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Titusville Community Resolution Urges UA System Trustees to Stop the Shepherd Bend Mine

Birmingham – Today, Titusville Community officers, collectively representing the Birmingham neighborhood associations of North Titusville, South Titusville, and Woodlawn Park, unanimously passed a [Resolution](#) urging the University of Alabama System Trustees (UA) to stop the proposed [Shepherd Bend Mine](#) from polluting a major drinking water supply for the greater Birmingham area.

UA is the major owner of land and minerals coveted by Drummond for a coal mine on the Black Warrior River's Mulberry Fork in Walker County. The 1,773-acre strip mine would discharge wastewater at 29 proposed outfalls, including one that is 800 feet across the river from a Birmingham Water Works Board intake facility providing tap water to 200,000 people.

Titusville Community leaders and residents are concerned that metals and sediment discharged from the Shepherd Bend Mine would lead to decreased water quality and increased filtration fees for consumers. Scientists, businesses, governments, environmental, civil rights and religious organizations, and UA and UAB alumni, faculty and students have all implored UA Trustees not to lease or sell their land and minerals to Shepherd Bend, LLC. That company is owned by Garry Neil Drummond, a Trustee Emeritus of the UA System. Without access to UA's significant land and mineral holdings, it may not be practical for Drummond to begin mining at Shepherd Bend.

“I am thankful that Rev. Anthony Johnson, Titusville Community President, convened neighborhood leaders on a Saturday morning to urge the University of Alabama System Trustees to stop the Shepherd Bend Mine,” said Charles Scribner, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. “I hope UA respects the concerns of these three Birmingham neighborhoods whose drinking water, and water bills, would be negatively affected by the mine.”

To view a picture of the Titusville Community officers after passing the resolution, [click here](#).

To view the Titusville Community Resolution, [click here](#).

To read similar resolutions by the Birmingham City Council, UA Student Government Association, UAB Undergraduate Student Government Association, UAB Graduate Student Association, UAB PHSA, and to view more information, documents, action alerts, maps, pictures, and articles about the Shepherd Bend Mine proposal, [click here](#).

To view an aerial photo by Nelson Brooke, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, showing the water intake facility, the Black Warrior River's Mulberry Fork, and the proposed mine site, with annotations by American Rivers, [click here](#).

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper is a citizen-based nonprofit clean water 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. In 2013, American Rivers added the Black Warrior to its national list of [Most Endangered Rivers](#) due to the Shepherd Bend Mine. For more information contact Charles Scribner, Executive Director, at cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org or 205-458-0095.