



Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER®



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DID YOU KNOW?

Beginning as three main tributaries — the Sipsy Fork, Mulberry Fork, and Locust Fork — the Black Warrior River then flows southwest past Birmingham and through Tuscaloosa to its confluence with the Tombigbee River at Demopolis. The 6,276 square-mile watershed is home to over one million people and contains 16,145.98 miles of mapped water.

Birmingham Airport Authority Fulfills Case Requirements

Black Warrior Riverkeeper’s pollution case against the Birmingham Airport Authority (BAA) was closed on February 16, 2010, signifying that the BAA has fulfilled the requirements set during settlement. Since settling with Black Warrior Riverkeeper one year ago, the BAA has spent over \$1.7 million implementing erosion controls and sediment controls at their runway extension construction site.

The BAA contracted several local businesses to participate in their progress over the past twelve months, including Birmingham Engineering & Construction Consultants, Inc., Global Construction & Engineering, Inc., J2F, Inc., and Putman Erosion Control, Inc. J2F, Inc., an engineering firm in Birmingham, submitted quarterly site compliance evaluations.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper filed a suit under the Clean Water Act on April 3, 2007 against the BAA, alleging that muddy water from much of the Airport’s runway extension project had been inadequately contained or treated. The construction stormwater runoff polluted Village Creek, a tributary of the Black Warrior River’s Locust Fork. Sedimentation from stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of impairment in Alabama’s streams and rivers.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper and the BAA reached settlement on February 17, 2009 in United States District Court. The Honorable Judge Inge P. Johnson approved the settlement including injunctive relief (a court order requiring steps to curtail pollution) and a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). The BAA’s \$60,000 SEP payment will fund conservation work in Jefferson County’s Village Creek watershed. Black Warrior Riverkeeper chose the Freshwater Land Trust, an Alabama non-profit land conservation organization, to receive the SEP payment.

“This case highlights the value of the Clean Water Act’s citizen lawsuit provisions,” said Charles Scribner, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. “Our Riverkeeper, Nelson Brooke, collected pollution evidence at the Airport for years while the Alabama Department of Environmental Management failed to solve the problem. We are pleased that the Birmingham Airport Authority improved their site as a result of our action.”

Report stormwater pollution online at blackwarriorriver.org or call 205-458-0095.



Muddy water often polluted Village Creek before the BAA improved their site. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Prior to site upgrades, inadequate erosion control allowed large amounts of sediment into drainages. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Erosion control at the runway extension construction site is now greatly improved. Photo by Nelson Brooke. Flight by southwings.org.

Nelson Brooke, Staff Riverkeeper, Wins 2010 Alabama River Hero Award

Nelson Brooke, the staff Riverkeeper at Black Warrior Riverkeeper, won the 2010 River Hero Award on March 1 at the Alabama Rivers Alliance's Watershed Leadership Conference (alabamarivers.org).



As Riverkeeper, Nelson patrols and photographs the Black Warrior River and its tributaries, looks for pollution problems, responds to citizen complaints, researches and analyzes polluters' permits, collect pollution samples for laboratory analysis when necessary, educates the public about the beauty of the river and threats to it, advocates compliance with environmental laws, and is a spokesman for the Black Warrior River watershed.

A Birmingham native, Nelson attended the Altamont School in Birmingham and graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with an anthropology degree. Nelson is an Eagle Scout and outdoor enthusiast who has enjoyed fishing and hunting along the banks of the Black Warrior River since he was seven years old. Nelson has been Black Warrior Riverkeeper's staff Riverkeeper since January of 2004. He also served as Executive Director from August 2007 through December 2009, when Charles Scribner became Executive Director, enabling Nelson to focus more on Riverkeeper patrol and advocacy.

The Alabama Rivers Alliance annually hosts the Watershed Leadership Conference, a premier educational and networking event for Alabamians interested in clean water. The conference moves to different regions of the state each year. Since 2010 is an election year, the 2010 Watershed Leadership Conference was in the capitol, Montgomery, February 27-March 2.

