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Newsletter
February 2021

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CAPITOL CONSERVATION DAY

March 3, 2021
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Event



Legislative Priorities

The Georgia state legislative session is now open. During the coming weeks ORK will be asking for your involvement by contacting representatives and sharing details about our legislative positions.

Join a **[virtual Capitol Conservation Day](#)** on March 3.

Experts from the [Georgia Water Coalition](#) will brief you on important issues. Then you will put your new skills and information to work! Following the event, meet with your local legislators virtually to advocate in support of important legislation.

Register early so that GWC can match you with fellow constituents and assist in scheduling a group virtual meeting with your local legislator.



[View the series](#)

Black History Month

Throughout the month of February we will be shining a spotlight on Black environmentalists. From the first African-American to serve as the Superintendent of the National Park System to local activists protecting the Gullah-Geechee corridor to young people taking up birding, there is much to celebrate.

Nature-based yoga

Enjoy a gentle flow style yoga class with a watershed ecology theme alongside Melanie, our education & outreach coordinator (RYT 200). This class is open to all ages and levels. It meets Georgia Standards of Excellence in Science for 7th and 8th grades with some topics and vocabulary appropriate for other grade levels.



[Practice your yoga](#)



[Seasonal intention inspiration](#)

Seasonal intentions

Do you find it hard to make and keep New Year's resolutions? Try setting a seasonal intention instead!

Use your creativity and science skills to come up with ways you can help the environment.

Hancock County Quarry

Ogeechee Riverkeeper is helping the citizens of Hancock County who are opposed to the opening of a new gravel quarry. The proposed quarry is within a mile of the Ogeechee River and poses **a number of potential dangers to local water resources**.

[Read ORK's official comments](#), [sign the petition](#), [donate to the cause](#) [and more](#).



Quarry details



Read the article

Scientific journal publication

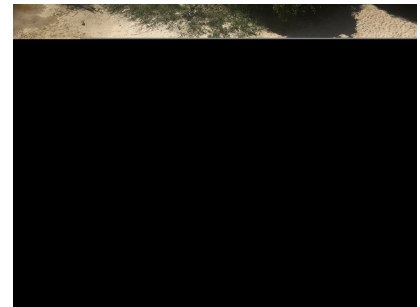
Our riverkeeper, Damon Mullis, and Dr. Checo Colon-Gaud, an ORK board member and professor at Georgia Southern University are co-authors of a new article in the Journal of Freshwater Ecology.

Their study focused on different ways to collect data when assessing macroinvertebrates.

Adopt-A-Landing

One of the busiest, and messiest, places along the river is the landing. From constructed boat ramps to informal sandy spots to put in, these are heavily trafficked areas and tend to accumulate trash.

While we can't organize group cleanups right now, we are coordinating individual litter pickups. We are encouraging families and households to adopt a spot on the river and commit to checking it for litter regularly.



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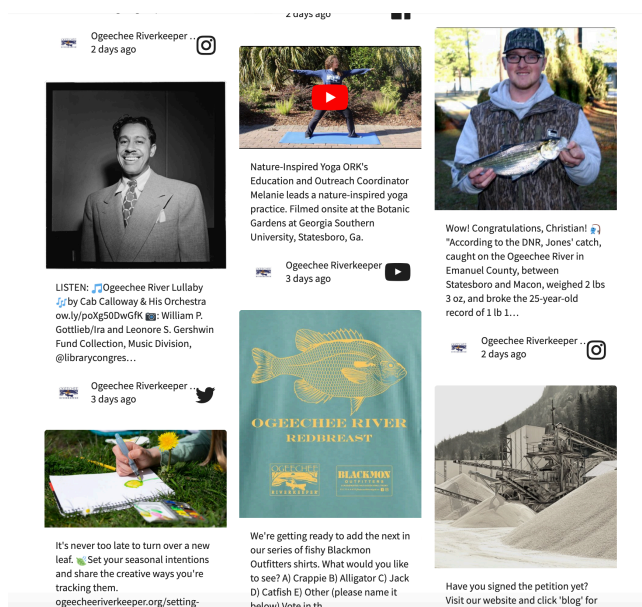


Details about Milliken

Milliken update

The public comment regarding the proposed permit renewal closed in November. ORK submitted its detailed comments to those that GA EPD is now reviewing. ORK also shared its PFAs findings. These, along with other documents regarding the permit, are [available online](#).

There is no definitive timeframe for GA EPD's announcement of the new permit details. ORK continues to investigate the facility and collect data, and ORK will share details of the new permit as well as a response once it becomes available.



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