



Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER®



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Part of the proposed conservation area: Standridge Bend on the Black Warrior's Locust Fork. Photo by Nelson Brooke.

On April 20, 2009, Black Warrior Riverkeeper and the Friends of the Locust Fork River submitted a nomination for 3,200 acres along the Black Warrior's Locust Fork in Jefferson County & Blount County to be protected as public property by the Alabama Forever Wild Program.

The property (shown in red on the map), currently owned by the Birmingham Water Works Board, has been for sale since early April. This opportunity arose after the BWWB chose to discontinue longstanding plans for a dam on the river (to create a water supply reservoir). Now that the project is no longer going to occur, the threat to the Locust Fork's free-flow is no longer, and the time is right to protect this property. A conservation purchase by Forever Wild would help this gateway to the Locust Fork become a resource for current and future generations.

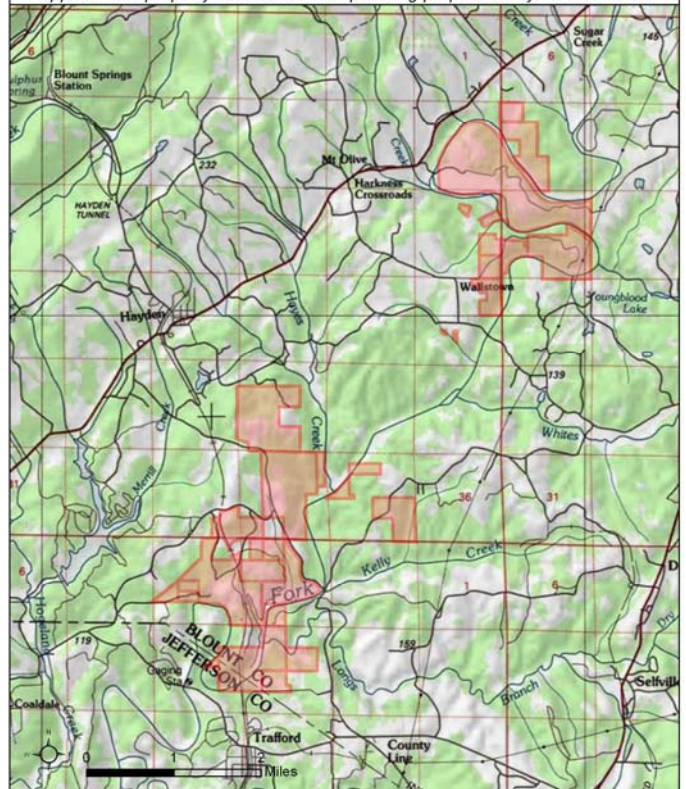
The Locust Fork is one of Alabama's longest remaining free-flowing rivers. It is a great place to swim, canoe and kayak, fish, photograph, watch wildlife, and more. The river is also home to many rare aquatic species such as fish, mussels, snails, turtles, and salamanders. Conserving this property would afford watershed protection that is vital for both water quality and wildlife habitat. A Forever Wild acquisition would also provide much needed public access for the many recreational users that visit the Fork each year.

Our partner on the proposal, Friends of the Locust Fork River (flfr.org), is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to preserving the integrity of the Locust Fork River in its natural free-flowing state, and to that end, the lifestyle of the community which surrounds it.

On June 11, Forever Wild's board voted to seek an appraisal of the property and apply for grant funding, promising news for our proposal, and a strong endorsement of the Locust Fork's many values. Once an appraisal is made, the board will decide whether to make a purchase offer to the Birmingham Water Works Board. We hope the deal will succeed.

To read the Forever Wild nomination and view its attachments and endorsers visit: blackwarriorriver.org/news/locust-fork-forever-wild-nomination.html

Birmingham Water Works Board's 3,200 acres
Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River
Jefferson County and Blount County, Alabama
Approximate property boundaries - for planning purposes only. Not to scale.



DID YOU KNOW?

A national poll published March 25 by the Gallup Organization shows that pollution of drinking water is Americans' # 1 environmental concern. 59% of those polled said they worry "a great deal" about the issue. Concerns over water-related issues occupied the top four spots in the survey. Results were based on phone interviews with 1,012 adults.

