ACCOMPLISHMENTS by the NUMBERS 2021

ADVOCATED for Georgia’s Rivers

- Served 14th year as a leader of and 3 years as the fiscal agent for the Georgia Water Coalition, a consortium of 285 groups working to improve state policies to protect Georgia’s water. Together, we celebrated 1 big win: passage of trust fund honesty legislation that will help fund environmental cleanups across the state.

- Served 2nd year as a leader of and fiscal agent for the Okefenokee Protection Alliance, a coalition of 43 groups working to protect the Okefenokee Swamp. Together, we sent 100,000+ letters to the Georgia EPD and 10,000+ letters and calls to Gov. Brian Kemp advocating for the Okefenokee Swamp’s protection.

- Served 2nd year as a leader in the Georgia Outdoor Recreation Coalition, a group of 38 organizations working to expand Georgia’s outdoor recreation infrastructure, culture and economy. Together, we advocated for a statewide office of outdoor recreation and statewide trails map.

- 2 science conference presentations, 2 video documentaries and 2 SouthWings flights to help protect the Okefenokee Swamp

- Nominated 2,000 miles of rivers to the Environmental Protection Division for increased water quality protections

PROVIDED Resources on Georgia’s Rivers

- Georgia River Network released its 6th guidebook: the Ocmulgee River User Guide

- 1 Georgia River Guide mobile app in development for release in spring 2022

- 400+ miles of Georgia rivers mapped through partnership with EarthViews

13+ outreach events
75+ earned media stories
CONNECTED
People to Georgia’s Rivers

- 19 Paddle Georgia trips across all 14 major river basins, exploring over 300 miles of Georgia’s rivers
- 600+ people connected to Georgia’s rivers through trips
- 60+ people of color introduced to Georgia’s rivers through partnership with Atlanta Outdoor Afro

$90,000+ raised for river protection through trips

- Removed trash from multiple waterways
- Educated trip participants on important aquatic fauna and river conservation

- 7 participants trained as Adopt-a-Stream citizen water monitors
- 60 new paddlers trained through kayaking safety classes
- 2 life jacket drives to help supply Georgia Department of Natural Resources SPLASH life jacket loaner boards

- 90+ sampling locations visited to collect water quality data through partnership with Georgia Adopt-a-Stream
- Assisted with establishment of the Tugaloo River and Upper Flint River water trails
- 6 new introductory kayaking and safety training classes debuted

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