

**For Immediate Release**  
**September 5, 2012**



**Contact:**

Charles Scribner, Executive Director, Black Warrior Riverkeeper: (205) 458-0095, [cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org](mailto:cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org)

**Black Warrior Riverkeeper Celebrates 10 Years of Service on September 22**  
***“Tap into the River”: Music, Beer, and Gourmet Food at Good People Brewery***

*Birmingham* – Saturday, September 22, from 2pm to 8pm, Black Warrior Riverkeeper will celebrate 10 years of clean water advocacy with the event “Tap into the River” at [Good People Brewery](#) (114 14<sup>th</sup> Street South). Two excellent bands will play during the event: The Locust Fork Band and Earl Williams & the Juke Band. The event has no entry fee and is open to all ages, although guests under 21 must be accompanied by an adult.

Guests age 21 and older can purchase a variety of Good People beers throughout the event. The Brewery will donate 10% of all beer proceeds to Black Warrior Riverkeeper. Guests can also purchase gourmet food prepared by [Food Studio B](#), featuring ingredients donated by [Snow’s Bend Farm](#) from the Black Warrior River near Tuscaloosa.

The Black Warrior River watershed provides approximately half of Birmingham’s drinking water, including all of the water that Good People Brewing Company uses to brew their beer. [The brewery’s owners have publicly implored the University of Alabama System to refuse to lease or sell property for the proposed Shepherd Bend Mine](#), which would discharge pollutants 800 feet from the Birmingham Water Works Board’s Mulberry Fork intake facility. Throughout the event, Black Warrior Riverkeeper will provide information and displays about the [Shepherd Bend Mine](#) and broader efforts to promote clean water, public health, wildlife habit, and recreation.

“We are excited to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in downtown Birmingham, particularly at a flourishing business whose water-based product comes from the Black Warrior River’s Mulberry Fork” said Charles Scribner, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper.

To view the “Tap into the River” event poster by Lewis Communications, visit:

<http://www.blackwarriorriver.org/pdf/LewisBWRKPosterGoodPeople5.pdf>

To view the “Tap into the River” event sponsors, visit:

<http://www.blackwarriorriver.org/pdf/Sept22SponsorPoster.pdf>

To view a timeline of “watershed moments” in Black Warrior Riverkeeper’s history, visit:

<http://blackwarriorriver.org/timeline.html>.

To view an aerial photo by Nelson Brooke, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, showing the Birmingham Water Works Board’s Mulberry Fork intake facility, the Black Warrior River’s Mulberry Fork, and the proposed Shepherd Bend Mine site, visit:

<http://blackwarriorriver.org/images/ShepherdBendMulberryForkLabeled.jpg>

###

Black Warrior Riverkeeper ([blackwarriorriver.org](http://blackwarriorriver.org)) is a citizen-based nonprofit 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 2011 the Black Warrior became one of America’s [Most Endangered Rivers](#) due to coal pollution. For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Charles Scribner: (205) 458-0095, [cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org](mailto:cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org)