



South River Restoration and Environmental Justice Workshop

Restoration of South River can and will have significant and tangible quality of life benefits for the residents of south DeKalb County. Historically, African American and other communities of color have been overlooked when decisions are made concerning which streams to restore. The upcoming free workshop, "River of Opportunity: Community-led Restoration of South River and the



Pursuit of Environmental Justice" will explain why stream restoration can become the catalyst for revitalizing south DeKalb County and other urban communities as well as offer strategies on how to bring about the desired change. The workshop will be held Saturday, June 9, 2012, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Georgia Piedmont Technical College Conference Center (formerly DeKalb Technical College), 495 N. Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston, GA. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free, however please register on the [SRWA Eventbrite page](#).

Second South River Canoe Outing Scheduled

The next South River canoe outing will take place on Saturday, July 21. If you want to experience the awe-inspiring natural beauty of South River this is your opportunity. You will have a chance to observe first-hand the opportunities the river holds as well as some of its challenges. Hopefully, those who participate will become motivated to get involved in some way with efforts to restore the river.



Prior canoeing experience is not necessary to participate, only a sense of adventure and desire to learn about the river. Interested individuals should be in good physical condition and be able to paddle for an extended period.

Cost of the trip is \$40 per person which covers the cost of canoe rental and insurance. New and renewing members contributing \$25 or more receive a 25% discount per person. Space is very limited and will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Payment is required to reserve space. Payments can be made securely online at www.southernriverga.org or checks may be mailed to SRWA, P.O. Box 1341, Decatur, GA 30031. Contact Jackie Echols via email at southernriverwatershedalliance@gmail.com or call 404-285-3756 for more information.

Adopt-a-Stream Training

Water quality in South River is the source of much angst and confusion which negatively impacts the community's perception of the river. Advocacy for South River and its tributaries require strong community based knowledge and action. SRWA has partnered with DeKalb County Adopt-a-Stream to provide water quality monitoring training which will provide individuals with the skills to detect bacterial (fecal coliform) pollution in South River, creeks and streams. The 4-hour training session will be held Saturday, June 30, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, 3787 Klondike Road, Lithonia, GA. Participants will receive hands-on instruction and will collect and test water samples as part of the training.

To sign up for training or if you have questions call Morris Sammons, 678-346-0675 or via email mos3613@comcast.net.

South River Cleanup

Mark your calendar, don your rubber boots and plan to lend a hand at the 'Get the Trash Out' South River clean up Saturday, June 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will remove trash and tires from the river on both sides of Panola Shoals at Hwy 155 (Snapfinger Road) and the Flat Bridge Road section of Panola Mountain State Park. This event is sponsored by SRWA and Keep DeKalb Beautiful. Everything needed to pick up and remove trash will be provided including gloves and pick-up sticks. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes or boots that you don't mind getting wet. No flip-flop or slide-on shoes allowed. Please volunteer to take part in this event to help restore South River.

To sign up or if you have questions call Doug Denton, 404-931-5008 or via email dougdenton842@gmail.com.

Contribute to South River Watershed Alliance

It takes money to support the programs that support South River and the south DeKalb community. Please consider making a contribution online at www.southernriverga.org via PayPal (\$25 minimum) or mail your check to: SRWA, P.O. Box 1341, Decatur, GA 30031.



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