The Watershed Leadership Conference is for anyone seeking to learn about clean water, environmental science, legislative policy, and leadership. Each year the conference brings over 100 individual attendees from a variety of backgrounds and over 25 various grassroots and conservation organizations together to share, network, and learn. At the Conference, participants receive professional development training from experts as well as their own peers on the newest ideas and innovations in their fields.

Founded in 1997, the Alabama Rivers Alliance's mission is to protect Alabama's rivers through water quality and quantity policy advocacy, grassroots organizing, and the providing of information to citizens in order to achieve clean and healthy watershed ecosystems, healthy people, strong economies, and a functioning democratic system of government in Alabama.

Nelson Brooke collects a water sample that a certified laboratory will analyze to report levels of suspected pollutants.

Photo by Constellation Imageworks.

Petition to EPA: Remove ADEM's Water Pollution Permitting Authority

On January 15, 2010, fourteen Alabama environmental organizations (listed below), led by the Alabama Rivers Alliance, officially filed a petition to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw the state's authority over Alabama's water pollution permitting program because it does not meet the minimum requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

"The water pollution permitting program administered by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is fundamentally broken and does not meet minimum federal standards," stated Alabama Rivers Alliance Program Director Mitch Reid. "This failure is a systemic, statewide problem. From funding to implementation to enforcement, the failures of the current system are leaving the citizens and environment of Alabama unprotected."

The water pollution permitting program, known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a part of the Clean Water Act. Each state is required to implement at least the minimum standards required in the federal law. For more than a decade, environmental and citizen organizations have worked with state agency leaders to find ways to improve this program. When that failed, the petitioners sought relief through the Alabama Environmental Management Commission (EMC), a seven-member governing board of ADEM appointed by the Governor of Alabama. Solutions have also been sought, when necessary, in the courts.

While there have been modest gains on a few individual issues, these have not addressed the substantial systemic failures of Alabama's water pollution permitting program. Intervention by the Environmental Protection Agency is the only relief left available to the environmental community to ensure the proper actions are taken to fix this defective program.

The petition initiates a legal process that is expected to engage EPA, ADEM, and all interested parties in developing concrete solutions to reform ADEM's water pollution permitting program. The goal of the petitioners is for Alabama's water pollution permitting program to meet or exceed minimum federal standards under the Clean Water Act in order to protect human health and the environment for the citizens of Alabama. View the petition and related files online: alabamarivers.org/epa-petition.

ADEM recently submitted a response to our petition to the EPA. The petitioners are finalizing our comments to that response and anticipate filing it with EPA shortly. Meanwhile, on May 13, 2010, we participated in a productive meeting with representatives of EPA Region IV in Atlanta to discuss possible remedies to some of the concerns we outlined in the petition.

Petitioners (alphabetical): ADEM Reform Coalition, Alabama Environmental Council, Alabama Rivers Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, Cahaba Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper, Conservation Alabama Foundation, Coosa River Basin Initiative, Friends of Big Canoe Creek, Friends of Hurricane Creek, Friends of the Locust Fork River, Mobile Baykeeper, Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens, Sierra Club-Alabama Chapter.



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Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Hires Eva Dillard, Staff Attorney

Eva Dillard began work as Black Warrior Riverkeeper's full-time Staff Attorney on April 2, 2010. Eva is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College and the University of Virginia School of Law. Her practice has been split between litigation and advising clients in both the public and private sector. She is a former Senior Counsel for Environmental Compliance in the Office of the General Counsel at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Washington, D. C.

