

2013 BY THE NUMBERS

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK)

The successes listed below could not have been accomplished without the support of our members, volunteers, partner organizations, board and other supporters. Thank you!

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- We were one of ten medium-sized charities **selected as “worth-watching”** by Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator.
- **Georgia Project WET Organization of the Year** with our partner Elachee Nature Science Center for our collaborative success — Georgia’s only floating classroom!
- #1 Adopt-A-Stream group in Georgia for third consecutive year for **most volunteer water samples collected**.
- Stakeholder process with CRK representing environmental interests that resulted in **improved erosion, sediment and pollution control** regulations.
- Year of **water quality monitoring** at five locations in **Snake Creek**, a tributary to the Chattahoochee in Carroll County — and completion of a stream assessment report.
- **Bill stopped** that would change Georgia water law to allow the state to control “augmented flows” and weaken our regulated riparian water rights system (SB 213).



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- Major **sewage spills identified and stopped** in Atlanta’s Tanyard Creek which flows through a city park.



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- **Public hearings** where testimony was offered on stormwater, buffer legislation, federal permitting and resource management.
- Comment **letters submitted** on proposed permits, policies, buffer variances, zonings.

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- Outings organized including **paddle and boat trips, hikes and facility tours**.



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- Years of nutrient **monitoring at ten locations on Lake Lanier** — 91 samples collected annually and provided to the state and others to support a lake cleanup plan.

14 • Tons of **trash removed** from waterways, 1.4 tons **recycled**.

16 • **Student interns** trained

24 • Industrial facilities brought into **compliance with clean water laws** — auto salvage yards, food processing plants, concrete and steel pipe manufacturers, railroads, and paving, recycling and oil companies.

71 • Volunteers trained in five **Adopt-a-Stream** workshops and 60 volunteers trained in three **Get the Dirt Out** workshops.

190 • Citizen **Hotline** Response Program calls handled with 71 **field investigations** and 14 **enforcement** actions taken.



870 • Citizens, officials, students and business leaders provided **water conservation program** with CRK's updated *Tapped Out* presentation and *No Time To Waste* materials.

1,200 • Hours spent by CRK staff working with the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders Group to resolve the decades-long **tristate water conflict**.

1,280 • **Volunteers participated in stream, lake and river cleanups**, including 553 in the 3rd Annual Sweep the Hooch multi-site cleanup.



1,452 • **Rain barrels** provided at 46 conservation workshops reaching more than 2,000 people.



1,482 • **Water samples** taken by two dozen volunteers at 45 urban stream locations as part of our Neighborhood Water Watch Program

3,353 • People attended **river awareness** events: Film Festival, River Race and Festival, Patron Dinner, Member Celebration, Outings and other events

4,552 • Students educated onboard our **floating classroom** with partner Elachee Nature Science Center, including 960 underserved youth who received scholarships.

7,224 • CRK members celebrated, including **1,369 new members** in 2013!