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Ogeechee Riverkeeper®

Newsletter

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ORK files appeal of EPD well permits

Ogeechee Riverkeeper (ORK) has filed an administrative appeal to Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) regarding groundwater withdrawal permits for Bryan and Bulloch Counties, intended to supply the Hyundai Megasite and other users. ORK asserts that EPD's conclusions regarding these permits are incorrect, particularly regarding the impact on the Floridan Aquifer, the effectiveness of protective measures, and consideration of 'unreasonable adverse effects.' The appeal will require an administrative hearing.

[Read the appeal filing](#)[Read the press release](#)[Protect groundwater supply](#)

Send comments to protect drinking water

Unfortunately HB1146, allowing private water companies to avoid municipal planning limits, passed the legislature last year. Now, EPD is writing the rules to regulate the new law. In particular, we are suggesting EPD limit the geographic scope of the rules to Bryan County—the intended area of focus presented. Please submit your comments by Thursday, November 21.

Photos from the Oyster Roast

Thank you to everyone who attended our SOLD OUT oyster roast at Love's Seafood. It was a great bash by the river with live music from Damon & the Sh*tickers. We had a great time and hope you did too. Check out the photos!

[Photos from Oyster Roast](#)

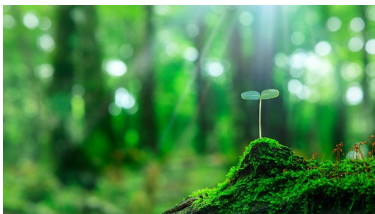
[View prints](#)

Limited edition prints

A gift you can't get anywhere else! ORK has teamed up with local artist Juliana Smith to create a custom artwork entitled “Blackwater Barons” featuring the plants and wildlife in the Ogeechee River watershed. Each 11” x 14” print is signed and numbered by the artist.

Year-end giving

We are calling on you to become a guardian of the Ogeechee River Basin. Your commitment today is a lifeline for tomorrow. Dive in and make a ripple of change – because clean waters begin with you. Visit ogeecheeriverkeeper.org/join to safeguard the heartbeat of our communities.

[Give now](#)[More about planned giving](#)

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.

Project WILD educator workshop

This award-winning program provides a means for educators to teach important environmental and conservation concepts. At the one-day workshop on **January 18**, participants receive a set of supplementary activity guides which includes a basic guide and an aquatic activity guide.

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Hoodies!

We have hoodies! Take your pick of zip or pullover. The ORK logo is on white in the front. These are printed and shipped on demand from Bonfire, our merch partner. A portion of the proceeds goes to ORK. There are a bunch of colors and styles. Check them out and get ready for cozy season!

Ogeechee Riverkeeper is a 501(c)3 organization and its operations are funded by donations and grant support. Please consider making [a donation](#), becoming a [corporate sponsor](#), or setting up a [planned gift](#).

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

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