As Staff Attorney, Eva represents Black Warrior Riverkeeper on legal matters regarding pollution prevention and environmental enforcement; works with the Riverkeeper (Nelson Brooke) and Enforcement Coordinator (John Kinney) on pollution investigations, file reviews, permit research, document procurement, and public comments; communicates with polluters and their attorneys to encourage environmental compliance and pollution prevention upgrades; and coordinates the work of the organization's legal volunteers and interns. Black Warrior Riverkeeper's staff now includes one part-time and four full-time employees. View all staff bios at blackwarriorriver.org/staff.html.

Eva is a board member and past president of the Homewood City Schools Foundation. She serves on the steering committee for Rethink280, a grassroots citizens' organization pursuing sensible, sustainable and cost effective solutions for traffic congestion along the U.S. 280 corridor in Birmingham. With husband Mark and son Jay, Eva lives in Homewood where she is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Eva Dillard, Staff Attorney. Photo by Van Chaplin.



David Whiteside Starts Tennessee RIVERKEEPER®



Robert F. Kennedy, III (left) and David Whiteside at a coal display in the Washington, D.C. subway. Photo by Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

David Whiteside joined the Waterkeeper movement in 1998, when he accepted a summer job from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., his godfather and the current President of Waterkeeper Alliance. David attended the Altamont School in Birmingham and graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Environmental Studies. His senior thesis at UVM documented the process leading up to Waterkeeper Alliance's approval of several autonomous Waterkeeper organizations in Alabama, including Black Warrior Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper and Hurricane Creekkeeper.

David founded Black Warrior Riverkeeper in 2001 and currently serves on our Board of Directors. He was Vice President of the Board in 2009. Since joining the Board in 2007, following several years on the staff, David has contributed thousands of volunteer hours towards fundraising, outreach, website updates, and event planning.

In 2009, David founded a new Waterkeeper organization, Tennessee Riverkeeper (tennesseeriver.org), along with environmental attorney Mark Martin. David is Executive Director and Riverkeeper, and Mark is Prosecuting Attorney. Tennessee Riverkeeper has an office and patrol boat on the Tennessee River in Decatur, Alabama.

Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Board Welcomes Bob Greene

Black Warrior Riverkeeper welcomed Andrew Robert (Bob) Greene to our Board of Directors in March 2010. Bob Greene is fulfilling his life-long dream of being an itinerant law professor having visited at Cumberland from 2006-present and Alabama during 2005-2006. Bob practiced law with Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP in Birmingham, Alabama from 1991-2008. He is a former Chair of the Environmental Law Sections of both the Alabama and Georgia State Bars.

In his retirement, Bob has also been a Fulbright Lecturer at the National Academy of Law in Odessa, Ukraine during the Spring of 2008; taught Environmental Law at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia in 2009; and is about to return temporarily to Ukraine to study Black Sea protection. He is a former Deputy Regional Counsel at the U.S. EPA, Region IV in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his A.B. from Georgetown University and his J.D. from Catholic University Columbus School of Law. Bob is married to Carol Schulz, has three grown children, and seven growing grandchildren.

Board Update: Rob Brewer's Second Term

Returning ballots we included with our 2009 year-end letter, Black Warrior Riverkeeper's members voted to approve Rob Brewer's start of a second term on the Board of Directors. View Board bios at blackwarriorriver.org/board.html

Black Warrior Riverkeeper's most recent addition to our Board of Directors: Bob Greene, environmental law professor
Photo by Samford University.



Save the Black Warrior with SweetWater: Annual September Success

SweetWater Brewing Company (sweetwaterbrew.com) ran its 2nd annual "Save the Black Warrior" program in September 2009, raising a great deal of awareness and funds for Black Warrior Riverkeeper. Throughout September, select bars, restaurants, and grocery stores in the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa areas sold "Save the Black Warrior" t-shirts, pint glasses, and paper fish to benefit Black Warrior Riverkeeper.

Mountain High Outfitters (mountainhighoutfitters.com) donated prizes for the top fundraisers at participating businesses. The program raised over \$13,000, nearly twice the 2008 amount! Ubiquitous "Save the Black Warrior" displays and merchandise educated countless people about the river.

