



Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER®



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SweetWater Brewing Company is launching an education and fundraising campaign in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa for Black Warrior Riverkeeper throughout October called “**Save the Black Warrior.**” The collaboration’s website is www.savetheblackwarrior.com. SweetWater has run a very successful campaign in Atlanta with Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper called “Save the Hooch.” Funding raised through “Save the Black Warrior” will support Black Warrior Riverkeeper’s river patrol and water quality monitoring programs.

As part of “Save the Black Warrior” participating locations in the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa areas will be selling paper fish to their clientele for \$1 and \$5, as well as special t-shirts. Venues include: **5 Points Grill** (Birmingham), **Bottletree Café** (Birmingham), **Cosmo’s Pizza** (Birmingham), **Dave’s Pub** (Birmingham), **Innisfree Pub** (Birmingham), **The J. Clyde** (Birmingham), **Jackson’s Bar and Bistro** (Homewood), **Jupiter Bar and Grill** (Tuscaloosa), **Mellow Mushroom** (Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and Hwy 280), **Metro Bistro** (Birmingham), **On Tap Sports Café** (Lakeview, Inverness, and Riverchase), **Western Supermarkets** (Birmingham), **Whole Foods Market** (Mountain Brook), and **Zydeco** (Birmingham).

Promotional materials for the campaign will emphasize that the Black Warrior River and its tributaries are threatened by pollution and will offer five things individuals can do to protect this important water supply for the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa areas.

SweetWater will also be offering incentives for participating retailers to encourage their fundraising efforts through paper fish and shirt sales. Name recognition for this vital river will spread a great deal through the collaboration.



DID YOU KNOW?

One of the Black Warrior’s three major tributaries (aka “Forks”) as well as the headwater of Smith Lake, the Sipsey Fork is Alabama’s only federally designated Wild & Scenic River. Its headwaters originate in the 24,922-acre Sipsey Wilderness within Bankhead National Forest. The Sipsey Wilderness was the first wilderness area created east of the Mississippi River, thus starting the Eastern wilderness movement.

The campaign’s Birmingham kick-off celebration will be at 10pm on Friday, **October 3 at Zydeco** (205-933-1032). Tickets are \$8 online at www.zydecobirmingham.com or \$10 at the door (2001 15th Ave S). The event is headlined by **The Dynamites featuring Charles Walker**, who got started at the legendary Apollo Theater. The band’s dynamic live show has already gained them opening slots for Galactic and Widespread Panic as well as appearances at Bonnaroo, City Stages, Art on the Rocks, and the Austin City Limits festival.

The campaign’s Tuscaloosa kick-off event will be at 9:30pm on Thursday, **October 16 at Jupiter Bar and Grill** (205-248-6611). \$10 Tickets will be available at www.jupiteronthestrip.com or at the door (1307 University Blvd). This concert is headlined by **Dubconscious**. These reggae pioneers are longtime supporters of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. Dubconscious brings healthy servings of spirituality, celebration, and social awareness exemplified by reggae pioneers like Lee Perry, King Tubby, Augustus Pablo, and The Gladiators.

In addition, **Whole Foods Market** is donating five percent of the sales on Tuesday, **October 21** at its Mountain Brook store (3100 Cahaba Village Plaza, 8am-10pm, 205-912-8400). **REI** and **Alabama Small Boats** are also supporting “Save the Black Warrior.” Many thanks to SweetWater and all the generous participants!

Nelson Brooke's Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER[®] Patrol Log

Here is a chronological summary of just a few of the many activities that Nelson Brooke, our staff Riverkeeper and Executive Director, performed recently as watchdog and spokesman of the Black Warrior River watershed. To report pollution, call (205)458-0095, e-mail: nbrooke@blackwarriorriver.org, or use the "Report Pollution" feature on our website: <http://blackwarriorriver.org/report-pollution.html>.

June 5: Patrolled the Mulberry Fork from Reed's Ferry with local member Todd Hyche. He showed me where Red Star Mine has logged trees very close to the river. I saw where muddy water from the mine's operations had entered sloughs and wetlands.

