoy the water without worrying about contamination. This will help improve quality of life and property value for many Atlanta residents. Please make it happen!
Kavin	30316	I swim with my dogs
Sharanya	30316	I have been canoeing on this section of the river, and would like for it to be safe for recreational use.
Joey	30318	<p>In June 2017 my wife and I bought a home in the Riverside neighborhood of Atlanta adjacent to the Chattahoochee. The proximity to the river was a major selling point for us when we purchased our home. I am also an avid river kayaker and have explored most sections of the Chattahoochee as it runs through the Palisades into the Vinings area and on down to my house in Riverside. The river and its surroundings through this section are quite beautiful all the way to the water treatment facilities which is, of course, right where the current Recreation and Drinking Water designation ends. After this point at Marietta road the transition to an industrially impacted river is stark. The appearance as well as the smell of the river changes quite dramatically and the impact from even a hand full of industries (The municipal water treatment facilities for ATL and Cobb county, CW Matthews, GA Power's Plant McDonough-Atkinson, and Argos cement) is very evident. The idea that any section of the Chattahoochee river would not have some sort of protections is criminal especially when one considers that the unprotected section of river is below the city of Atlanta which has a number of industries such as the ones listed above impacting the river. As the river flows away from the city many people downstream see the influences of ATL citizens who are disconnected from the impact that we create. These miles of river south of Atlanta should receive the same sort of protection that we apply to the river upstream. Unfortunately many city dwellers prefer to remain ignorant to our impacts so long as we keep the river clean for our own benefits.</p>

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Lindsey	30316	I like to swim and wade in the Chattahoochee with my kids. It should be for recreational use!
FARrah	30316	My friends and I do an annual paddle trip on the Chattahoochee and have recently taken up paddle boarding too. This area should be designated for recreational use!
Jamie	30030	I love the Chattahoochee. I paddle and swim in the river with my friends every year. This section of river should be designated for recreation!
Pat	30143	Paddle on Paddle Ga try 2014. Loved it
Frederic	30310	I frequent this area to escape the craziness of city living.
Ned	30548	Designate for recreational use
Stephanie	30310	I grew up along the Chattahoochee and would love to see this area available for swimming, wading, hiking, paddle boarding, tubing, fishing, etc. It is a great educational tool and natural resource.
Jan	30263	I volunteer at CBSp, and this is my section. I say this affectionately, because I know I share this ownership with many. I am dedicated to preserving my section of "The Hooch"!
Gregory	30324	Why has it taken this long EPD to recognize the obvious benefit of treating this section of river with the respect in surely deserves.
Kristen	30030	I love spending time paddling, swimming and wading in the Chattahoochee. This section of river should be designated for Recreation. Thank you.
Tara	30324	I regularly paddle and float on this section of the Chattahoochee (especially near Chattahoochee Bend SP), and also regularly hike along several sections of the River and its tributaries along this range. As I, my friends, and our dogs are regularly in this water, I definitely think they should be protected for recreational use and regularly monitored for harmful contaminants!
Cynthia	31774	Protecting this portion of the river is vital to human and animal existence. It's less costly to keep a river healthy than having to restore a rivers eco system after it has been damaged.
Ginny	35124	Kayaking, swimming, wading
Michael	30507	Paddling

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Mark	30047	I'm requesting that the Chattahoochee river water quality be increased on this section of the river, because the Recreation boaters usage of the river. there is no valid excuse not to increase the quality targets. Cost of compliance is not a valid excuse when dealing with public waterways. Its a reasonable expected public service and public safeguard, that we expect from our Govt.
Karin	30265	Paddling, Swimming
Robert	30215	Kayaking, watching eagles
Laura	30265	paddling
Douglas	30265	Kayaking
Keith	30316	While there exists a reach of the Chattahoochee from Standing Indian down stream through south Fulton that I would be dubious of swimming, raising the designated use to RECREATION would provide incentive to continue the efforts to maintain and improve the quality of this magnificent river. It is incumbent on EPD to forward to ensure the Chattahoochee and all rivers throughout Georgia are managed for continuous improvement of water quality.
Jordan	30316	The section of the Chattahoochee under question needs more protection. Current levels of pollution make swimming and wading unsafe.
Joanne	31833	Our friends and family enjoy the lake, but so much trash and needles wash up on the shore that sometimes it is unsafe. Please help protect it so it is safe for swimming, boating and our stand up paddle boards!
Douglas	30076	Middle GA should add further protection of this precious resource. If metro Atlanta can protect the waters from industry, middle Ga can protect the waters from agriculture.
William	30318	Swimming
isham	30189	Floating the river and fishing. Obviously catch-and-release as the fish are probably not safe to eat.
Chris	30339	I enjoy fishing, paddling and hiking along the Chattahoochee
Gregory	30080	It's time we protect what is so valuable and vital to us all.
JAY	30082	FISHING PADDLING AND BOATING