Increasing publicity for the program and the river, Bogart's Motor Sports (bogartsmotorsports.com) donated a Vespa LX150 for the lucky winner of their "Save the Black Warrior" contest. Bogart's set up "Save the Black Warrior" displays with actual Vespas at Western Supermarkets in Birmingham and J.D.'s Food Mart in Tuscaloosa. Shannon Raboin, a veterinary student at Auburn University, won the contest and happily picked up his new Vespa from Bogart's on October 24.

SweetWater Brewing Company, out of Atlanta, GA, runs similar river outreach programs with three other Waterkeeper Alliance organizations, including French Broad Riverkeeper, Savannah Riverkeeper, and Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. SweetWater also supports renewable energy initiatives. SweetWater's "Save the Black Warrior" effort was led by their 2009 Alabama Market Manager, Jackie Benzine, and was coordinated at participating bars and restaurants by local beer distributors Birmingham Beverage and Supreme Beverage. Western Supermarkets joined the program by selling paper fish at three locations, raising over \$1,000.

Birmingham-area bars and restaurants included Area 41 Pizza, Barking Kudu, Blackwell's Pub, Bottletree, Buffalo Wild Wings (3 locations), Crestwood Coffee, Gable Square Saloon, Garage Café, Jackson's Bar & Bistro, Jim 'n Nick's BBQ, Mafiaoza's, Mellow Mushroom (2 locations), Metro Bistro, Open Door Café, On Tap (4 locations), Rogue Tavern, Rojo, Smith's Oysters & Steaks, The J. Clyde, WorkPlay, and Zydeco. Tuscaloosa-area bars and restaurants included Downtown Pub, Houndstooth, Innisfree, Jupiter Bar & Grill, Mellow Mushroom, and Temerson Square Bar. The top Birmingham-area fundraiser was The J. Clyde, followed by Buffalo Wild Wings' Highway 280 location. The top Tuscaloosa fundraiser was Innisfree, followed by Downtown Pub.



Paper fish sold each September, with proceeds to Riverkeeper. Buyers personalize the fish for display on businesses' walls.



"Save the Black Warrior 2009" included 4 public events sponsored by SweetWater. Rollin in the Hay played concert fundraisers on August 27 at Tuscaloosa's Jupiter Bar and Grill and on September 3 with Earthbound at Birmingham's Rogue Tavern. On September 4, Smith's Oyster's & Steaks of Birmingham promoted "Save the Black Warrior" during their participation in Rock 99.5's "21 Bars in 21 Days" event. On September 22, Broadway Across America presented the opening night of Grease at the BJCC, starring American Idol winner Taylor Hicks. Supporting Riverkeeper, special tickets to the play also included VIP admission that night to the Grease Cast Party at Rogue Tavern, featuring music by Frankie Velvet & The Mighty Veltones, plus Taylor Hicks.

We eagerly await "Save the Black Warrior" in September 2010!

Tuscaloosa's Waterkeepers Planning Event at Museum of Natural History

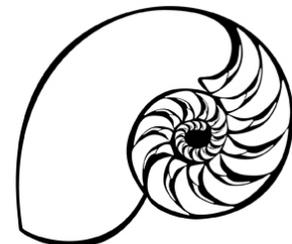
Thursday, August 12, from 5 to 8pm, Black Warrior Riverkeeper and the Friends of Hurricane Creek (Hurricane Creekkeeper) will co-host a FREE public event at the Alabama Museum of Natural History: "An Evening with Tuscaloosa's Waterkeepers".

The event will feature watershed presentations and new photography exhibits by the two Waterkeepers protecting Tuscaloosa-area waterways: Nelson Brooke (Black Warrior Riverkeeper) and John Wathen (Hurricane Creekkeeper). Dr. Doug Phillips of Discovering Alabama will deliver a special introduction.

