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Ogeechee Riverkeeper®

Newsletter
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After Ogeechee Riverkeeper (ORK) discovered that Milliken's Longleaf facility was discharging polyfluoroalkyls and perfluoroalkyls (PFAS) chemicals, ORK initiated a pilot study to determine if these chemicals were bioaccumulating in fish regularly consumed by people from the river.

Initial results show that all fish sampled had **detectable limits of PFAS chemicals** in their tissue fillets. These results are publicly available at ogeecheeriverkeeper.org/milliken. ORK will continue to make results publicly accessible as available.

Read our statement, learn how you can get involved, find detailed data, donate to the fight and get the latest updates about the Milliken renewal permit process [on our site](#).



Fund-a-Need: Boat motor

ORK is looking to purchase a new boat motor. Our Riverkeeper Damon has picked out a 9.9 horsepower, four-stroke motor that will be perfect for getting around on our waterways safely and efficiently.

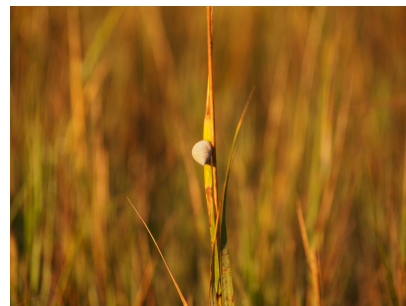
[Help us meet our goal!](#)

#GivingTuesday

Inaugural photography contest

Ogeechee Riverkeeper is seeking the best photographs from the watershed. Judges are looking for images that highlight what makes the Ogeechee and Canoochee Rivers, and the surrounding areas, special.

[Learn how to submit your images.](#)



Contest rules



Annual meeting video

The annual meeting was held virtually this year. The video stream included inspirational words from writer Janisse Ray, updates from the Riverkeeper, beautiful footage from the watershed, and more.

[View the annual meeting](#)

[The video is now available to watch online.](#)

Dirty Dozen 2020

Georgia Water Coalition's Dirty Dozen report highlights the politics, policies, and issues that threaten the health of Georgia's water and the well-being of 10 million Georgians.

Two issues that affect the our watershed are [on the list](#).



[View the Dirty Dozen](#)



Riverkeeper on WRUU

Ogeechee Riverkeeper Damon Mullis gave a presentation to the UU Green Team. The topic was climate change, pollution, and coastal waters. Mullis appeared with Kris Williams, director of Carreta Research Project.

[View UU Green Team video](#)

Their presentation is free to [view online](#).

Gift memberships are now available

Purchase an individual or household membership for family and friends this holiday season. Share a gift that lasts all year and ensures clean water for everyone in our basin. You can even download a certificate to give or send.



[Give a membership](#)

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

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