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Allan	30082	paddling, McIntosh Reserve
Hailey	30263	Kayaking hiking rafting
Cecelia	30263	Fishing kayak hike
Herndon	30268	kayak, fishing
Charles	30213	Paddling
Sheryl	30213	Swimming, paddling and wading.
Hugh	30268	No access in Chatt Hills
David	30268	You must include fishing and hunting in this effort as well
Jennifer	30075	paddling, wading
Michael	30360	All of the above. Love it !
Nancy	30047	Paddling, swimming & wading.
Eddie	30205	Nature
James	30180	Kayak and fishing
Shamsh	30338	Wading in river
Darlene	30078	I like Nature Hikes
Will	30305	Fishing. Let the hooch be protected. Please
Todd	30185	Fishing, kayaking

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April	30033	Kayaking, fishing, wading and swimming
Ashley	15206	Paddling swimming and fishing
Matthew	30339	Floating and swimming
Madison	30318	Fly fishing, One of the most beautiful areas in Atlanta.
Caleb	30309	Fishing and swimming and tubing
Richard	30030	Paddling Canoe & Kayak
William	30213-1837	paddling, wading
Paul	30241	Fishing
James	30339	Kayaking, Swimming, Tubing
Thomas	30041	Rivers are the lifeblood of our culture, not waste disposal systems. It is far more economically effective to keep them clean rather than to have to clean them up. Please plan ahead like adults.
Chris	30268	I am concerned about the water quality once it flows through Atlanta and reaches our part of Fulton County. I hope that such a designation will help improve water quality so bacteria levels and overall water quality is good enough to not pose a health risk if your in the river
Sharon	30354	exploring
Leah	30230	We swim, kayak, fish in the northern part of the lake.
Laura	30117	wading
Shane	30263	Canoeing and fishing.
Charles	30213	We need a clean river for everyone!

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Tammy	30052	Paddling
Lucinda	30230	fishing
Brendan	30324	The entire river throughout Atlanta is disgusting and lined with garbage. The least the government can do is enforce better water quality standards.
Connor	30318	Fishing
Brett	30265	Kayak and fishing
Robert	30263	Why do humans pollute our own source of life?
Kathy	30078	Kayaking
Curt	30277	Fishing, kayaking, bird and wildlife watching. Need to somehow curb the garbage and chemicals that flow down from Atlanta....
John	30277	Canoeing and kayaking.
Pamela	30263	Paddling
Amy	30265	Rafting and kayaking down the hooch.
Bruce	30033	Polluted water is not bound by its river banks it moves well beyond these borders. Clean water is essential to our future to stop pollutants from migrating from water into the air we breathe, and plants we eat and causing cancer to 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men.
Thomas	30318	I like to walk to the Chattahoochee River and just enjoy the comfort of nature. However in the Whittier Mill Village & Riverside area the river banks are not maintained and there is no public access thus making it unusable for recreation. It is also ugly and full of debris.
Lisandro	30316	Make the Chattahoochee officially fun!
Amy	30064	Limit bacteria!!!

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Kelly	30277	I am a kayaker and paddle boarder and am very concerned with the condition of the river water in this section of the Chattahoochee. I worry for my family's health and safety when we are on this section of the river.
Katherine	30316	Save the Hooch for FUN!
Bill	30312	I love to float down the Chattahoochee river in tubes and also in Kayaks on nice warm days!
Rachel	30310	I love playing in the water during those HOT summer months!
Gail	30265	Vital to all of the above& human beings and animals alike
Anna	30315	Paddling and swimming!
Matthew	30340	Swimming and boating
Craig	30307	Please designate this section of the Chattahoochee as for recreational use -- I love canoeing on the river and swimming in it is such a great break from the heat of summer.
Tenzin	30345	BTS
Cora	30341	swimming
Nicolas	30341	swimming
Weston	30345	swimming
Carlos	30041	paddling
Diana	30341	Wading
Miranda	30341	I like the feel of water
Crystal	30341	water is vital to life
Joyce	36870	I raised my kids on that river. They are grown now.