Free admission, parking, food (Snow's Bend Farm and others), wine (JohnnyGreenSeeds), and beer (SweetWater)! Both groups accept optional donations.

The Alabama Museum of Natural History (amnh.ua.edu) is located in Smith Hall on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Capstone Drive at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. To reach the Museum from Highway 82 (McFarland Boulevard), take the University Boulevard exit and follow the signs leading west to Hackberry Lane. If you are arriving on I-59, exit onto I-359 and take the University Boulevard exit traveling east to Hackberry Lane. Plenty of free parking will be available August 12.

For more information contact Charles Scribner, Executive Director, Black Warrior Riverkeeper: cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org or 205-458-0095 or John Wathen, Hurricane Creekkeeper: hccreekeeper@gmail.com or 205-233-1680.



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Three Clean Water Groups Challenge Rosa Coal Mine Proposal

In another challenge of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) failure to protect Alabama's waterways, on November 20, 2009 the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC, southernenvironment.org) petitioned for a hearing on the permit issued for the 3,255-acre Rosa Coal Mine in Blount County. The proposed mine would have over 60 pollution discharge points into the main stem or feeder streams of the Locust Fork, a Black Warrior River tributary that is already on ADEM's list of the worst polluted streams in the state due to sediment.

SELC's petition was filed on behalf of Black Warrior Riverkeeper and The Friends of the Locust Fork River. SELC already represents Black Warrior Riverkeeper in an ongoing legal challenge of ADEM's actions in permitting the Shepherd Bend Coal Mine in Walker County. In both cases, the agency has ignored federal and state laws and its own regulations.

"Ultimately, the problem goes beyond these projects, and lands squarely on the shoulders of ADEM which is consistently failing to protect water quality throughout the state. The Rosa and Shepherd Bend coal mines are exhibit A," said SELC Senior Attorney Gil Rogers.

The Rosa Coal Mine permit is deficient in numerous ways. The mine would discharge pollution into a segment of Locust Fork which is listed, by ADEM, as "impaired" under the Clean Water Act. Alabama law prohibits causing or contributing to the pollution of an impaired water body. The agency acknowledged the impaired status of the Locust Fork in their permit rationale, but issued the permit anyway.

"ADEM needs to quit rubber-stamping these pollution permits and get serious about its role as the environmental regulator of coal mine operations," said Black Warrior Riverkeeper Nelson Brooke. "Our waterways are much too precious to be so utterly neglected and exploited."

Also, in an identical violation as in the Shepherd Bend permit, ADEM issued the Rosa Mine permit without first receiving a pollution abatement and prevention plan from the company, MCoal, detailing how pollution would be kept out of nearby waters, as its own rules require. Rather, following ADEM's practice of many years, MCoal said it would submit the plan to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission. However, the commission has no authority over water pollution, Rogers said, and assessing a mining permit for compliance with water quality standards without a pollution abatement plan is meaningless.

In addition, the permit's limits for heavy metals, sediment and other pollutants are virtually identical to the ones in the Shepherd Bend permit, despite the fact that the Rosa Mine site would be almost twice the size, have twice the number of discharge points, and would be located in a stressed watershed. Further, the permit grants a sweeping exemption from all pollution limits when it rains, even though such limits are designed precisely to protect streams and rivers from storm runoff.

"ADEM has been asleep at the switch for far too long on these coal mine permits, and the Black Warrior watershed has suffered as a result. We will continue to take legal action to ensure that mining operations have as little impact on water quality as possible," Rogers said.

"This is one of the Locust Fork's most scenic sections and locals want to keep the river safe after having seen it take thirty years to recover from past strip mining," said Sam Howell, president of The Friends of the Locust Fork River (friendsofthelocustforkriver.org).

One of the Black Warrior River's three main tributaries, the Locust Fork is one of Alabama's longest remaining free-flowing rivers. It is a great place to swim, canoe and kayak, fish, photograph, watch wildlife, and is home to many rare fish, mussels, snails, turtles and salamanders.

