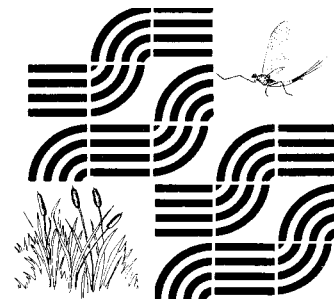


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## 2002 WATER STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

**Water Resources Restoration, Protection and Pollution Prevention: Where to start?  
Who can help? Why is it important?**

**Mission:** To provide tools and opportunities for active participation and cooperative efforts among citizens, landowners and agencies to improve water quality.

Hosted by the Georgia Stream Buffer Initiative, this conference features three track options:

### Riparian Buffers, Wetlands & Citizen Monitoring

- When: **9AM Thursday**, September 5th through **1PM Saturday**, September 7th
- Registration fee: \$125 before June 15, 2002. Price will increase after June 16.
- Fees include all scheduled meals and materials.
- To register and for further information: Visit [www.gactr.uga.edu](http://www.gactr.uga.edu)

Preconference Workshop on September 3-4, 2002, "Introduction to Stream Restoration Using Natural Channel Design Techniques." See website for details.

#### Who should attend:

**Watershed groups and citizens** concerned with protection and enhancement of water quality,

**Landowners** interested in learning the value of water resources and how to restore and protect them,

**Agency personnel** who wish to learn techniques for establishing water protection programs in their area, and

**Research—oriented** individuals involved with water quality and the like.

**Call for Conference Presentations:** Abstract submission deadline has been EXTENDED to May 31, 2002. For info go to [http://www.gabuffers.org/events/2002\\_water\\_stewardship\\_conference.htm](http://www.gabuffers.org/events/2002_water_stewardship_conference.htm)

#### Monitoring Equipment Available for South Georgia Education Programs

International Paper has provided \$10,000 in funding to Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia to obtain monitoring equipment for local and regional Adopt-A-Stream education programs in southern Georgia. If your program is located south of the fall line (Augusta, Macon, Columbus), you may qualify. Go to [www.riversalive.org/aas.htm](http://www.riversalive.org/aas.htm) and click on Application for Free Monitoring Equipment in Southern Georgia or call 404-675-1639.

## Student Receives Award for Environmental Service

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream would like to congratulate environmentalist Cody Disque of Coweta County Adopt-A-Stream on being chosen as a “Kids Who Care” scholarship winner. The Junior League of Atlanta and 11 Alive TV recognized Cody during the 11 Alive Community Service Awards on April 3. On May 15, he will receive a check for \$1,100 during the Junior League’s annual meeting.

Pat Miolen of the Coweta County 4-H Club and Adopt-A-Stream Program nominated Cody for the prestigious award. Miolen says Cody is respected for his knowledge of water issues and determination to make a difference. “He’s looking at this as a possible vocation,” she said.

Even though he’s only 15, Cody is a natural leader, taking charge of organizing cleanups (he’s been Coweta’s chairman of Rivers Alive for two years running), attending county commissioners meetings, teaching environmental education to children, and many other activities. Cody and friend Dane Beatenbough brought Adopt-A-Stream to Coweta County in 2000 after attending a stream workshop in another county. “They were so upset that their county didn’t have something like this, so they started one in Coweta.”

Cody says Coweta Adopt-A-Stream has a monthly meeting at which the monitors bring their data and then send it to the State office. In addition, they conduct a monthly cleanup of a stream in the area.



“It’s actually a lot of fun, and it’s good when you go out and see how beautiful it becomes when you’re finished.”

Congratulations to Cody Disque!