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jacob	30126	why not?
Rissa	30319	Kayaking
Caroline	30318	Dog walking and swimming
Veronica	30318	Tubing, kayaking, fishing
Robert	30240	Protect protect protect!
Kirkland	30024	Canoeing, cleaning up litter at the settles Bridge NWA
Michael	30308	You don't know what you have until you lose it.
Paul	30344	kayaking
Trenton	30263	I love the river, we weren't allowed to play in it much as kids because of the pollution from ATL and the airport. Love the parks in the area and would love to see a cleaner river for the new generation!
Brett	30318	biking, hiking, paddling, swimming, wading, fishing
Lynsey	30240	
Doris	35242	
Tonya	30047	
anna	30269	
Nina	30316	
Alex	30308	
Donald	30214	

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Abe	30317	
Grace	30306	
Roger	30017	
Bob	30068	
Elsie	30324	
C	30075	
dj	30339	
John	30504	
Tammy	30127	
David	30312	
Daniel	30317	
Patrick	30024	
Avis	30022	
Kyle	30030	
Walter	30076	
Danny	31836	
Jeff	30075	

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Sam	30004	
Sharon	30066	
Craig	30022	
Bruce	30135	
Terrie	30350	
Ben	30339	
LW	30076	
Kimberly	30328	
Adriana	30189	
Larry	30188	
Harriet	30342	
Charles	30024	
Karen	30311	
Stacy	30319	
Ken	30132	
Marsal	30350	
Andrew	30075	

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Kevin	30005	
Gerard	30328	
Laura	30263	
Diana	30268	
Beryl	30307	
Elizabeth	30307	
Matthew	30307	
Judy	30268	
Melissa	30188	
Hugh	30268	
James	30269	
ben	30268	
Lynn	30268	
Brandi	30052	
Lorrie	30318	
Michael	30268	

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Charlotte	30268	
Thomas	30512	
Nancey	30268	
Victoria	30002	
Kal	30022	
Sharon	30305	
Paddle	30314	
ALAN	30268	
Roderick	30339	
Dallas	30126	
JAMES	30268	
Rachel	31605	
Sean	30268	
Trella	30277	
ELAINE	30683	
Jo	30268	

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Rebecca	30268	
Doug	30076	
Korri	30310	
David	30338	
Doug	30603	
Anthony	30312	
Carol	30268	
Nancy	30328	
Woodie	30339	
Hoyt	30328	
Craig	30030	
Michelle	30328	
Phyllis	30213	
Shirlee	30022	
Ashley	36863	
william	30185	

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CYNTHIA	30092	
John	30076	
Daniel	30075	
Annella	30268	
jackie	30268	
Steve	30075	
Patrick	30097-4055	
Karen	30368	
Cindy	30312	
Dianne	30268	
Lisa	30268	
Bobbie	30213	
Andrew	30340	
Terri	30213	
Helen	30268	
George	30269	
Nicole	30350	

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Molly	30324	
Camille	30268	
Sara	30062	
Judy	30268	
Alan	30327	
KATHERINE	30075	
Richard	30341	
Cary	31069	
Martin	30269	
John	30075	
Roy	30041	
louis	30230	
Stephanie	30230	
Robert	30339	
richard	30268	
Lisa	30032	

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Mark	30022	
Kate	30032	
Nancy	30240	
norah	30030	
Leigh	30030	
Adelyn	30309	
John	30307	
Janelle	30340	
Rincon	30152	
Shelby	30171	
Scott	30047	
Jennifer	30033	
Amy	30033	
Georgia	31220	
Doris	30076	
Terry	30263	

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Leslie	30041	
Donna	30217	
Brigitte	30033	
Johnson	30185	
Ian	30263	
Kay	30268	
Clay	30135	
Jon	30265	
Joseph	30268	
Michael	30349	
Donna	30277	
Lyndsay	30268	
PATIENCE	30135	
Walter	30188	
Adam	30082	
Christine	30066	

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Zachary	30327	
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Paul	30033	
Troy	30004	
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sylwester	30501	
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Deborah	30259	
Art	30265	
David	31909	
Tiffany	30318	
John	30263	
Vance	30318	
Andrea	30265	
Beth	30318	
Phil	30064	
Sean	30316	
melanie	30263	
Bonnie	30030	
Marilyn	30263	
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Stevan	30318	
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Michael	30504	
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Jill	30043	
Thomas	30501	
Rose	30501	
Cheryl	30022	
Joshua	30126	
Susan	30135	
Becky	30345	
Lily	30345	
Paul	30566	
Linda	30548	

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Erin	30277	
Beth	30318	
Sue	30566	
Tonya	30217	
Dora	30535	
Gehna	30350	
Gwen	30318	
janet	30093	
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Emrys	30318	
Gregory	30533	
Ray	65681	
Greta	30126	
Trent	30126	
William	30062	
Melissa	30318	
brian	30318	
Philip	30265	
Crystal	30126	
Trae	30519	
Mackenzie	30630	
Aron	30630	
Cameron	30318	
Robert	30030	
Angela	30076	

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