The Warrior Coal Basin lies underneath the majority of the Black Warrior River watershed. This basin is the southernmost coal deposit in Appalachia and the largest coal basin in Alabama, with over 90 active mines in the Black Warrior watershed. As a result, the Black Warrior River continues to suffer from impaired water quality due to heavy metals, acids, and sediment that run off from active and abandoned coal mines.

Our Rosa Coal Mine permit appeal has been heard by an Administrative Law Judge who will pass his recommendation on to the Environmental Management Commission, the board who oversees ADEM.



Site preparations begin for auger machinery near a highwall off Hwy. 231. Photo by Nelson Brooke. Flight by southwings.org.



Mountaintops and abandoned highwalls in part of the proposed Rosa Mine site. Photo by Nelson Brooke. Flight by southwings.org.



Similarly, we are challenging a mine proposal at Shepherd Bend across from Birmingham's Mulberry Fork drinking water intake. Photo by Nelson Brooke.

Nelson Brooke's Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Patrol Log



Assisted by WWF funding.

Here is a chronological summary of just a few of the many activities that Nelson Brooke, our staff Riverkeeper, performed recently as patrolman and spokesman of the Black Warrior River watershed. To report pollution, call (205)458-0095, email: nbrooke@blackwarriorriver.org, or fill out the online "report pollution" form at blackwarriorriver.org.



Gorgas Steam Plant on the Mulberry Fork.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.

July 7: Examined Gorgas Steam Plant's discharge pipes to the Mulberry Fork.

July 10: Observed Birmingham Hide & Tallow's wastewater discharges into Valley Creek.

September 2: Checked out erosion issues at construction sites in Northport and Tuscaloosa.

September 18: Participated in a tour of the endangered vermilion darter's habitat in Turkey Creek with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and local stakeholders.

October 5: Flew over the US Army Corps of Engineers dredge disposal dike collapse at Snow's Bend with SouthWings to see the extent of the damage on the Black Warrior River.

October 5-6: Patrolled the dike collapse and Hunt Oil's discharges by boat.

November 16: Examined Miller Steam Plant's coal ash pond discharge to the Locust Fork.



Birmingham Hide & Tallow's discharge.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.

January 21: Checked out erosion issues at construction sites in Bessemer, Gardendale, and Fultondale.

February 10: Flew over the river in Jefferson, Walker, and Blount County with SouthWings to look at multiple pollution issues after a rain event.

March 21: Paddled the beautiful, free-flowing Duck River in Cullman County that is threatened by a dam proposal.

March 26: Flew over the proposed Rosa Coal Mine site with The Friends of the Locust Fork and SouthWings to get a bird's eye view.

April 22: Attended the Alabama Surface Mining Commission's Brushy Pond Mine public hearing at Wallace State Community College and provided comments in opposition to this proposed coal mine on Smith Lake.

April 27: Visited the site of Metro Recycling's tire landfill leachate discharge to assess compliance with our Consent Decree against the landfill for its pollution.

May 12: Helped remove dock styrofoam at Smith Lake with the Smith Lake Civic Association.

May 17: Observed Birmingham Hide & Tallow's wastewater discharges into Valley Creek.



A vermilion darter from Turkey Creek.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Erosion problems at Bessemer High School.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Aerial picture of the US Army Corps of Engineers' dredge disposal dike collapse at Snow's Bend on the Black Warrior River (downstream of Tuscaloosa near Snow's Bend Farm). The Corps of Engineers' Tuscaloosa office estimated that between 300,000 - 500,000 cubic yards of sediment from this multi-acre dike were lost into the river and washed downstream.
Photo by Nelson Brooke. Flight by southwings.org.



Nelson collects a sample from Metro Recycling's tire landfill discharge.
Photo by Jennifer Patterson.