June 11: Patrolled Village Creek by canoe from Avondale Creek to the Village Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was quite trashy, especially from junk yards and industry lining its banks. A slight rain storm during the trip sent muddy stormwater out of some pipes and tributaries giving a look at the stormwater "first flushes" in this area. Two tributaries draining the new I-65/Corridor X junction construction site were spewing muddy water and oil into the creek. I found a sewage leak coming out of a tributary near Ensley. Despite the pollution, it was a nice scenic paddle and I saw quite a few birds, fishes, and turtles.

July 11: Found an old Ford in Turkey Creek.



Some of the strangest things end up in our creeks.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.

July 23: Participated in the Alabama Environmental Council's YouthServe volunteer week by leading a cleanup where Valley Creek comes out from under Birmingham at 5th Ave. N & 7th St. N. The volunteers cleaned up trash and learned that Valley Creek comes from underneath Birmingham and flows through Bessemer out into Bankhead Lake on the river. They saw cloudy water from a sewage leak that has been ongoing for years. Sadly, I had to tell them they should not touch the water.



Muddy Stormwater runoff from ALDOT'S Corridor X construction site. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



YouthServe volunteers at the Valley Creek cleanup.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.

August 16: Participated in the Holt Lake Cleanup held at Rocky Branch Park. Took a number of volunteers out on the patrol boat and cleaned a bunch of trash out of sloughs along the river. It was a beautiful day on the river, aside from the trash.

August: Spent a number of days this month in Turkey Creek with John Kinney and Paul Freeman of the Nature Conservancy doing a crayfish survey within the habitat of the endangered vermilion darter. I am doing this crayfish survey through a contract with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to determine the relative abundance of an invasive species, the Northern Crayfish (*Orconectes virilis*) within vermilion darter habitat.



Turkey Creek is a scenic stream with good water quality and recreational access at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Northern Crayfish (Orconectes virilis) we caught in Turkey Creek.
Photo by Dr. Guenter A. Schuster, Ph.D., Department of Biological Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University.

Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Legal Docket

Birmingham Airport Authority / Dunn Construction (Jefferson County)

Riverkeeper filed suit on April 3, 2007 against the Birmingham Airport Authority and Dunn Construction, alleging that stormwater runoff from much of the Airport's runway extension project has been inadequately contained or treated. The Defendants filed Motions to Dismiss our lawsuit, claiming that ADEM's Consent Order fixed the problem. This claim appeared questionable since **Riverkeeper has continued to detect significant turbidity** at the Airport after significant rainfall events.

The lawsuit was stayed pending resolution of ADEM's Consent Order against the Defendants. On May 28, 2008, U.S. District Court Judge Inge Johnson lifted the stay. Judge Johnson also entered an Order dismissing the Motions to Dismiss filed by the two Defendants. This ruling involves the same issue now on appeal in our case against Praco and Pumpkin Center Mines (see below). In her order, **Judge Johnson wrote that she found the defendants' arguments "less than convincing."** Of importance to the Court, despite completion of the requirements under ADEM's Consent Order, Riverkeeper still detected ongoing problems at the site.

Riverkeeper is attempting to reach an amicable settlement of the lawsuit and a solution to the turbidity problem. Otherwise, our lawsuit against Birmingham Airport Authority and its contractor, Dunn Construction Company has been set for trial on November 3, 2008.

Metro Recycling, Inc. (Blount County)

Riverkeeper and the Friends of the Locust Fork River filed suit against Metro Recycling, Inc. in U.S. District Court on August 21, 2007. Metro Recycling's tire landfill discharges to an unnamed tributary of Whites Creek, a tributary of the Black Warrior's Locust Fork. Their discharges without an NPDES permit are in violation of the Clean Water Act and similar provisions of Alabama Law.

