



Phase II Stormwater Program

Winter 2017

Volunteering in the Community

Chattahoochee River Cleanup!

The Chattahoochee River has a lot less trash now thanks to a group of about 30 volunteers. Outside World Columbus, the Chattahoochee River Warden and the City of Phenix City teamed up with Volunteers to clean up trash along the river on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Together the group picked up approximately 1,300 pounds of trash. This was the first cleanup since the river flooded at the beginning of the year.



Riverwalk near the Amphitheater—February 4, 2017

Invasive Plant Removal Workday—February 10, 2017

Mill Creek Project Cleanup!

Mill Creek, which meanders through Phenix City, is a major tributary to the Chattahoochee River. The Mill Creek Watershed drains an area of approximately 24.8 square miles and is considered impaired because it does not meet the water quality criteria required to support fish and wildlife. It is also listed on the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's 303(d) "List of Impaired Waters" for organic enrichment. This means there is an excessive amount nutrients and sedimentation in the stream, as well as increased stormwater runoff and discharges.

The Mill Creek Project hosted an invasive plant removal workday on Friday, February 10, 2017 at the Phenix City Intermediate School as part of a Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant through the National Federal Wildlife Federation and The Southern Company. Along with the City, volunteers from Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Central High School's Environmental Club, and Advanced Science classes volunteered their time to learn about nonpoint source pollution and water quality benefits of native plants. The volunteers were educated onsite on how to identify and remove non-native invasive species from the Constructed Stormwater Wetland, the Outdoor Classroom site and along the Mill Creek Stream Restoration Site at the school.