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Adopt-A-Stream

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Thank You!

Most people do not realize how much work it takes to address the needs of citizen water quality monitors and the community watershed networks throughout the State. With only 2 State Coordinators, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream relies heavily on the involvement of local coordinators, supporting organizations, universities and individuals who commit thousands of hours of time to help enhance the program.

Each year, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream recognizes volunteers who have made some special contribution to protecting Georgia's waters. This year, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream would like to take this opportunity to recognize the individuals and their supporting organizations who have made such a large contribution to the statewide program. Without their support, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream would not be what it is today!

Dramatic changes are underway at Georgia Adopt-A-Stream; changes that will have a big impact on our ability to better serve you! We are now on the verge of transferring to a completely new database system. After years of searching for volunteers with database savvy, two of the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Advisory Board members, **Shan Cammack** and **Eric Osborne**, went forth and found the perfect volunteers. **Eric Van De Genachte**, with Wildlife Resource Division Natural Heritage Program, developed the inner workings of the new database. He then passed it off to **Bruce Taylor**, with Clayton County Water Authority, who has spent hundreds of hours perfecting the database. Thanks to the support of these loyal volunteers, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream will soon be able to easily input quality assured data, track monitoring locations and produce reports in a timely manner.

The **Pollution Prevention Assistance Division** targeted the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream audience with a beautiful and informative full-color brochure and poster entitled "You're the Solution To Water Pollution." The mastermind behind the final product was **David Gipson**. He spent countless hours making sure this would be a useful and informative piece of work.

Ginny Brady and her colleagues at **Fort Discovery Educational Technology Training Center** have been a leading force in assisting Georgia Adopt-A-Stream reach out to teachers throughout Georgia. Ginny handles all paperwork for teacher development credits, has correlated the Adopt-A-Stream activities to Georgia's Quality Core Curriculum, and is developing a teacher's web page for Adopt-A-Stream.



Bruce Taylor above &
Eric Van De Genachte

Lynn Cobb with Department of Community Affairs, Keep Georgia Beautiful, has been on the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Advisory Board since the beginning. Lynn uses her organizational experience to ensure that Georgia Adopt-A-Stream remains a high quality program. Lynn is also very instrumental in organizing Rivers Alive, the annual river cleanup event.

We would like to extend a special “thank you” to **Dr. Mac Callaham** and **Dr. Susan Gannaway** who spearheaded the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Regional Training Center concept in 1996. Last year, Mac and Susan moved on to other endeavors but the Regional Training Centers are still providing training and guidance through 5 State Universities throughout Georgia.

Patricia Payne White and **Peavine Watershed Alliance** are great supporters and promoters of Georgia Adopt-A-Stream. Peavine Watershed Alliance recently produced a video called “Building A Watershed Alliance” which is a very useful tool for volunteer monitors who wish to organize a watershed alliance.

The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia became our nonprofit partner last year. Through this partnership, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream will be able to enhance volunteer recognition and produce a fabulous annual conference.

Ted Mikalsen provided a lot of the expertise in developing the watershed and visual survey data forms. He also developed the “Evaluation of Stream Conditions” table, which is a user-friendly tool for recognizing stream conditions.

Sharon Cowden with **Fulton County Adopt-A-Stream** offers chemical and biological workshops twice a month. With Sharon’s passionate efforts of training and educating, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream has been able to fine-tune the program using her experienced input.

Aquascape Environmental and their staff have been great supporters of Georgia Adopt-A-Stream. We would like to recognize them for donating the volunteer awards that will be given out at the Volunteer Awards Banquet in Columbus on March 3.

Nicole Vachon, as the Dekalb County Adopt-A-Stream coordinator, conducted workshops with more energy and enthusiasm than anyone else. She coordinated the production of a very useful guide called the “Watershed Owner’s Manual.” Now on a world tour, Nicole uses the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream protocols to teach people in developing countries about water quality.

Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper has promoted and supported Georgia Adopt-A-Stream for many years. We work very closely with their staff on many of our outreach efforts and have gained much from their partnership.

Dana Poole and **Kenny Peavy** have become pivotal figures in uniting and expanding the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream efforts in the Athens/Clarke County area. Since moving to Athens, Dana has volunteered her time to teach many Adopt-A-Stream workshops. Kenny contributed his own money towards the purchase of chemical

Dr. Joe Richardson has been the primary contact and trainer in the coastal region for many years. Last year, Joe received a three-year grant from the Georgia Coastal Management Program to continue his work as the director of the Coastal Adopt-A-Stream and Wetland Regional Training Center.

Elaine Oakes and **Keep Walton Beautiful**, along with their partners in Walton County, sponsored and hosted the Adopt-A-Stream Volunteer Celebration last year on the Apalachee River. After canoeing down the river, volunteers gathered on the banks to enjoy a nice lunch, live music and a sing-along.