ADEM Sued for Permitting Coal Mine that Threatens Birmingham Water

On behalf of Black Warrior Riverkeeper, the Southern Environmental Law Center filed a lawsuit on December 22, 2008 challenging the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's issuance of a permit for a proposed strip coal mine, which would discharge pollutants into the Mulberry Fork of the Black Warrior River, less than a quarter mile from an intake for one of Birmingham's major sources of drinking water.

The Southern Environmental Law Center filed the lawsuit challenging the Shepherd Bend Mine permit in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County on behalf of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. The groups say ADEM violated state law and its own rules by issuing the wastewater discharge permit without notifying the public. Also in violation of state law, the permit lacks a plan to prevent or mitigate pollution, according to the suit.

"ADEM should have reviewed this permit very carefully, given that the drinking water of thousands of people is at risk. Instead, ADEM went badly astray in granting this permit without ensuring that an adequate plan to prevent pollution was in place," said SELC attorney Catherine Wannamaker.

In December 2007, Shepherd Bend, LLC, applied to ADEM for a permit to discharge wastewater from the proposed 1,773-acre mine on the Mulberry Fork in Walker County. Black Warrior Riverkeeper and others, including the Birmingham Water Works Board, submitted comments pointing out deficiencies in the application and their concerns about the impact to the city's drinking water. The discharge would be just 800 feet upstream from the water works intake pipe, and would contain, among other toxins, iron, aluminum, manganese, chlorides, and sulfates. The water works board, noting that the proximity of the proposed mine to the drinking water source was, to its knowledge, "unprecedented," said the cost to clean the water would likely increase.

ADEM issued the permit July 21 without notifying the public, despite continued inquiries by Riverkeeper and others. When recently asked by news media about the failure to follow required procedures, an ADEM spokesman said the agency did "what's best for the state."

"This was not a mix-up. The permit was deliberately issued without notifying the public of ADEM's decision to allow more pollution in our drinking water supply," said Nelson Brooke, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. "ADEM can't be allowed to get away with this. With more than 90 coal mines in the Black Warrior watershed, we must have strong regulatory oversight to ensure the river stays healthy for both human use and aquatic habitat."

"It's inconceivable that the agency ok'd this permit, first without telling anyone, second without any plan to prevent pollution of the Black Warrior watershed, and third with very weak limits for toxic metals," Wannamaker said.

The groups also filed an administrative appeal of the permit pursuant to state requirements for challenging environmental permits. The legal actions seek revocation of the permit and an injunction preventing any activities that purport to be authorized by the permit. We await a decision from the Administrative Law Judge on our administrative appeal, and the Circuit Court case is on hold pending the outcome of the appeal. Once we receive the ALJ's opinion, we will be able to determine what the next steps are.

Founded in 1986, SELC (southernenvironment.org) is the only non-profit regional organization dedicated to protecting the native forests, wetlands, air and water quality, wildlife habitat and rural landscapes in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. SELC works in partnership with more than 100 diverse groups on legal advocacy, policy reform and public education to achieve lasting environmental protections.

Farewell to Mark Martin, Esq. — Legal Warrior

From Black Warrior Riverkeeper's early days, Mark Martin served as our contract attorney, filling the roles of Prosecuting Attorney and General Counsel. Having a legal presence to enforce environmental laws is an important part of the Waterkeeper model. Mark's efforts on behalf of Riverkeeper helped people who use the Black Warrior watershed realize that something CAN be done in the face of adversity (the Alabama Department of Environmental Management—ADEM), and showed polluters that their days of polluting the Black Warrior were numbered. Mark used the citizen enforcement provisions of the Clean Water Act to bring cases against wastewater treatment plants, coal mines, developments, and industries discharging pollutants in violation of their water discharge permits.

Mark also helped navigate the murky waters between ADEM and EPA's interpretation of our nation's Clean Water Act. ADEM's enforcement of the Clean Water Act is quite a bit less stringent than the EPA's. So, Mark had the task not only of bringing legal actions against polluters, but also of trying to keep the state from taking away our cases once we filed the required notice. ADEM and the Attorney General often took our cases to protect polluters from citizen suits and then levy ridiculously low fines. With support from the Southern Environmental Law Center in our case against Cherokee Mining, LLC, Mark won an 11th Circuit appeal defending the citizen suit provisions of the Clean Water Act. It will now be much more difficult for the state to take cases away from us and other citizens.