Laboratory analysis of Riverkeeper's water sampling revealed that the pollutants Metro Recycling illegally discharged include: Benzene (**known carcinogen**), Chloromethane (**possible carcinogen**), 1,2-Dichloroethane (**probable carcinogen**), Ethylbenzene, Toluene, Vinyl Chloride (**known carcinogen**), and Xylenes, o,m,p.

Following a successful mediation of this case we have reached an agreement to settle with the Defendant. As required by the Clean Water Act, the signed settlement agreement has been sent to the U.S. Attorney General and the Environmental Protection Agency. After the period allowed for their review, we expect the U.S. District Court will approve the settlement. We will then report details of the settlement.

Moundville Lagoon (Hale County)

Upon reviewing pollution permit files at ADEM on numerous occasions, Riverkeeper alleged **2,135 Clean Water Act violations** at this wastewater treatment lagoon. Violations related to **inadequately treated sewage** polluted the Black Warrior River next to Moundville Archaeological Park and Moundville's public boat launch, where countless locals and visitors fish and swim.

Upon learning that the Alabama Attorney General had filed a lawsuit against Moundville, Riverkeeper intervened in that lawsuit to promote solutions that would end illegal discharges.

As of September 2008, the Moundville facility is ahead of schedule in implementing all necessary plans, devices, and systems that will prevent further harm to the environment. Measures taken include the construction of a chlorine contact chamber, dredge ponds, a drying bed, and seven aerators. Riverkeeper is very pleased with these improvements and will continue to track their progress.

Pleasant Grove South Mine #1 (Walker County)

On May 12, 2008, Riverkeeper mailed a Notice of Intent to Sue to Quality Coal Co., Inc. alleging **161 Clean Water Act violations** with **unacceptable levels of total suspended solids and iron** at their Pleasant Grove South Mine #1, which discharges into Lost Creek, a tributary of the Black Warrior's Mulberry Fork.

After discussing the discharge issues on several occasions with the facility's attorney, Riverkeeper has learned that the facility has taken necessary measures to prevent any further pollution issues. Subsequent discharge monitoring reports have not revealed violations. Given these welcome improvements, litigation appears unnecessary at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Praco and Pumpkin Center Mines (Jefferson and Walker Counties)

Riverkeeper filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against Cherokee Mining, LLC on July 27, 2007 regarding the company's Praco Mine and Pumpkin Center Mines. We alleged **410 Clean Water Act violations** of the mines' permit for discharges with **unacceptable levels of iron, manganese, total suspended solids, and low pH (acidity)**. The mines discharged the polluted water to tributaries of the Black Warrior River's Locust Fork.

ADEM stepped in with an inadequate Consent Order on September 24, 2007 and Cherokee Mining then filed a Motion to Dismiss our lawsuit on October 11, 2007. After briefing, Judge William Acker ruled in our favor and dismissed the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. The Defendant has appealed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. They have now filed their Appellant Brief. Amicus Curiae (friend of the court) briefs have been filed supporting their position by Alabama Coal Association and the State of Alabama.

Riverkeeper's Appellee brief was filed June 23, 2008. An Amicus Curiae brief was filed supporting our position by Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of water protective groups in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Oral argument has been granted by the appeals court and is set for October 10, 2008.

The issue involved affects the rights of citizen plaintiffs to file Clean Water Act lawsuits unimpeded by state administrative actions. Because the right of citizens to file such actions to enforce the Clean Water Act is pivotal, we are receiving support and encouragement from a broad array of citizens and organizations.

Collaborative Victory: Hurricane Creek's M-Bend Protected Forever

On July 23, 2008, the Tuscaloosa County Commission unanimously approved the acquisition of a special piece of land known as the M-Bend. This 250-acre property lines Hurricane Creek, a major tributary of the Black Warrior River. John Wathen, Hurricane Creekkeeper for The Friends of Hurricane Creek, made a deal with the land owner. If Wathen could find a willing buyer, the property could be protected.

