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## **Birmingham City Council Implores UA to Stop the Shepherd Bend Mine**

Birmingham - In today's City Council Meeting, the City of Birmingham unanimously passed "A Resolution imploring the University of Alabama System to neither sell nor lease their significant land and mineral holdings to allow coal mining at Shepherd Bend."

Black Warrior Riverkeeper shares the City's concern about the Shepherd Bend Mine, a major threat to the Black Warrior River's Mulberry Fork and Birmingham-area drinking water. Black Warrior Riverkeeper continues to ask that the UA System join the City of Birmingham, the Birmingham Water Works Board, UA and UAB student organizations, and countless concerned citizens in opposing this dangerous mine proposal.

A certified copy of the resolution will be posted on Black Warrior Riverkeeper's Shepherd Bend Mine webpage (<http://blackwarriorriver.org/news/help-protect-birmingham-s-drinking-water.html>) in the coming days.

Meanwhile, a copy of today's resolution is available here:

<http://www.blackwarriorriver.org/pdf/RESOLUTION%20Shepherd%20Bend%20Coal%20Mine-passed%20CC.pdf>

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper ([www.blackwarriorriver.org](http://www.blackwarriorriver.org)) is a citizen-based nonprofit environmental advocacy organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. A member of Waterkeeper Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper was the Alabama Environmental Council's 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year and the American Canoe Association's 2008 Green Paddle Award winner. Nelson Brooke, Riverkeeper, won the Alabama Rivers Alliance's 2010 River Hero Award. For more information contact Charles Scribner, Executive Director, at 205-458-0095 or [cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org](mailto:cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org).