After over eight years with Black Warrior Riverkeeper, Mark is moving on and will continue to practice environmental law — polluters beware! We thank Mark for his countless contributions and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.



Shepherd Bend on the Black Warrior's Mulberry Fork. The proposed mine would discharge 800ft upstream of a major Birmingham drinking water intake.
Photo by Nelson Brooke.

Successful Settlement in Pollution Case with Birmingham Airport

Black Warrior Riverkeeper settled our pollution case against the Birmingham Airport Authority and Dunn Construction Company on February 18, 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 the payment of \$150,000. The money will pay for litigation expenses as well as a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP).

The SEP will fund a land conservation project in Jefferson County's Village Creek watershed. Black Warrior Riverkeeper chose the Freshwater Land Trust (freshwaterlandtrust.org) to receive the SEP payment from the Birmingham Airport Authority and Dunn Construction. The Freshwater Land Trust is a non-profit land conservation organization whose mission is the acquisition and stewardship of lands that enhance water quality and preserve open space. Black Warrior Riverkeeper is pleased that the Freshwater Land Trust will use the entire SEP payment to benefit the Village Creek watershed.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper filed a lawsuit under the Clean Water Act on April 3, 2007 against the Birmingham Airport Authority and its contractor, Dunn Construction, 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 waterways.



Conspicuously muddy water from construction at the Birmingham International Airport entering Village Creek. Over a period of several years, Riverkeeper Nelson Brooke documented many similar instances of stormwater runoff pollution from the airport. Photo by Nelson Brooke.

Visit this webpage for the settlement agreement: blackwarriorriver.org/releases/2009_PressRelease_Airport_ConsentDecree.pdf

Visit this webpage for the original lawsuit: blackwarriorriver.org/releases/2009_PressRelease_Airport_Complaint.pdf

Jennifer Patterson Hired as Part-Time Program Director



Jennifer Patterson first studied ecology in high school at Saint James in Montgomery. Working through college she performed water quality assessments at an aquaculture lab. She earned her degree in Geography and Biology from the University of South Alabama.

Jenn has worked with local conservation organizations including the Southern Environmental Center, Alabama Urban Forestry Association and Auntie Litter. At International Expeditions, she was the destination manager for the Galapagos Islands where she served as a board member for the International Galapagos Tour Operators' Association, which lobbies for conservation, funds projects and promotes the practice sustainable tourism. She is an avid gardener and is passionate about recycling.

As part-time Program Director, Jenn will assist co-Program Director John Kinney with outreach and presentations, attend meetings with partner organizations, help strengthen public support within the watershed and accompany Riverkeeper Nelson Brooke on his patrols.

View our other staff bios at: blackwarriorriver.org/staff.html.

Jenn and her husband Christopher in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. Photo by Bolivar Sanchez.

Black Warrior RIVERKEEPER® Board of Directors Spotlight: Mike Cowan

Michael J. Cowan, P.E., is the Engineering Vice-President of ClearLinX Design, Inc. As a civil engineer, his areas of practice include NPDES permitting, construction erosion control, and stormwater runoff mitigation/design. Mike has been an avid canoeist and kayaker since 1982. He has served as the Birmingham Canoe Club's Environmental Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mike, wife Barbara, and daughter Sophia live in North Shelby County. Having lived in other parts of the country, they are continually inspired by the paradise of Alabama rivers and natural resources. Mike has served on Black Warrior Riverkeeper's Board of Directors since 2006, becoming Secretary in 2009.

View our other Board members' bios at:

blackwarriorriver.org/board.html.

Mike Cowan (kneeling, second from left) with other Riverkeeper supporters and the patrol boat on the Black Warrior near Moundville.

Photo by Nelson Brooke.



WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE Launches TheDirtyLie.com about Coal Myths

Waterkeeper Alliance has unveiled the whole truth about coal. Its thedirtylie.com website has been launched to combat the lies that are being spread about coal, including the myth of so-called “clean coal.” As an autonomous local chapter of Waterkeeper Alliance often focusing on coal pollution, Black Warrior Riverkeeper is helping promote the website.

