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Ogeechee Riverkeeper®

Newsletter
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Limited Edition Prints

ORK has teamed up with local artist Juliana Smith to create a custom artwork featuring the plants and wildlife in the Ogeechee River watershed. Juliana designed the piece, carved the linocut by hand, and pulled a limited number of prints.

Juliana is a local artist dedicated to spreading knowledge about the organisms we share our home with and encouraging outdoor exploration. She is a naturalist for an environmental education non-profit in the South Carolina Lowcountry where she shares experiences and information about our native flora and fauna with others. Though she is particularly drawn to birds, bugs, and wildflowers, she finds fascination in all wild things and spends endless hours observing, studying, and illustrating them.

There are only 100 11" x 14" prints -- each is signed and numbered by the artist. ORK is pleased to offer a print as a gift for a new donation of \$500 or more.

[Watch creation videos](#)[Make donation and receive gift print](#)

Vernon Management Plan Updated

ORK and stakeholders from the City of Savannah Water Resources, Chatham County and area residents adopted an updated watershed management plan for the Vernon River. It includes new data and recommendations to restore the waterways in the Vernon River basin.

[View the plan and stats](#)[View ORK's official comments](#)

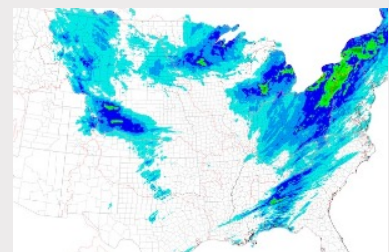
Legal Advocacy

One of ORK's roles is to provide expert comments on applications regarding water quality impacts. Recently, ORK has written official response to the following proposals:

- Stubbs tract warehouses (2)
- Hill-Durrence tract

Members Only: Happy Hour with NWS

Join Blair Holloway, Lead Meteorologist at National Weather Service (NWS), for happy hour. He will lead an informal presentation and chat about weather and its effects on our environment while we enjoy drinks and food from Driftaway Cafe. **This is a members-only event.** [Become an ORK member now.](#)



[Event info](#)[Sign up now](#)

Don't Litter Lotts Initiative

Jump into the creek with Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful and ORK by participating in our regular creek cleanups in Statesboro. Help clean out a litter trap in Little Lotts Creek or sort and analyze the litter that is found.

Birds & Bins

Come join ORK, Ogeechee Audubon, and Ford Field and River Club for a birding walk and litter cleanup. Co-leaders will help locate and identify birds, educate us about the southern part of the Ogeechee watershed while we cleanup the waterways.

[Details and registration](#)[Save the Date](#)

Oyster Roast

Ogeechee Riverkeeper's annual oyster roast is back this fall! We'll have all-you-can-eat freshly steamed oysters, plus delicious barbecue and sides. **Most importantly, it supports the crucial work of ORK.** Mark your calendar.

ORK contributes to scientific paper

Damon Mullis and Checo Colon-Gaud, Ph.D., published their findings on various methods for collecting macroinvertebrates. The findings of this article were first published in the Journal for Freshwater Ecology. The article was edited and repurposed for young readers and their educators, and was published by Frontiers for Young Minds.

[View the article](#)[View articles](#)

In the news

Keep track of ORK in the news! Not only do we share the coverage of our work and events, we also act as experts for journalists seeking to understand water quality issues in our basin.

There are many ways you can help the Ogeechee Riverkeeper protect, preserve and improve the waterways within our basin.

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