Charles Scribner, Director of Development for Black Warrior Riverkeeper, put John in touch with Michelle Melton at the Trust For Public Land (TPL), a national land conservation organization where Scribner interned in college. Providing excellent maps, pictures, and biological information about this vital area, Wathen convinced TPL to visit the M-Bend. TPL agreed to purchase the property if Wathen could find a receiver for the deed. Wathen suggested the Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority (PARA). PARA and TPL met, and agreed to move forward with protecting this beautiful and biodiverse property. The Tuscaloosa County Commission's vote sealed the deal.

The undeveloped piece of land will now remain undeveloped forever, and provide citizens with public access to a great outdoor destination along Hurricane Creek. Thank you John Wathen (Hurricane Creekkeeper), The Friends of Hurricane Creek, The Trust for Public Land, Tuscaloosa County PARA, Tuscaloosa County Commission, and the former landowners for making this historic transaction possible.



For more information on this victory's many participants, visit:

Hurricane Creekkeeper <http://www.hurricanecreek.org/keeper.html>

Hurricane Creek IM Rivers site <http://www.imrivers.com/hurricane>

The Friends of Hurricane Creek <http://www.hurricanecreek.org>

The Trust for Public Land <http://www.tpl.org>

Tuscaloosa County PARA <http://www.tcpara.org>

Aerial view of the M-Bend. "The people of Tuscaloosa have been hoping for public access to Hurricane Creek for years," said John Wathen. "With this purchase, we were able to make that dream come true." Photo by John Wathen. Flight provided by SouthWings.org.

Upon learning of this milestone, renowned biologist and author Dr. Edward O. Wilson sent John Wathen the following message:

"It was the fall of 1946 that I first visited Hurricane Creek, in the company of Bert Williams, a professor of botany at the University of Alabama. I was a 17-year-old freshman, just starting my serious study of ants. Hurricane Creek was the locality of my first field research. That fall I found nests of miniature army ants, and made one of my first scientific studies: the behavior of a tiny beetle (*Paralimulodes*) that rides on the backs of the ants. Through the years I've wanted to see the Creek, which is so close to the University, made into a nature reserve. I once urged a president of UA to acquire it for a field station. It's a thrill to see it now preserved for future generations, and I thank John Wathen and all those who brought my and their dream to realization."

Edward O. Wilson,
University Research Professor, Emeritus, Harvard University
University of Alabama, B.S. (1949), M.S. (1950)
Pulitzer Prize (1979, 1991), National Medal of Science (1976)



Dean Wilson (left), Atchafalaya Basinkeeper (Baton Rouge, LA), and Nelson Brooke, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, on a canoe tour of Hurricane Creek. John Wathen, Hurricane Creekkeeper, enjoys leading his fellow Waterkeepers and other nature enthusiasts through his unique and beautiful patrol area. Photo by John Wathen.



Found in rare abundance throughout the Hurricane Creek watershed, *Rhododendron alabamense*, or the Alabama Azalea, has snowy white flowers with a prominent yellow blotch. Blooming in midseason, the flowers have a distinct lemon-spice fragrance and measure 0.8 to 1.5 inches across. Photo by John Wathen.

Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Board of Directors Spotlight: Rob Brewer

Rob Brewer is a business analyst with SunGard, a software and services company providing retirement plan administration solutions. He has been in the IT field for 20 years in programming, customer support, process improvement and project management. Brewer has a lifelong association with the Black Warrior through his family's property at Little Shoals Creek on Bankhead Lake. He enjoys bass fishing, boating and bird-watching.

In addition to regular board oversight, Brewer has been able to assist Black Warrior Riverkeeper "in many small ways," as he likes to say. For example, at SunGard, Brewer collects used cell phones for Riverkeeper's Cell and Ink Recycling Fundraiser. For more detail on that project and our other unique fundraisers, please visit <http://blackwarriorriver.org/fundraisers.html>.

Brewer has used his computer expertise to advise the organization in website design and hardware purchases, while also donating equipment for office use. Last but certainly not least, Brewer successfully solicited a generous friend to provide free storage space for our patrol boat!