Tom Broadwell and **Georgia Power** are strong supporters of Georgia Adopt-A-Stream. Georgia Power has provided key assistance for Adopt-A-Stream in obtaining printing services for conference materials and T-shirt production.

Representatives of **International Paper** have backed Georgia Adopt-A-Stream for years, serving on the Advisory Board. Most recently **Rebecca Winn** has assisted in the establishment of the Citizen Riparian Network.

Adopt-A-Stream Calendar of Events

The following workshops, taught by certified AAS trainers, provide training in visual, biological and chemical monitoring of streams. Please call to register.

What	Who	When	Where	To Register
Chemical	Gwinnett County AAS	March 15	Gwinnett County	770-822-7157
Chemical	Fulton County AAS	March 17	South Fulton	404-730-8006
Biological	Gwinnett County AAS	March 20	Gwinnett County	770-822-7157
Chem. & Bio. Testing	Gwinnett County AAS	March 24	Gwinnett County	770-822-7157
Biological	City of Atlanta AAS	April 14	South River	404-330-6980
Biological	City of Roswell AAS	April 21	Roswell City Hall	770-641-3715
Biological	Fulton County AAS	April 28	South Fulton	404-730-8006
Chemical	City of Atlanta AAS	April 28	Utoy Creek	404-330-6980
Chemical	Floyd/Rome AAS & CRBI	May 5	Rome, Heritage Hall	706-802-5322
Getting Started w/ AAS	Peavine Watershed Alliance	May 5	DeKalb County	404-508-7603
Biological/Chemical	Peavine Watershed Alliance	May 12	DeKalb County	404-508-7603
Chemical	Fulton County AAS	May 12	North Fulton	404-730-8006
Biological	City of Atlanta AAS	May 12	Proctor Creek	404-330-6980
Chemical	City of Atlanta AAS	May 26	Peachtree/Nancy Creek	404-330-6980

NOTE: Workshop times vary. Please call to get exact times and locations.

There's more! AAS workshops are conducted throughout the State. Call one of these numbers to learn about upcoming workshops in your region of the State.

Where	Who	To Register	E-mail
Coastal GA	Dr. Joe Richardson	912-356-2809	richards@tigerpaw.ssu.peachnet.edu
West GA	Dr. Becky Champion	706-687-4090	champion_becky@colstate.edu
Central GA	Beth Hohnadel	706-444-9820	ejhohnadel@hotmail.com
Southwest GA	Dr. William Tietjen	912-931-2253	wlt@canes.gsw.edu
South GA	Dr. David Hedgepeth	912-333-5611	dhedgepe@valdosta.edu

Special Recognition

The success of Georgia Adopt-A-Stream comes from the input and efforts of the trainers and local coordinators. We would like to recognize those who really stood out this past year.

Sylbie Yon, Georgia College Regional Training Center
 Paul Thomas, City of Atlanta
 Kristi Rose, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
 Kim Zimmerman, Rockdale County
 Sue Hurd and Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville
 Jane Pape, NW Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center
 Michele Barry, SE Natural Sciences Academy
 Katie Gibbs, EPD Coastal District
 Stephen Golladay, Jones Ecological Research Center
 Na'Taki Osborne, National Wildlife Federation
 Duncan Cottrell, Environmental Management Services
 David Hedgepeth, Valdosta State Regional Training Center
 Eric Lindberg, City of Rome
 Mona Painter, City of Cornelia
 David Llewellyn, Trevor Carlson and Charles Richards, City of Roswell
 Michael O'Shield and Katherine Atteberry, Gwinnett County Adopt-A-Stream
 Hugh Mitchell and Gilbert Nicolson, Hiawassee River Watershed Coalition



Community Watershed Workshop

March 13, 2001
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Agape Center, 2351 Bolton Road, NW

The workshop will provide an opportunity for people to meet and share information, recruit volunteers, and obtain resources to start up and/or sustain watershed activities.

7:00 p.m.	Refreshments
7:15 p.m.	Highlighted Watershed: Peachtree Woodall-Whetstone Watershed Alliance, Jacqueline Echols
7:30 p.m.	Citizen Soil Watch Workshop, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Alice Champagne

This workshop is hosted by Georgia Adopt-A-Stream and Riverkeeper with thanks to the Agape Center

This is the first workshop of 2001 in a series of four to promote and support community and watershed activities. The series will continue on May 8, September 11 and December 4.

The workshops are sponsored by: Georgia Adopt-A-Stream, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, DeKalb County Parks and Recreation, Peavine Watershed Alliance, City of Atlanta Department of Public Works, Fulton County Adopt-A-Stream, Gwinnett County Adopt-A-Stream and National Wildlife Federation.

Directions: From I-75 North and South. Exit Moores Mill Road. Turn West (right) from I-75 North or from I-75 South. Moores Mill Road will dead end into Defoors Ferry Road. Turn right. Defoors Ferry will turn into Bolton Road after crossing Marietta Blvd. (first traffic light). After crossing Marietta Blvd. the Agape Center is located about 500 feet on the left side of Bolton Road.

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