

# GEORGIA Adopt-A-Stream

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## Conference Highlights



Peter Gordon, President of Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia, presents a special recognition award to Frank Carubba, who supervises the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream and Project WET programs.



Ginny Brady conducts a session on the correlation between Adopt-A-Stream activities and the Quality Core Curriculum.

## Corridors: Citizen Riparian Network

The mission of Corridors is to provide access to technical information, assistance, case studies and funding opportunities for citizens interested in preserving, enhancing or restoring the banks and vegetation along their waterways. This Network is a partnership among many government and non-government groups who are interested in combining their efforts to assist citizens who want to take a hands-on approach to addressing water and habitat quality in their communities. Please visit the website at [www.gabuffers.org](http://www.gabuffers.org)

## Database Overhaul

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream will begin inputting all data into the new database in May! This is a relational database developed on Access. The information stored in the database will include the newsletter mailing list, QA/QC data collectors, QA/QC workshop trainers, AAS group information, monitoring site locations, chemical, physical and biological QA/QC data. In order to ensure complete and accurate information in the database, we will be contacting every group that has ever registered with AAS. This is a big project and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your data and site information is accurate.

## Georgia Adopt-A-Lake

Georgia Adopt-A-Lake is a partnership between the Georgia Lake Society and Georgia Adopt-A-Stream. The program is designed to promote citizen involvement in learning about and protecting lakes, reservoirs and ponds. Georgia Adopt-A-Lake gives volunteers the tools to understand what affects the health of their lakes and how to protect their water resources.

The program is divided into 2 levels. **Level I** emphasizes watershed assessments, lake walks, public outreach, fish watch, local partnership and basic monitoring methods. **Level II** involves more advanced monitoring such as measuring chlorophyll a, depth profiles of temperature and DO, identifying fish and estimating sedimentation.

Training workshops are available through the Georgia Lake Society. For more information contact Marty Williams at 770-427-8794 or wilcom1@juno.com

## Watershed Signage Program

The Georgia Department of Transportation will produce and place 102 watershed signs in priority one watersheds throughout the State of Georgia. Watershed groups and local governments, who want to place signs locally, can purchase additional signs from DOT for \$36.45 each. ID tags may be placed below the signs to identify sponsors and must be purchased separately. If you are interested in purchasing signs, please contact Constance Alexander at 404-562-9382 or alexander.constance@epa.gov.

## Teacher's Adopt-A-Stream Website

Fort Discovery Educational Technology Training Center has developed a website for teachers who use the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program. On this site, you will find the SDU paperwork, QCC connections, video of stream monitoring protocols and additional teacher links.

Visit the site at <http://tech.nscdiscovery.org/ee/aas.htm>

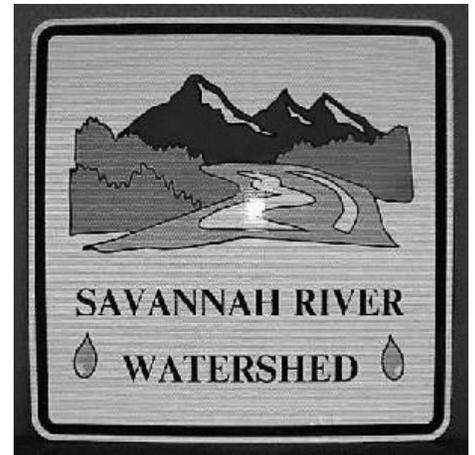
## Local News

The Hiawassee River Watershed Coalition's coordinator, Gilbert Nicolson, has begun a three year tour with Habitat For Humanity in Jamaica. Now manning the office is executive director, Lucy Cole Gratton, and media relations director, Shannon Larsen. Fisheries biologist, Bob Wallus, is the field coordinator. For more information on the Hiawassee Watershed Coalition, e-mail [cleanh2o@alltel.net](mailto:cleanh2o@alltel.net).

Congratulations to North Hall High School's Science Club and Riverside Military Academy's Environmental Club. Both schools were recognized by Gainesville/Hall County Adopt-A-Stream for consistently collecting and reporting their data. To get involved in Gainesville/Hall County Adopt-A-Stream contact Susan Hurd at 770-532-7462.

