

FLOATING CLASSROOM INSPIRES A NEW GENERATION

In 1999, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) forged an important partnership with **Elachee Nature Science Center** in Gainesville to create the first-ever floating classroom in Georgia, known as the Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center.

Led by director **Andrea Timpone**, Elachee is the only nature science center in the Southeast accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It employs outstanding teachers and naturalists, whose dedication make for highly successful programs.

“The hands-on experience is invaluable and brings to life the efforts to clean, and keep clean, our water,” said one fifth-grade teacher about the floating classroom. “Hopefully, we will inspire a new generation to continue on this journey.”

Students’ comments show they love our interactive program, as well:

- *It was the best field trip ever!*
- *I got my hands wet. I went on a boat and we had to wear a life jacket. I did experiments. I had a fun time!*
- *My favorite part was doing the projects. They were fun, educational and made us learn more about team work!*

With a generous grant from the **Robert Woodruff Foundation**, CRK purchased a customized pontoon boat (later replaced by a 40-foot catamaran), water-monitoring equipment and

other educational supplies. **Aqualand Marina** on Lake Lanier offered a slip for the boat at no cost.

Our first boat was named the *Chota Princess* for the Cherokee Indian town in north Georgia’s Nacoochee Valley. It is also the name given by the tribe to the river above the Chattahoochee’s confluence with the Soque River.

Harlan Trammell, our longtime captain, outfitted our pontoon boat and then the catamaran, and operated it with assistance from Coast Guard Auxiliary **Capt. Rick Marton** until Harlan moved to the Florida Keys in 2009. Marton continues to manage boat maintenance and operation with several other licensed captains, who help ensure classes continue March through November each year.

In 2008, CRK added a scholarship component, thanks to a grant from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** and generous donors such as the **Harland Foundation, Kendeda Fund, Captain Planet Foundation** and others.

Fifteen years later, more than 35,000 students and teachers have boarded our floating classroom for age-appropriate learning activities that meet the state’s performance-based criteria in science, math, and other areas. Students explore the history, ecology and challenges that face the Chattahoochee River and its lakes. They sample plankton, collect lake sediments, measure turbidity and determine pH and dissolved oxygen levels.

It is CRK’s hope that these children grow to be not only knowledgeable about the Chattahoochee River, but great stewards of the environment, as well.



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Reflections

The shy smile, signature braids and white shrimper's boots were the first things I noticed as **Carol Ruckdeschel** emerged from the shadows of her Cumberland Island property on a fall day in 2012.

The noted sea turtle expert and wilderness advocate was smaller than the last time I saw her, which was not surprising given the many years that intervened and an open heart surgery a few years earlier.

There also were the four decades that she had lived in relative isolation on Cumberland Island, where she grew and procured her own food, studied turtles and battled multiple forces — literally putting her own life on the line — to protect her beloved island and its wildlife.

Our small group had kayaked from the mainland to camp at Brickhill Bluff. As we explored the maritime forest, beaches and historic buildings, including the First African Baptist Church, I was happy to find Carol at her cabin.

We stood in the dappled forest light and reminisced about environmental battles — from my own small role in the successful fight that Carol led in the early 1980s to designate part of Cumberland Island as wilderness to the more recent stealth rollback by Congressman Jack Kingston that opened up the wilderness to motorized vehicles.

We talked about her island neighbors and my work on the Chattahoochee River, where Carol first fell in love with nature and wildlife as a child. (In 1973, Carol



and then-Gov. Jimmy Carter canoed the Chattahoochee River together. He signed legislation to protect the river corridor, and five years later, a law establishing the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.)

This spring, writer Will Harlan published *Untamed: The Wildest Woman in America and the Fight for Cumberland Island*, Carol's biography based on extensive interviews and her personal journals.

It is quite simply the most inspiring and lyrical book that I have read in a long time.

At a recent book-signing, Carol was described by someone in the audience as being "uppity" and "dirt poor." Whether this was an attempt at humor or a sincere observation, the audience responded audibly — some in agreement and some upset by this characterization.

People seem to either love or hate Carol. She is a lightning rod for controversy — not because she aspires to this attention, rather because she feels that she has no other choice than to fight the threats to wild places and wildlife that are essential for our own well-being.