Rob Brewer in Washington's Olympic National Park. Photo by Mary Brewer.



Cahaba RIVERKEEPER® Approved by WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE



Myra Crawford, PhD, MPH, founder and board president of Cahaba Riverkeeper. Photo by Shaun Crawford.

Cahaba Riverkeeper was recently approved as a member of Waterkeeper Alliance, joining Black Warrior Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper, Hurricane Creekkeeper and Mobile Baykeeper in defending the ecological integrity of Alabama's waters. The Cahaba River stretches for 190 miles across central Alabama and, along with the Black Warrior, is a major source of drinking water for Birmingham and its surrounding communities, accounting for one-fourth of Alabama's population. The Cahaba also receives treated municipal and industrial wastewater and storm water drainage.

Cahaba Riverkeeper's mission is to defend the ecological integrity of the Cahaba River and its tributaries and watershed. Cahaba Riverkeeper seeks to ensure clean water, a healthy aquatic environment, and the recreational and aesthetic values of the Cahaba. Cahaba Riverkeeper will investigate and bring to justice environmental lawbreakers who threaten the rights of every citizen to enjoy this water resource. While excellent watershed organizations such as Cahaba River Society and Friends of Shades Creek provide fantastic education and advocacy for the river, and offer recreational activities that help engage future Cahaba enthusiasts, Cahaba Riverkeeper is positioned to take a more litigious role, when necessary, in helping ensure that the waters of the Cahaba remain clean.

In 2003, the "State of the Upper Cahaba River Watershed: Resources and Threats, Opportunities and Challenges," was produced by professional consultants with the input of local environmental, civic, and business organizations and interested individuals. The report stated that advancing and relatively unchecked commercial growth abutting waterways threatens the life of the river and, consequently, the interests of the citizens who depend on the river for sustenance. Since the publication of the report, virtually no action has occurred to respond to the study findings or the recommendations to preserve the integrity of the river and the inhabitants that depend on its health.

The diversity of the Cahaba's fish population is greater than any other temperate river its size and reportedly second only to the Amazon. More than 130 species of fish have been found in the Cahaba, which is more than any other river of its size in North America. The river is also home to more than 40 species of freshwater mussels and 35 species of freshwater snails. Many of the river's animal and plant species are very rare, with ten fish, snail, and mussel species officially under the protection of the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed the designation of critical habitat in the Cahaba for eight endangered or threatened species of mussels.

Cahaba Riverkeeper will monitor the Cahaba River Watershed to identify violations of clean water legislation and take appropriate legal steps to notify perpetrators and appropriate authorities of violations. Remedial and legal action will be pursued to protect and conserve Alabama's natural resources and drinking water supply. Cahaba Riverkeeper will provide information and programs to educate construction professionals and corporate entities about appropriate planning, construction, sustainability, and maintenance of safeguards to protect the Cahaba River Watershed. Case-studies and research will be used to demonstrate ways in which a community, town or city can save money and protect its natural resources. Cahaba Riverkeeper believes that a healthy watershed promotes a healthy economy and that development and a clean environment can coexist naturally if appropriate laws, regulations, ordinances, and guidelines are implemented and enforced.

Myra A. Crawford, PhD, MPH, is Cahaba Riverkeeper's founder and president of its board. Dr. Crawford is a Clinical Research Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and served as Director of the Research Division, Department of Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine. Other board members include Peggy Gargis, David Guin, Erik Heninger, Byron Bart Slawson, and Tyler Vail. Cahaba Riverkeeper, a non-profit organization, is open to membership from individuals, organizations, and businesses and will be seeking a permanent staff Riverkeeper in the near future. Cahaba Riverkeeper's website will soon be www.cahabariverkeeper.org. In the meantime, the organization can be reached via Dr. Crawford at 205-967-2600.

Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Merchandise

To order these items (or hunting/fishing products) in support of Black Warrior Riverkeeper, please visit our online store at: <http://www.blackwarriorriver.org/shop.html>

or contact Charles Scribner at 205-458-0095 or cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org.

