



Thank You, Rivers Alive Volunteers!

On Saturday, September 30, 405 volunteers gathered at Sandy Creek Nature Center for a kick-off celebration before spreading out to 21 different cleanup sites around Athens. These volunteers managed to remove 3.1 tons (6,200 pounds) of trash, 1 ton (2,000 pounds) of recycling, 150 tires, and 1,440 pounds of metal from our waterways, including the Middle Oconee River, the North Oconee River, Pulaski Creek, Brooklyn Creek, McNutt Creek, and Carr Creek.

These Athens volunteers join an estimated 25,000 others statewide participating in the annual Rivers Alive cleanup. This fall, over 200 cleanups will collect trash and similar debris in streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and the ocean, from Tallulah Gorge in North Georgia to the Satilla River in the South.

Locally, Rivers Alive is organized by ACC Leisure Services, ACC Public Utilities/Water Conservation Office, ACC Solid Waste, ACC Stormwater Management, Big Dogs on the River, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, Keep Oconee Clean and Beautiful Commission, Oconee River Land Trust, Upper Oconee Watershed Network, UGA Office of Service Learning, and Watershed UGA.

View an entire album of photos from the event [here](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPoHYuLiPqooCujYuSOZbQfvLCxMhobpy7guEPwZSgFD4ngA3KyzLxla7o-ZcFK7g?key=VmFxUEl6MXF4Rl8oLXNpc3dQcHVUcEt3MzFJeGR3).
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Volunteers from the Beech Haven site.



A volunteer and his trash-filled canoe from the North Oconee River float site.



A pile of trash collected from the Brooklyn Creek at Fortson Drive site.

Mindful Stormwater Practices for Fall

With the arrival of fall, the Stormwater

Management Program would like to remind everyone about properly disposing of leaves, grass clippings, brush, tree limbs, and other landscape materials to prevent debris from clogging storm drains, flooding the roads, or polluting our waterways. Athens-Clarke County ordinances concerning the disposal of leaf and limb debris include:



ACC Ordinance Sec. 5-2-7(d) *“Limbs cut and placed near the street for collection by any person other than the owner of the property shall not be collected or hauled by Athens-Clarke County. Individuals or companies under contract to collect leaves and limbs shall haul and dispose of all such refuse.”*

ACC Ordinance Sec. 7-3-1 *“It shall be unlawful for any person to throw paper, organic waste, grass cuttings, or any other trash or garbage onto another person's property, or on any of the streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way, or any public or semipublic parking facility within Athens-Clarke County.”*

ACC Ordinance Sec. 7-3-2 *“It shall be unlawful to throw, place or otherwise cause to be placed any tree limbs or leaves in or on any public street inside the curblin e or on the sidewalks in Athens-Clarke County.”*

Remember that clippings, pine straw, small brush, and leaves should be mulched or composted on site, or hauled to a composting site or landfill. If lawn material needs to be removed from the site, it should be bagged in paper lawn refuse bags and loaded into a covered vehicle.

For more information on county ordinances, visit www.athensclarkecounty.com [<http://www.athensclarkecounty.com>] and search for “ACC Ordinances.”

We Want To Hear From You!

Have questions about the Stormwater Program? Curious about how your Stormwater Utility Fee is calculated? Unsure about our local ordinances relating to stormwater? We are soliciting feedback about our program and want to hear from you. Submit any questions or comments you have on our [online form](#) [<https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/FormCenter/Stormwater-Management-24/General-Feedback-Form-230>] and you will hear back from someone within 48 hours.

Upcoming Events

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia's Outdoor Learning Symposium
Friday, October 20
Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy (3911 Campbellton Road SW, Atlanta)

The Council of Outdoor Learning presents "Think Outside" at the [2017 Outdoor Learning Symposium](#) [<http://www.eealliance.org/outdoor-learning-symposium>]. OLS provides attendees opportunities for networking and sharing outdoor teaching lessons and strategies for taking students outside the classroom. Return to your school or facility with great ideas and information to improve your own Outdoor STEM learning areas and programs. Teachers, environmental educators are encouraged to register at www.eealliance.org/outdoor-learning-symposium [<http://www.eealliance.org/outdoor-learning-symposium>]. The cost is \$35 for EEA members and \$60 for non-members.

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.



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