Carol has lived her life truthfully. As I near my retirement at the end of the year, I look back and hope that I will be able to say the same thing.

Sally Bethea
Executive Director and Riverkeeper

Watershed Moment

As a professional photographer, I spend a lot of time outdoors roaming the headwaters of the Chattahoochee River. This image of York Falls on Chickamauga Creek in White County has special significance to me. This is my watershed, my backyard. Chickamauga Creek flows into Sautee Creek, which flows into the Chattahoochee. I am reminded that all parts of our watershed are important as we depend on streams and rivers to provide for us. The rain that falls around my home makes its way downstream to provide drinking water, irrigation, electricity and recreational opportunities for millions of fellow Georgians. We are all connected by the watershed. — **Jeff Gulle**, White County



Photo courtesy of Jeff Gulle

Jeff Gulle is a professional photographer and instructor at North Georgia Technical College. He lives near the headwaters of Chickamauga Creek. What's your "Watershed Moment"? Email your hi-res color image of the river, and about 100 words about its inspiration, to jwoodson@chattahoochee.org.

On Patrol

For further details on CRK's investigations and enforcement actions, go to www.chattahoochee.org/on-patrol.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATER WATCH PROGRAM ENTERS FIFTH YEAR

Started in 2010, the **Neighborhood Water Watch** (NWW) program began as a partnership with local community organizations and schools to monitor water quality in local streams to resolve pollution sources.

In the first year, volunteers collecting from 10 stream locations delivered 288 samples to our office, where we analyzed them for *E. coli* levels using protocols approved by the EPA. The program has grown dramatically over the years. In 2013, volunteers delivered 1,648 samples from 51 stream locations, and the data is paying off.

For example, **Piedmont Park Conservancy** recently collected samples that showed high levels of bacteria in Orme Creek. This led to the detection and remediation of raw sewage flowing into the park. Other samples collected by a **Sierra Club** volunteer unearthed a problem in Woodall Creek. A field investigation yielded a clogged sewer line pouring into the creek, which the Atlanta Department of Watershed Management then rectified.

Program expands throughout watershed

We are excited to announce that thanks to the generous support of an Atlanta foundation NWW is being expanded into the middle Chattahoochee River region. We recently installed state-of-the-art laboratory equipment in our LaGrange office and will be monitoring bacterial levels in the Chattahoochee River, West Point Lake and surrounding tributaries.

As the program grows in the region, it will produce a wealth of data that will assist us in determining the extent and sources of water pollution in the area.

If you want to volunteer with NWW and help protect a local stream, contact Water Protection Specialist Mike Meyer at mmeyer@chattahoochee.org.



Enforcement Action for Hog Lagoon Spill

In March, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) finally took enforcement action against a landowner in White County, five months after he intentionally breached an abandoned two-acre hog lagoon with a backhoe. Six million gallons of black, bacteria-laden hog waste entered nearby **Mossy Creek**, which flows downstream through a state park and into the Chattahoochee River. **Wesley Turner** received a fine of \$7,500 and was required to submit a written plan outlining corrective actions to prevent future spills. The plan, which is likely to cost more than \$25,000, must comply with quality and agriculture rules. After the spill was reported last November, CRK investigated the situation and contacted local and state agencies. We will track compliance with the state order.

Developer Ordered to Remove Silt

Crown Communities, the developer of a residential subdivision called **Lakes at Cedar Grove** in south Fulton County, has been ordered to clean up a large volume of sediment that flowed off the site and into a nearby stream and lake. CRK received numerous calls from downstream residents who saw the muddy flow of silt pouring off the site during every rain. Over several months, we communicated with Fulton County, but we were not able to reach a successful resolution and subsequently filed a report with the Georgia EPD. A state inspector confirmed the violations of clean water laws and ordered Crown to implement a full restoration project, while the rest of the development remains under a stop-work order.

Old Sewage Plant a Problem in Troup County

Pilot Travel Center operates a 41-year-old sewage plant in Troup County that discharges treated wastewater into **Long Cane Creek**. Since the 1990s, citizens have complained about odors and spills at the plant. The Georgia EPD has issued citations for equipment failure and inadequate plant maintenance and recently required the cleanup of a contaminated pond at the facility. Pilot's discharge permit is up for renewal, providing an opportunity for public comment. CRK is working with local officials who also are concerned about the plant and its impact on the creek. We met with state officials and submitted comments urging the state to require that businesses using the outdated plant connect to the city sewer system, as soon as it is available.