## Super 17 Volunteer

Robert Phillips of Georgia Wildlife Federation, who has been monitoring Cornish Creek for Georgia Adopt-A-Stream since 1996, was nominated for The Super 17 Volunteer award. The annual TBS Super 17 program recognizes Metro-Atlantans who volunteer their time and efforts to make a difference in the lives of others. Robert is also an Adopt-A-Stream trainer for chemical and biological monitoring. Turner Broadcasting System will be televising one of his workshops on August 23. Let's wish Robert luck as he attends the award celebration on May 22.

## Adopt-A-Stream Calendar of Events

The following workshops, taught by certified AAS trainers, provide training in visual, biological and chemical monitoring of streams. Teachers may receive .5 SDU credits for participation in workshops. Please call to register.

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>To Register</b>
Getting Started w/AAS	Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream	May 11	Cobb County	770-528-1480
Getting Started w/AAS	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	May 16	Hazlehurst	404-675-1639
Chemical & Biological	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	May 17	Hazlehurst	404-675-1639
Chemical	Fulton County Adopt-A-Stream	June 8	South Fulton Co.	770-698-5739
Chemical	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	June 15	Coweta Co.	404-675-1639
Chemical	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	June 17	Dalton	404-675-1639
Biological	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	June 18	Dalton	404-675-1639
Chemical	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	June 20	South Central Ga.	229-546-4094
Biological	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream	June 21	South Central Ga.	229-546-4094
Biological	Clayton County Water Authority	July 6	Wetlands Center	678-422-2838
Getting Started w/AAS	Upper Etowah Adopt-A-Stream	July 27	Canton	770-735-2778
Chemical	Upper Etowah Adopt-A-Stream	Aug. 3	Canton	770-735-2778

**NOTE: Workshop times vary. Please call to get exact times and locations. Workshop information is updated weekly on our website at [www.riversalive.org/aas.htm](http://www.riversalive.org/aas.htm)**

**QA/QC Recertification:** All QA/QC volunteers must renew certification on a yearly basis. This can be accomplished by participating in the second half of our regular chemical or biological workshop. To register, please contact one of our scheduled workshops.

## Local and State Happenings

Three Rivers Expedition is sponsoring a two-day Adopt-A-Stream workshop in Hazlehurst, Georgia. The workshops will cover Getting to Know Your Watershed and Chemical and Biological monitoring. Day two includes paddling and learning monitoring techniques along the Ocmulgee at the confluence with the Oconee (with water testing at the Little Ocmulgee). This workshop is free. Registration is limited to 25, so please RSVP 912-379-1371 or 404-675-1639.

Coastal Plains RESA is sponsoring a two-day Adopt-A-Stream workshop in Adel Georgia (between Tifton and Valdosta). Teachers are encouraged to participate, call 229-546-4094.

Lake Allatoona Awareness Week event will be on May 11, 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Educational Outreach Center Kellogg Creek Road in Acworth. For more information contact Ginger Rayburn of the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority, 678-801-4012 or [ginger.rayburn@allatoona.org](mailto:ginger.rayburn@allatoona.org).

Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream will be hosting an Open House and Stream Monitoring Talk at the Cobb County Water System Water Quality Laboratory off S. Cobb Drive (662 S. Cobb Dr. Marietta, GA 30060). The workshops will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to 9 PM. For information call Jennifer McCoy, 770-528-1480.

## Train The Trainer Workshops

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream is always looking for qualified trainers. These certification workshops are held by request only, so contact the State Office if you are interested in leading monitoring workshops, 404-675-1639.

# Community Watershed Workshop

May 14, 2002

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

“Great Idea... Now How Do I Pay for It?”

Location: Forty Oaks Nature Preserve  
3790 Market Street, Clarkston, 404-508-7602

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.

6:00	Refreshments
6:30	Guest Speakers provide different funding options for community watershed groups
7:30	Questions & Answers

This is the second workshop of 2002 in a series of four to promote and support community and watershed activities. The series will continue on September 10.

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: Take Ponce de Leon towards Clarkston. One road past N. Indian Creek is Market Street, turn right and go for a mile or so and turn left at the sign.

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