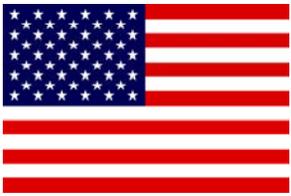
About Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER®

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 improving water quality, habitat, recreation, and public health in our patrol area, the Black Warrior River watershed. This basin is entirely contained in Alabama, America's leading state for freshwater biodiversity. Monitoring waterways, educating the public, and holding polluters accountable has made us an important proponent of clean water.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper is governed by a Board of Directors and is a proud member of Waterkeeper Alliance (waterkeeper.org). Our fellow independent Waterkeeper organizations in Alabama are Cahaba Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper, Hurricane Creekkeeper, Mobile Baykeeper, and Tennessee Riverkeeper. Our staff includes Nelson Brooke (Riverkeeper), Eva Dillard (Staff Attorney), John Kinney (Enforcement Coordinator), Jenn Patterson (Program Director), and Charles Scribner (Executive Director). Contact us at 205-458-0095 or info@blackwarriorriver.org to report pollution or to discuss volunteering, donating, or events. Learn more and get updates at blackwarriorriver.org.



Black Warrior Riverkeeper's patrol boat on the Mulberry Fork.
Photo by Constellation Imageworks.



Membership / Donation Form



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To purchase merchandise (shirts, stickers, hunting/fishing gear, car tags, dock markers, Dr. Bronner's Soaps, hats, etc.), visit blackwarriorriver.org/shop.html or contact us at: 205-458-0095 or info@blackwarriorriver.org.

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3-Minute Video about Black Warrior Riverkeeper

On the 40th Anniversary of **Earth Day**, we launched a 3-minute video produced by **Lewis Communications**. The first Earth Day in 1970 promoted development of federal environmental legislation such as the Clean Water Act. The video shows how Black Warrior Riverkeeper puts legislation to work for the sake of water quality, public health, wildlife habitat, and recreation. It also shows how you can help! View and share it **online** via blackwarriorriver.org. For a **DVD** to play in schools, clubs, etc., please call 205-458-0095.

Gulf Coast Waterkeepers Respond to BP Oil Disaster

Save Our Gulf is a project of **Waterkeeper Alliance** to support the efforts of the **Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper** and **Louisiana Bayoukeeper** in Louisiana, **Mobile Baykeeper** in Alabama, and **Emerald Coastkeeper** and **Apalachicola Riverkeeper** in Florida, who are facing what may be the largest environmental and economic disaster in U.S. history. To learn what Gulf Coast Waterkeepers are doing during the BP Gulf oil disaster, and to find out how you can help, visit saveourgulf.org or call 914-674-0622.

Earthbound's Earthfest 2010: Family Fun in the Sun

On April 18, **Earthbound** (with special guests **the Scott Ward Band** and **One Eyed Mary**) played their annual outdoor concert, Earthbound's Earthfest, to increase awareness for **Earth Day** and raise funds for Black Warrior Riverkeeper. Hundreds of people of all ages enjoyed the day at Birmingham's **Bessie Estelle Park**. Volunteers' recycling and cleanup efforts left the park as beautiful as we found it. We received funding through sponsors' donations and from many event attendees' optional donations. Thank you to our sponsors who made it possible for us to offer free admission:

Alabama Environmental Council, Archetype, Aztec Events & Tents, BaseCamp, Bestwick Family, Birmingham Vending, Bottletree, Capture Music, City Supermarket, EBSCO Media, Gable Square Saloon, Giuseppe's, John P. Graves, Green Central Station, Grow Alabama, Hatfield Auto, Hungry Howie's, Hunter's Cleaners, Johnny Brusco's Pizza, Marty's, Nana Funks, New Merkel Consulting Group, Nviroplast, Fred Purchis, Rojo, Sipsey Tavern, Skates 280, Stillwater Pub, Stir Crazy, SweetWater Brewing Company, UAB Green Initiative, UAB Recycling, Upside Down Plaza, Wolf Creek Creations.

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