Rule Aims to Clarify Protected Waterways

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a new rule to better define the waterways that should receive protection under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The draft rule is meant to help industries, developers, farmers, and other regulated entities know if they are required to obtain CWA permits for their activities. Clarifying language is needed due to confusion that has arisen regarding the protection of small streams and wetlands since the United States Supreme Court issued decisions on this issue in 2001 and 2006. CRK will submit comments on the proposed rule in October. For more information and to submit comments, see www2.epa.gov/uswaters.

River Stewardship

APRIL INGLE: A TIRELESS CHAMPION FOR GEORGIA'S RIVERS

After 11 years at the helm of **Georgia River Network**, April Ingle is stepping down, and we will miss her terribly. From her leadership roles with Georgia River Network (GRN), Georgia Water Coalition and Paddle Georgia to her lifelong commitment to protecting our water resources, Ingle is a true inspiration to us all.



April Ingle has led Georgia River Network for 11 years. She plans to step down in mid-July.

Ingle's impressive career began in Indiana, growing up in a small, rural town before graduating from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in science, focusing on natural resources and environmental science. After college, she helped form the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative and worked for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, eventually serving as executive director.

After spending most of her life in Indiana, Ingle was ready for something different. In 2003, she replaced Ellen Sutherland as executive director of GRN and has been a tireless champion for Georgia's rivers ever since.

She is also an accomplished paddler, and she has travelled more than 1,000 miles on Georgia's rivers. In fact, she views her collaborative work with Joe Cook, of Coosa River Basin Initiative, on the annual Paddle Georgia event as one of her greatest accomplishments. Working with Cook, Ingle has helped foster a greater appreciation for the world-class rivers we have in Georgia.

Ready for new challenges

With 11 years as GRN's leader, Ingle is once again ready for a change. At the beginning of her career, Ingle said she "knew little about raising money, managing staff, or strategic planning." Now, she adds, "I want to help other nonprofit organizations start up, plan, and grow."

When asked about our greatest environmental challenges, she recounts a trip with then-President Jimmy Carter down to Sprewell Bluff on the Flint River, where the Army Corps of Engineers once considered a dam. Carter was so moved by the river's beauty he vetoed the proposal.

"I wish more leaders understood how special our rivers are — they are more than just an economic resource to be exploited," Ingle said. "They are world class and worth every effort to protect them."

We wish Ingle luck and success in her next adventure.

MIDDLE CHATTAHOOCHEE REGION CELEBRATES THE ART OF WATER

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper hosted our inaugural *Art of Water* event in LaGrange in May, featuring the opening night of a water-themed art exhibit called *The Art of Water* and the screening of the documentary film *Who Owns Water*.

Together, they received overwhelming praise from participants and the community at large — as local businesses, organizations, and media outlets came together to support the work that CRK is striving to accomplish in the middle Chattahoochee River region.

Event features local artists

Held on LaGrange's historic downtown square, the event included families, students, art aficionados, and river enthusiasts who gathered for an evening of art, food and film. The early evening focus was on the art exhibit at the **Cochran Gallery**, which featured the work of local artists, photographers, craftsmen and sculptors. Attendees were treated to a personal representation of their local watershed through the work of community artists — many of



"A Heavy Burden" by CRK's Henry Jacobs was featured in the exhibit. Jacobs runs our LaGrange office.

whom were displaying their work in an art gallery for the first time.

Artists included: Joanna Baxter, Lee Cathey, Ron Cannon, Scott Hamilton, David Hanson, Helen Henry, Merri Herbert, Henry Jacobs, Mike Jenkins, Austin Price, Brenna Richardson, Jody Simms, students from Hillside Montessori of LaGrange, and students with John Lawrence's documentary photography course at LaGrange College.

As nighttime fell on Lafayette Square, people turned their attention to the outdoor screening of *Who Owns Water*, a one-hour documentary featuring Georgia natives **David and Michael Hanson**, as they paddled the

length of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Basin to explore diverse perspectives on the river system.