The full cycle of coal use destroys our land, uproots communities, despoils our streams, contaminates our water supplies, and poisons our air. Coal-burning power plants are the leading emitters of CO2 emissions that exacerbate climate change, their SO2 emissions cause acid rain that kills our forests, and they spew tons of the neurotoxin mercury, this generation's lead. thedirtylie.com exposes these threats and more.



There are around 100 active strip (surface) and underground coal mines in the Black Warrior watershed today. Many operate along the banks of the river and its tributaries. They are allowed to mine within 100 feet of the river and 300 feet of homes. Water discharge permits are given to mines allowing them to discharge pollutants such as total suspended solids (muddy water), and heavy metals (iron and manganese). Coal from Alabama is used to make coke for the steel-making process, is shipped overseas, or is burned at power plants to produce electricity. >50% of Alabama's energy comes from burning coal.

There are three active coal-burning power plants in the Black Warrior watershed. Gorgas Steam Plant is on the Mulberry Fork in Walker County; Miller Steam Plant is on the Locust Fork in Jefferson County; and Greene County Steam Plant is on the Black Warrior River in Greene County. Miller Steam Plant was the #1 mercury emitting power plant in the entire nation in 2007, spewing out nearly a ton of mercury. Gorgas and Greene were named in the top 50 dirtiest plants list. EPA cites coal-fired power plants as the leading source of mercury air emissions. A potent neurotoxin, mercury is especially dangerous to children and developing fetuses.



Strip mining's aftermath scars land along the Black Warrior's Locust Fork.
Photo by Nelson Brooke. Flight provided by SouthWings.org.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper is pleased to partner with Waterkeeper Alliance and fellow local Waterkeeper organizations on several of the Alliance's national campaigns, such as those focused on coal and mercury. As an autonomous local Waterkeeper organization, Black Warrior Riverkeeper is part of a proud tradition. 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 has inspired the growth of over 180 autonomous “Waterkeeper” organizations across the world. Waterkeepers (including Alabama's Black Warrior Riverkeeper, Hurricane Creekkeeper, Cahaba Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper, and Mobile Baykeeper) patrol waterways, respond to citizen complaints, and enforce environmental laws.

Waterkeeper Alliance was founded as a distinct non-profit organization in 1999 to connect and support local Waterkeeper organizations, each of which is an independent 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 Waterkeeper groups, such as coal and mercury. To view the entire list of the Waterkeeper programs worldwide, visit:

<http://www.waterkeeper.org/ht/d/OrgDir/pid/210>

Charles Scribner, Black Warrior Riverkeeper's Director of Development, wrote his 100-page Princeton Senior Thesis in 2005 on the history of Waterkeeper Alliance. To read it, visit: blackwarriorriver.org/library/History_Waterkeeper_Alliance.pdf.

Waterkeeper Alliance recently created a U.S. Blueprint for Clean Water, offering remedies to past policy decisions and proposes a new way for the federal government to strengthen environmental protection in all areas relating to water. To read it, visit: switchstudio.com/waterkeeper/issues/blueprint.html.



On the Black Warrior's Locust Fork, Alabama Power Company's Miller Steam Plant emitted more mercury in 2007 than any other coal-fired power plant in the country, according to EPA data compiled by the Environmental Integrity Project. Photo by Nelson Brooke. Flight provided by SouthWings.org.



Two Important Bills for Clean Water Need Your Support

On June 18, 2009, the **Clean Water Restoration Act (S. 787)** & the **Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act (S. 937)** both passed out of the Senate EPW Committee. These bills will now move to the Senate floor for a vote. If you have not called your senators yet in support of these bills, please take five minutes to do so.

Alabama's U.S. Senator Contact Info: Senator Jeff Sessions - (202) 224-4124
Senator Richard Shelby - (202) 224-5744

>> If you are outside Alabama, find your Senator's contact info here: www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Clean Water Restoration Act

What to say: Please support the **Clean Water Restoration Act (S. 787)** in its current form, with no weakening amendments. We need to re-establish our basic water protections that were in place in 2001 and for almost three decades prior to that, so that many of our nation's waters do not lose protection. S. 787 does not attempt to expand the Clean Water Act, but rather to restore its original intent. All original exemptions are still in place and this act will not move beyond protecting wetlands and waterways. There is nothing in this bill to include farm ponds or puddles. Wetlands and streams that clean our water and provide drinking water must be protected. The next step in the Senate is a full floor vote on this compromise bill.

