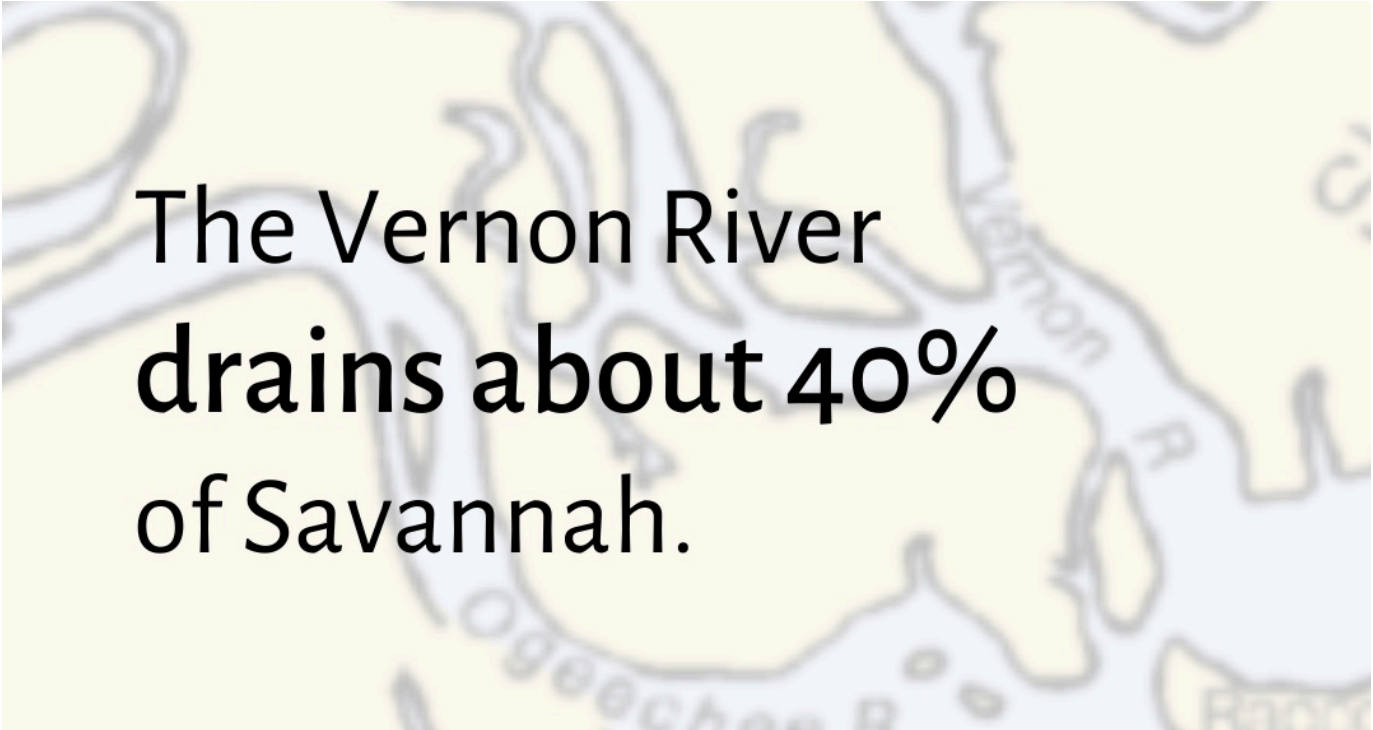


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A map of the Ogeechee River watershed, showing the river's course and its tributaries. The text is overlaid on the map.

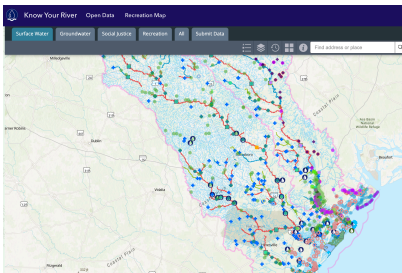
The Vernon River  
drains about 40%  
of Savannah.

# #ProtectTheVernon

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out for a cleanup on Harmon Canal as part of our Protect the Vernon project.

The Vernon River drains via urban and suburban runoff that flows through Wilshire Canal, Harmon Canal, Casey Canal, and Hayners Creek. All of these waterways are part of the Ogeechee River watershed. Learn more about how we are working to [#ProtectTheVernon](#).

Learn more about joining the effort



Explore the site

## New data site launched

Ogeechee Riverkeeper assisted Savannah Riverkeeper in compiling data for the new [Know Your River](#) website. The site gives users the ability to interact with multiple parameters and layers of information as well as a download raw data for use and analysis. The site is a work-in-progress and information will continue to be added.

## In the news

ORK is pleased to have been on the evening news highlighting the Little Lotts Creek boom and our partnership with Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful and The City of Statesboro.



Learn more



Become a corporate sponsor

## Corporate sponsorships

Ogeechee Riverkeeper offers annual [corporate sponsorships](#) with multiple levels of giving. Your annual sponsorship comes with a number of perks (including company-only events and tickets to our annual Oyster Roast), supports us in our ongoing efforts, and helps us reach more people in our watershed.

## Water conservation

Fresh water is a finite resource. In addition to keeping our waterways clean, we also try to reduce water usage in general. Companies, businesses, and municipalities all have a responsibility to minimize their water consumption, but there are also a number of ways someone can conserve water in everyday ways.



Tips and tricks



Sign up for training

## Sign up to sample the Vernon

ORK is looking for volunteers who are willing to take samples as we work to [Protect the Vernon](#). Citizen scientists will be trained by ORK staff and assigned a location to monitor within the Vernon watershed. The data collected will be crucial in helping identify and fix water quality issues. Sign up to be alerted for the next training session.

## What are PFAS?

PFAs are considered ‘forever chemicals’ because they do not break down in the environment and they accumulate in wildlife, plants and humans. They are also in the water — groundwater and drinking water. And over time, they accumulate in fish and livestock, meaning they are in the food chain. All of these sources cause them to accumulate in the human body.

[Learn more](#)

### AUGUST 28

Members Only: Birding with  
Ogeechee Audubon

[Details](#)

### OCTOBER 23

Members Only: Paddle Trip  
at George Smith State Park

[Details](#)

### NOVEMBER 4

Annual Oyster Roast  
Mark Your Calendars!

[Details to come](#)



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preserve and improve the waterways within our basin.**

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