All prices below include shipping fees and sales tax.

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Riverkeeper Short Sleeve Tee (Blue or Red)

S, M, L, XL, 2XL. Size small in red or blue feature the “girl-style” cut shown below. Other sizes feature regular tee cut. Small logo on left front, large logo on back. **\$15**



Riverkeeper Short Sleeve Tee (White)

S, M, L, XL, 2XL. All sizes in white feature regular cut pictured here. Small logo on left front, large logo on back. **\$15**



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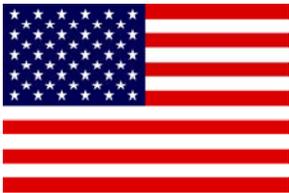
Black Warrior Riverkeeper's mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. We are a citizen based non-profit organization working to improve water quality, habitat, recreation, and public health throughout our patrol area, the Black Warrior River watershed.

Founded in 2001 by David Whiteside, our full-time staff includes Nelson Brooke—Executive Director & Riverkeeper, John Keeling—Staff Attorney, John Kinney—Program Director, and Charles Scribner—Director of Development. We also benefit greatly from the services of in-house Prosecuting Attorney, Mark Martin. Alabama Environmental Council's 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year, Black Warrior Riverkeeper is governed by a Board of Directors and is a proud member of Waterkeeper Alliance.

About WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE

The first Riverkeeper patrol boat was launched by military veterans and fishermen who mobilized in 1966 to challenge polluters on the Hudson River. That Riverkeeper's contribution to the Hudson's amazing recovery inspired the growth of over 180 local "Waterkeeper" organizations across the world.

Waterkeeper Alliance was founded in 1999 to connect and support local Waterkeeper groups, each of which is an independent non-profit organization protecting its waterway and community. Waterkeeper Alliance offers legal, scientific, and capacity-building advice, provides networking opportunities, and often advocates for issues common to multiple local Waterkeepers.



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___ Watercress Darter (Etheostoma nuchale) - endemic fish on federal Endangered list.....\$50
___ Vermilion Darter (Etheostoma chermocki) - endemic fish on federal Endangered list.....\$100
___ Flattened Musk Turtle (Sternotherus depressus) - endemic reptile on federal Threatened list.....\$250
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Riverkeeper Member Donates Truck to Tow Patrol Boat

As a citizen-based, non-profit organization, Black Warrior Riverkeeper received over 75% of our funding last year from individual members, the vast majority living in Alabama. In addition to this crucial local backing, our work to protect such a vital river in America's leading state for freshwater biodiversity has often inspired the support of citizens across the country. One of the most dramatic examples occurred recently when **John Singleton**, a member from California, generously donated an efficient Toyota HJ61 Land Cruiser Turbo Diesel to tow our patrol boat!

As the donor himself describes: "An old-guy surfer in California named John Singleton funded this excellent patrol vehicle in memory of **Stanley's**. Stanley's was a surfing location in Ventura County California until it was destroyed by the building of a carelessly located freeway ramp circa 1970".

John Singleton became impressed by Black Warrior Riverkeeper through our award-winning **MySpace.com** outreach program. Developed by Black Warrior Riverkeeper's founder, **David Whiteside**, this online outreach allows the organization to educate citizens throughout the watershed (and the world) about pollution, volunteering, events, and the Waterkeeper movement. Also, this outreach program requires zero paper or funding.

Whole Foods Market 5% Day: October 21

Tuesday Oct. 21, **Whole Foods Market—Mountain Brook** (3100 Cahaba Village Plaza, 8am-10pm, 205-912-8400) will donate 5% of its sales to Black Warrior Riverkeeper! This big day is part of our "**Save the Black Warrior**" campaign with **SweetWater** (see p. 1). Whole Foods Market is the world's leading natural and organic foods supermarket and America's first national certified organic grocer. Learn more at www.wholefoodsmarket.com



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