On the House side, we need to encourage the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to take up and vote for a strong bill. Contact the committee at (202) 225-4472. To find your Representative, visit:

www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml

National Wildlife Federation has a comprehensive website on this bill:
online.nwf.org/site/PageNavigator/Campaign%20Sites/CWRA_MainPage



Avondale Creek, a Birmingham tributary of Village Creek, which is a tributary of the Black Warrior's Locust Fork, was polluted by McWane, Inc. Litigation on this case has become a focal point of the Clean Water Restoration Act. Learn more at: blackwarriorriver.org/rapanos.html. Photo by Nelson Brooke.

Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act

What to say: Please support the **Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act (S. 937)**. We have been unknowingly subjected to raw sewage in our streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs for too long. It is time that wastewater treatment plants be required to notify the public when a spill occurs, so that we can keep out of harm's way when recreating, swimming, fishing, and boating.

Background: Alabama currently has regulations that require wastewater treatment plant operators to notify the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), the public, and local public health authorities when a spill occurs. Unfortunately, only ADEM is being notified and even ADEM does not get notified every time a spill occurs. There is a catch: ADEM is in charge of ensuring the regulations are followed. ADEM is knowingly allowing wastewater spills to occur without enforcing the provision requiring notification of the public and public health authorities. So, while we have vague regulations on the books, we must encourage passage of national legislation in hopes that it will encourage Alabama to protect her public health and unrivaled freshwater biodiversity with more stringent regulations.

Sewage information from American Rivers:

"What's In Your Water? The State of Public Notification in 11 U.S. States"

www.americanrivers.org/library/reports-publications/whats-in-your-water.html

"Health Risks of Sewage"

www.americanrivers.org/assets/pdfs/Health_Risks_of_Sewage_fact_sheetb119.pdf

Sewage information from Natural Resources Defense Council & Environmental Integrity Project:

"Swimming in Sewage"

www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/sewage/sewage.pdf



Sewage overflow at a manhole in Hueytown. This sewage flowed into Opossum Creek, a tributary of Valley Creek — a major recreation spot in Jefferson County.

Photo by Nelson Brooke.

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: blackwarriorriver.org/report-pollution.html.

February 23: Found where ground asphalt and tar entered multiple storm sewers during the downtown Birmingham re-paving project. These storm sewers discharge into Valley Creek. I then went by where Valley Creek comes out from under the city at 5th Ave. N & 7th St. N and found sewage discharging from an unknown location within the storm sewer system under the city.

March 10: Sampled a discharge from Birmingham Hide & Tallow's plant on Valley Creek in Bessemer. This discharge was in violation of their permit.

March 10: Found a sanitary sewer manhole overflowing into Opossum Creek in Hueytown. I reported it to the Jefferson County 24-Hour Sanitary Sewer Hotline: (205) 942-0681. They came out to fix it within a couple of hours.

March 13: Found Cottonwood Creek in Uniontown to be in horrible shape due to improperly treated wastewater being discharged by the Uniontown Lagoon (Perry County). They are in violation of their permit.

March 26: Found muddy water leaving the new Bessemer High School construction site heading towards Fivemile Creek, a tributary of Valley Creek.

April 6: Sampled East Walker County Wastewater Treatment Plant's discharge to the Mulberry Fork upriver of Reed's Ferry. This discharge was in violation of their permit. Upon analyzing my samples, the laboratory reported that fecal coliform bacteria levels were "too numerous to count".

April 30: I gave a Riverkeeper presentation to a group of Presbyterians from The Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley. I then joined them on the Bama Belle (bamabelle.com) in Tuscaloosa for a tour on the part of the Black Warrior River known as Oliver Pool (above Oliver Lock & Dam).

May 14: Found coal from the loading dock being discharged into the river at Alabama Power's Gorgas Steam plant on the Black Warrior's Mulberry Fork.

May 22: Investigating a pollution tip, I found a large amount of oil & grease coming from the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority's MAX Bus parking lot and making its way into storm drains on the street. Upon being notified, they quickly had the problem cleaned up.



