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Ogeechee Riverkeeper®

Newsletter
March 2023



Credit: Krishna Sharma

Riverfest is April 15!

Ogeechee Riverkeeper (ORK) will host Riverfest at the Ogeechee River Mill, on the border of Warren and Hancock counties, on Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Outdoor events and activities on the grounds of the Riverview Farms and the Ogeechee River Mill will include music, cornhole, rubber duck race, archery demonstration, tractor display, mule-drawn wagon rides, raffle and more! Guests are also welcome to paddle or fish but must bring

their own equipment. The mill will have fresh ground cornmeal and a chance to 'bag you own'.

Admission is FREE for Ogeechee Riverkeeper members, and for children 12 and under. Admission is \$10 per person for all others. Tickets will only be sold at the door.

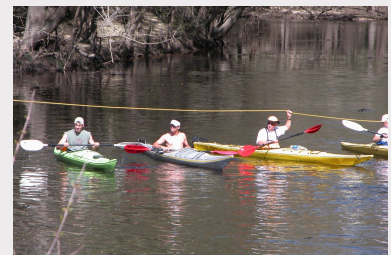
Food, drinks, and snacks from Mill Rock Missionary Baptist will be available for purchase throughout the day. A limited number of vendors will also be on site. Note: **All sales will be CASH ONLY.**

There is no reliable GPS, internet, or cellular service in this area. The event is rain or shine. Outside food and drink is not allowed. No alcohol is allowed on site.

Details

The Canoochee Paddle Race is back!

Ogeechee Riverkeeper will host the Canoochee Paddle Race on Saturday, April 22, 2023 in Evans County, Georgia. The race will begin at 9 a.m., with fun paddlers to follow. The race will take place along approximately seven miles, from Brewton Bridge to Rocks River Bridge landing.



Registration and
details



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:

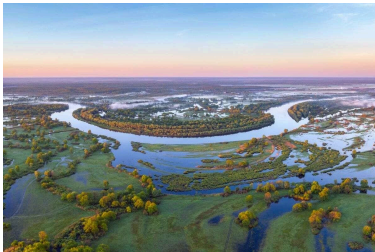
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- Desnoyer Warehouse development - Chatham County
- City of Pembroke Water Pollution Control Plant expansion grant's Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI)
- Land Application System (LAS) expansion and new construction of wastewater treatment facility
- Hampton Island Preserve ("Project Y") housing/multi-use Planned Unit Development (PUD) - Liberty County, near Riceboro

Legislative Update

Contact Department of Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper and ask him to provide an update on his department's progress in addressing problems caused by the poor application of "soil amendments."

Email: tyler.harper@agr.georgia.gov or Tel: (404) 656-3602

[File formal complaint](#)[Read more](#)

Fellowship Blog: Flood Pulses

The flood pulse is the annual rise and fall of the water levels. This is important for our river systems because it allows the floodplains to collect and channel water through and bring nutrients into the ecosystem. Protecting the floodplain from development is an important factor in the health of waterways.

Planned Giving

Have you considered protecting the Ogeechee River basin in your estate plan? By leaving a legacy gift to Ogeechee Riverkeeper, you can help to preserve, protect, and improve our watershed for generations to come. These planned donations also offer benefits to you and your family.



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Fauna: *Lontra canadensis*

River otters call the Ogeechee River basin home. They can thrive in a variety of environments – hot, cold, low lying, mountainous – including freshwater and coastal marine habitats, like rivers, lakes, marshes, swamps, and estuaries.

ORK on Instagram

Get updates on our work, nature quotes, event listings, and more on our Instagram page. And be sure to check out our stories so you can play the spring edition of "This or That"!

Don't have social media? No problem. You can view all of our [posts on our website](#) instead.



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Great American Cleanup – Sparta

ORK is proud to be part of the Great American Cleanup again, this time in Sparta, Georgia. This event will be held April 29 and is in partnership with the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation. Registration to participate is now open.

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

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