

2014 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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- **Unneeded dams permitted** in the Chattahoochee River system that would harm tributaries to the river and cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars!

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- Deadline met when the city of Atlanta completed all major capital improvement projects in its **massive sewer system overhaul**, required by federal consent decree.



- **Stream restoration project** completed for Connally Nature Park (East Point) with more than 100 volunteers who removed non-native species and planted more than 750 trees and plants.
- **Emergency response bill** passed which mandates an adequate state program to respond to emergencies affecting people and the state's natural resources.
- Asphalt manufacturing plant (Fulton County) caught **illegally discharging asphalt material and petrochemicals** less than 300 yards from the river; litigation pending.
- **Contaminated pond** at a private sewage treatment plant (Troup County) investigated and found to contain hazardous waste; state-mandated cleanup underway.

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- Chicken-processing plants (Gainesville) found to be polluting a tributary to Lake Lanier — one of which **illegally discharged wastewater including blood and entrails** into the stream; investigation initiated.
 - New CRK leaders announced – to start in 2015: **Jason Ulseth** (riverkeeper) and **Juliet Cohen** (executive director).



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- Consecutive years that CRK has been named the #1 Adopt-A-Stream group in Georgia for **most volunteer water samples collected**.



- **Major sewage spills identified and stopped** in Burnt Fork Creek (DeKalb), Marsh and Long Island Creeks (Sandy Springs), Proctor, Woodall and North Fork Nancy Creeks (Atlanta).

17 • Student interns trained

20 • Tons of trash removed from waterways, including 1.8 tons recycled.

23 • Miles of storm drains evaluated by the city of Atlanta — based on CRK water sampling data — to find and disconnect 13 illegal connections discharging raw sewage into Proctor Creek.

31 • 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.



• Nutrient samples collected in Lake Lanier to help develop a watershed plan to reduce pollution; 21 samples taken in West Point Lake for a new nutrient monitoring program.

210 • Citizen Hotline Response program calls handled with 101 field investigations and 19 enforcement actions taken.

219 • People who participated in our outings program: paddle and boat trips and watershed hikes; 450 people paddled the Chattahoochee as part of Paddle Georgia!

588 • Students and citizens provided Adopt-a-Stream demonstrations; 460 rain barrels provided at Rain Harvesting and Conservation workshops reaching 1,500 people; and 45 citizens trained in Get the Dirt Out workshops.

1,400 • Hours spent by CRK staff working with the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders Group to resolve the decades-long tristate water conflict.

1,411 • Volunteers who participated in stream, lake and river cleanups, including 580 in the 4th Annual Sweep the Hooch Multi-Site Cleanup.



1,695 • New CRK members!

2,324 • Water samples taken by 51 volunteers at 72 urban stream locations as part of our Neighborhood Water Watch program.



• Students educated on board our floating classroom with partner Elachee Nature Science Center, including 1,105 underserved youth who received scholarships.

4,691 • People who attended river awareness events: Sweep the Hooch, River Revival, River Race and Festival, Outings, Canoe BBQ, Film Festival, 20th Anniversary Gala, Member Celebration and more.