The positive reception for the film equaled that of the art exhibit and further reinforced the notion that people and artists alike can look forward to the second annual *Art of Water* event in 2015.

SWEEP THE HOOCH CLEARS RECORD 7.3 TONS OF TRASH

This year's Sweep the Hooch collected its greatest amount of trash totals since the event began four years ago. Some 580 volunteers pulled 7.3 tons of refuse from in and around the Chattahoochee River.



CRK organized the multi-site cleanup on April 12 with our partners — the **National Park Service** and the **Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of Trout Unlimited**. Walkers, waders and paddlers fanned out across 28 sites and spent half a day pulling trash and debris

from an 80-mile section of the river. An untold number of tires, plastic bottles, tennis balls, toys and other items were hauled away.

"It's amazing the amount of plastic bottles and Styrofoam that's in waterways — very eye-opening when you get out there and see it," said Bob Caton, who volunteered at the Whitewater Creek Road site in Fulton County. "People don't get it. It's out of sight, out of mind."

CONNALLY NATURE PARK THRIVES AS URBAN SANCTUARY

Nestled within the city of **East Point** is a 27-acre, undeveloped tract of land with a stand of 150- to 300-year-old white oak trees, endangered pink lady's slipper orchids and a tributary to Utoy Creek.

In 1999, the property was slated for clearing and grading to accommodate a new Fulton County school. The fear of losing this urban greenspace motivated neighbors, community and advocacy groups, including CRK, to fight to protect the land.

The advocacy efforts paid off when Fulton County Schools agreed to build its school elsewhere, and the property was deeded back to the city. In 2002, the city council voted to permanently protect the land under a conservation easement and the **Thomas W. Connally Nature Park** was born.

Over time the park was overrun with English ivy, Chinese privet and Japanese honeysuckle — all invasive plants — which began to take over the white oak trees and other native flora. Sewage overflows polluted the tributary. The once-demarcated trail began to fall into disrepair, and the park was used as a trash dumping ground.

In recent years, the park has received much-needed attention from the city of **East Point's Parks**

Thanks to dedicated volunteers like Caton, the record-breaking 7.3 tons collected was nearly double that collected in 2013. This effort was despite high water levels in some areas brought by rain. The hard work was a testament to the great outreach by many local partners, including government agencies.

"We at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA) sincerely appreciate the efforts of the all the volunteers and sponsors in cleaning up the river and trails here," said **Bill Cox**, CRNRA superintendent. "It's great to see this kind of spirit is still alive and well in metro Atlanta."

CRK's efforts — through cleanups and other events — have removed more than 800 tons of trash from the river system since our inception 20 years ago. We look forward to another great Sweep the Hooch in 2015!

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The Coca-Cola Company was awarded the 2014 Corporate Green Day Challenge Award from EarthShare.

and **Recreation Department, Trees Atlanta**, and CRK to remove invasive plants and trash, stop sewage flowing into the creek, trim around the white oaks and more. Under the guidance of **Marcus Rubenstein of RubeEco, LLC**, more than 30,000 square feet of riparian buffer has been replanted with native vegetation.

Much of this work has been done by volunteers including 30 from **The Coca-Cola Company**, which was awarded the Corporate Green Day Challenge Award from **EarthShare of Georgia** in April. Join us this fall to complete the stream restoration.

To learn more about this project contact julseth@chattahoochee.org.

River Matters

For information on these and other river-related events, visit www.chattahoochee.org/calendar.

July 19

River Discovery Series

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

August 9

End-of-Summer BBQ

Canoe, Atlanta

August 16

River Discovery Series

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

August 22 - 23

Mountainfilm on Tour ATL

The Plaza, Atlanta

September 6

CRK Lake Lanier Tour

Aqualand Marina, Flowery Branch

October 14

20th Anniversary Gala

InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta

NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

In January, CRK hired a new communications director, welcoming **Joy Woodson** to the team. Joy comes with more than 12 years of experience as a journalist, having



received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In 2010, she obtained a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in nonprofit management from Georgia State University. Prior to joining CRK, Joy worked as an editor with Patch Media Corporation and as a public relations consultant for Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. In her spare time, Joy teaches Sunday school at Buckhead Church and is the vice president of digital media at the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists. If you see her, be sure to say hello!