Cottonwood Creek, full of improperly treated wastewater discharged by the Uniontown Lagoon. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Muddy water spills out of Bessemer High School's construction site. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Loose coal falls down the Mulberry Fork's riverbank (dark sections) at the loading dock of Alabama Power's Gorgas Steam Plant. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



East Walker County Wastewater Treatment Plant's heavily polluted underwater discharge to the Mulberry Fork. Photo by Nelson Brooke.

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 working to improve water quality, habitat, recreation, and public health in our patrol area, the Black Warrior River watershed. This vital river 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.

Founded in 2001 by David Whiteside, 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 Hurricane Creekkeeper, Cahaba Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper, and Mobile Baykeeper. Our staff includes Nelson Brooke (Executive Director & Riverkeeper), John Kinney (co-Program Director), Jennifer Patterson (co-Program Director), and Charles Scribner (Director of Development). Contact us at 205-458-0095 or info@blackwarriorriver.org to report pollution or to discuss volunteering, donating, or events. Learn more and view updates at blackwarriorriver.org.



After flowing through Birmingham, Village Creek (above) enters the Black Warrior’s Locust Fork in West Jefferson Co. Photo by Nelson Brooke.



Membership / Donation Form



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712 37th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35222

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

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SweetWater Brewing Company proudly announces its 2nd annual month-long “**Save the Black Warrior**” program to raise funds and awareness for Riverkeeper. In September ‘09, select restaurants and bars in the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa areas will sell shirts and paper fish to benefit Riverkeeper. The venues and sponsors will be listed at savetheblackwarrior.com. For more information, contact Charles Scribner at info@blackwarriorriver.org or 205-458-0095.

2009 includes **3 events** co-sponsored by SweetWater! **Rollin in the Hay** plays **August 27** (at Tuscaloosa’s **Jupiter Bar and Grill**) and again on **September 3** with **Earthbound** (at Birmingham’s **Rogue Tavern**). \$10 door charges at both concerts benefit Riverkeeper. **September 22, Broadway Across America** presents the opening night of **Grease** at the BJCC, starring **Taylor Hicks**. Supporting Riverkeeper, special tickets to the play also include admission that night to the **Grease Cast Party at Rogue Tavern**, featuring **Frankie Velvet & The Mighty Veltones with Rick Carter**. Type password “riverkeeper” to view ticket options at broadwayacrossamerica.com/groupsales.

Higher Ground Roasters, Roast Magazine’s National Micro-Roaster of the Year, sells 12oz and 2lb bags of **Black Warrior Riverkeeper Roast** at more locations than ever! HGR donates 10% of the sales of this fair trade, shade grown, organic coffee to Riverkeeper. Buy at highergroundroasters.com or visit these stores:

Berkeley Bob's (Cullman), **Capture Studio** (Tuscaloosa), **Catherine's Market** (Alexander City), **Crestline Bagel** (Mountain Brook), **Crestwood Coffee** (Birmingham), **Greenlife Grocery** (Asheville, NC), **Good Foods** (Lexington, KY), **Java & Jams** (Birmingham), **Java Jolt** (Jacksonville), **John Dewey Academy** (Great Barrington, MA), **Local Food Stop** (Roswell, GA), **Main and Maple** (Nicholasville, KY), **Manna Grocery** (Tuscaloosa), **Mast General** (Asheville, NC), **Moss Hollow Country Market** (Lake Ariel, PA), **Nature's Grocer** (Vernon, CT), **Nomad Supply** (Birmingham), **Northern Star** (Norcross, GA), **Olde Towne** (Huntsville), **Organic Harvest** (Vestavia), **Percasso's** (Guntersville), **Publix** (Birmingham), **Red Wagon** (Herman, MO), **Sojourns** (Birmingham), **The Hub** (Lexington, KY), **V. Richard's** (Birmingham), **Western Supermarket** (Mountain Brook), **Whole Foods Market** (Mountain Brook).

These locations serve our blend in-house: **Bottletree** (Birmingham), **Capture Studio** (Tuscaloosa), **Crestline Bagel** (Mountain Brook), **Crestwood Coffee** (Birmingham), **Greenlife Grocery** (Asheville, NC), **Java & Jams** (Birmingham), **McWane Science Center** (Birmingham), **Nomad Supply** (Birmingham), **The Hub** (Lexington, KY), **Eclipse Coffee House** (Montevallo).

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