Richard Starke, of Fannin County, has organized the landowners along Noontootla Creek and Toccoa River to protect these waterways. Richard has partnered with TVA, US NRCS and Trout Unlimited to restore sections of Noontootla Creek. Richard has also been persistent in monitoring the enforcement of activities affecting the creek.

Clayton County Water Authority has a full crew working with citizens. Kim Zimmerman works on watershed management issues and conducts Adopt-A-Stream workshops. Eric Osborne with Water Production provides technical assistance to citizens and Carol Lambert with the Wetland Center offers unique educational opportunities. For Adopt-A-Stream workshops in Clayton County, call Kim Zimmerman at 678-422-2838.



## 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               | Floyd/Rome AAS & CRBI           | May 5   | Rome, Heritage Hall   | 706-802-5322 |
| Biological             | Gainesville/Hall AAS            | May 5   | Wilshire Trails       | 770-532-7462 |
| 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               | Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper | May 19  | Wilson Park           | 404-352-9828 |
| Chemical               | City of Atlanta AAS             | May 26  | Peachtree/Nancy Creek | 404-330-6980 |
| Adopt-A-Wetland        | Fulton County AAS/ GA AAS       | June 3  | South Fulton          | 404-730-8006 |
| Chemical               | Gainesville/Hall AAS            | June 23 | Wilshire Trails       | 770-532-7462 |
| Biological             | Fulton County AAS               | June 23 | North Fulton          | 404-730-8006 |

**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              |

## Chattahoochee River: Muddied Waters, Clear Solutions

*The Chattahoochee River: Muddied Waters, Clear Solution* is a video that depicts the beauty, power and importance of this fragile river system and explores real hands-on solutions for protecting and restoring the entire river basin. Solutions addressed are supporting local watershed groups, basing land management decisions on a regional perspective, restoring vegetation on stream banks and acquiring and protecting greenways. Copies of this video can be ordered from the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper at [www.ucriverkeeper.org](http://www.ucriverkeeper.org) or 404-352-9828 ext. 14. Produced and directed by Fran Burst-Terranella.

### Upcoming Conferences

Stream Repair and Restoration: A Focus on the Urban Environment  
 October 16-19, 2001 in Raleigh, NC  
[www5.bae.ncsu.edu/programs/extension/wqg/sri/](http://www5.bae.ncsu.edu/programs/extension/wqg/sri/)

Vulnerability of Water Quality in Intensively Developing Urban Watersheds:  
 Making the Case for High-Performance Integrated Control  
 May 14-16, 2001, Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens  
<http://hilbert.forestry.uga.edu/beck/workshop.htm>  
 706-542-4643 to register

# Community Watershed Workshop

May 8, 2001

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Southface Energy Institute, 241 Pine Street**

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.

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| 6:00 p.m. | Refreshments   |
| 6:30 p.m. | Highlighted Watershed: Tri-County Community Association, Inc.                            |
| 6:45 p.m. | Corridors: Citizen Riparian Network by Michele Droszcz, GA AAS                           |
| 7:15 p.m. | Assessing Urban Watersheds by Tom Stanko, Environmental Scientist with Golder Associates |

Clayton County Water Authority, Fulton County AAS, Gwinnett County AAS hosted this presentation with the generous support of Southface Energy Institute

**This is the second workshop of 2001 in a series of four to promote and support community and watershed activities. The series will continue on 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, Clayton County Water Authority and National Wildlife Federation.

Directions: From Interstate 75/85 northbound Take exit #249B "Pine Street", go through 3 lights, Southface is on the right. By Interstate 75/85 southbound Take exit #249D "North Avenue", take left at top of ramp and cross over interstate, go 4 blocks and take right on Juniper/Courtland Ave., go 3 blocks and take left on Pine St., Southface is 1½ blocks on the right. By MARTA, exit Civic Center Station and walk north 2 blocks.

The Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Newsletter is published six times per year. For more information about the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program or to contribute to the newsletter, call or write to:

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