SUCCESSFUL ACTION TRANSFORMS ATLANTA'S 'STREAMS OF WASTE'

Alan Cressler, a United States Geological Survey scientist who monitored water quality in the Chattahoochee River every month for a decade, made an amazing discovery a few years ago.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "I never thought I would find a native mussel in the Chattahoochee River below Atlanta. Although a common and reportedly tolerant species, I see finding this southern rainbow mussel as an indication that the effort is worth it."

That effort, now 19 years in the making to clean up the Chattahoochee River, represents one of the most successful enforcements of the federal Clean Water Act in its history.

The city's sewer system was so overloaded by the 1970s that every time it rained raw sewage discharged into city creeks and, ultimately, the river — leaving toilet paper hanging in trees and human waste rotting in stagnant pools.

Sewage overflows routine

In a small, but densely settled portion of Atlanta, rain that flowed into storm drains funneled into the same system that carried sewage to treatment plants. When it rained, the sudden inflow of water swamped the system and created combined sewer overflows that discharged stormwater and untreated sewage into nearby waterways.



Atlanta completed all major capital improvement projects required by consent decrees by July 1, 2014.



Elsewhere, sanitary sewer overflows polluted neighborhood streams, even during dry weather, because of the city's failure to maintain, repair and replace 1,500 miles of sewer lines. The city's three sewage treatment plants were not in much better shape.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* published an article in 1991 with elaborate maps entitled, "Streams of Waste — Atlanta's economic growth depends on its ability to save its urban waterways."

Lawsuit drives progress

With a coalition of downstream individuals and local governments, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper filed suit in federal court against the city of Atlanta in 1995, just a year and a half after CRK was established.

The U.S. EPA subsequently led an investigation of the city's entire sewage system; the situation was worse than anyone had expected. The fix would be time-consuming and expensive.

After we won our case in 1997, the question became how the city of 420,000 residents, many low-income, would be able to fund the multibillion-dollar infrastructure program.

Inaugurated in 2002, **Shirley Franklin** followed Mayor Bill Campbell, calling herself "the sewer mayor" with pride. She convened a blue ribbon panel to review the city's cleanup plan, secured support for a substantial rate hike and successfully lobbied for approval of a municipal option sales tax to fund the project.

Celebrating a cleaner river

This summer, we are celebrating the city's completion of all major capital improvement projects required by the consent decrees at a cost of nearly \$2 billion — and the meeting of an important metric: 99 percent of the volume of untreated sewage that flowed into the river and streams in the 1990s will have been stopped.

Both former Mayor Franklin and current **Mayor Kasim Reed** have said that \$18 billion in investments in the city's core have been made possible by the improved water and wastewater systems.

Meanwhile, the Chattahoochee River downstream of Atlanta is flowing cleaner today than it has in the memory of most Georgians now living — and, importantly, people and wildlife are coming back to the river.

20-YEAR INVESTMENT IMPROVES PROCTOR CREEK'S VITALITY

Since CRK's inception in 1994, Proctor Creek has been a priority watershed for our river restoration efforts. When we began this watershed protection work 20 years ago, Proctor Creek was one of many metro-Atlanta streams that were plagued by chronic sewer spills caused by the city's crumbling sewer infrastructure.



Sections of Proctor Creek still suffer from high levels of bacteria and trash.

Originating near the World Congress Center, Proctor Creek flows for nine miles through neighborhoods, parks and industrial areas in northwest Atlanta; the stream has long suffered from pollution, flooding and trash.

Until five years ago, two combined sewer overflow (CSO) structures located in Proctor Creek's headwaters region spewed a mixture of polluted stormwater and sewage directly into the creek an average of 60 times per year, when it rained. In addition, the headwaters — in an area known as "The Gulch" — is heavily paved, causing major flooding downstream.

Protected greenspace, trash removal

The settlement of CRK's 1995 lawsuit against the city of Atlanta for violations of the federal Clean Water Act (*see page 6*) has resulted in multiple benefits for Proctor Creek — cleaner water, protected greenspace and trash removal. Specific achievements include:

- A trash cleanup that removed 132 tons of debris from the creek in 1998
- Permanent greenspace protection of more than 70 acres along nearly two miles of the creek
- \$112 million spent for upgrades that have significantly reduced sanitary sewer spills, separated sewer and stormwater pipes at the Greensferry CSO and reduced overflows of untreated combined sewage at the North Avenue CSO from an average of 60 overflows annually to zero in the past five years.

While the consent decree projects were being carried out, we looked more closely at other pollution sources in the watershed.

In 2003, CRK completed a two-year, model program to control industrial stormwater pollution, including water quality sampling, community meetings, assessment of industries, and site-specific cleanups. More recently, we have secured water quality improvements at additional industrial sites in the watershed, including landfills, auto salvage yards, and paving and concrete operations.

Although CSO overflows rarely occur in Proctor Creek today and sanitary sewage overflows have significantly decreased, some sections of the stream are still unhealthy and full of trash. The cause: illegal dumping of tires and construction debris and storm runoff containing litter, largely plastic bottles, bags and other floatable material.

Along with the **West Atlanta Watershed Alliance**, **Community Improvement Association** and other partners, CRK has conducted half a dozen trash cleanups in the past four years to combat the problem and will continue to do so in the future.

CRK data leads to action

Despite improved water quality in Proctor Creek over the past 20 years, recent data reveal that *E. coli* numbers routinely exceed acceptable levels in some areas. The data generated by our Neighborhood Water Watch program, which monitors metro-Atlanta streams in partnership with community volunteers, has indicated that there are additional illicit sewer connections and system failures.



Volunteers gather to clean up Proctor Creek. Pictured (left to right) are Tammy Bates, Darryl Haddock, Graham Balch, Jennifer Carlile and Tony Torrence.

Working with Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management, more than a dozen of these sewage sources have been located since 2012 with an expenditure of more than \$1 million by the city, and repairs are well underway to stop these illegal discharges.

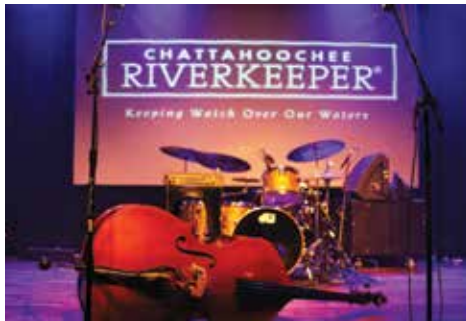
We are proud to celebrate the successes achieved since the 1990s. This could not have been made possible without the hard work of many governmental, nonprofit and community organizations. Proctor Creek will remain a high priority for CRK as we enter our third decade — continuing to work with the diverse groups that are critical to realizing the watershed's full potential.



20TH ANNIVERSARY RIVER REVIVAL ROCKS TERMINAL WEST

CRK and friends celebrated two decades of dedication to our river during a special re-invention of the annual River Revival in May.

For the first time, the concert took place at West Midtown's Terminal West venue, engaging a younger eco-minded crowd. More than 400 people attended River Revival, which featured electric performances by musicians: The New Mastersounds, Jeff Austin and the Here & Now (of Yonder Mountain String Band) and Turkuaz.



Jeff Austin (left) and Danny Barnes wow the Terminal West crowd at the 20th Anniversary River Revival.

During the event, CRK honored two organizations — **GreenHouse Foundation** and the **IS Foundation** — with River Rock Star awards for their contributions to environmental awareness. Shedonna Alexander, of GreenHouse Foundation, accepted on behalf of the organization that she started with her brother, CeeLo Green.



Sally Bethea, CRK executive director and riverkeeper, with Shedonna Alexander, whose organization GreenHouse Foundation received the 2014 River Rock Star award.

River Revival raised more than \$30,000 to benefit CRK's efforts to protect the Chattahoochee River. Without the generous support of our sponsors, this goal would not have been realized.

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Mountainfilm on Tour ATL returns to The Plaza Theatre, August 22-23!

The festival will show films dedicated to educating, inspiring, and motivating audiences about issues that matter, environments worth preserving, and adventures worth pursuing. Friday and Saturday night screenings, and a Saturday afternoon family friendly Kidz Keno event. Funds raised will benefit CRK and others.

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