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## FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Imagine a Georgia with cleaner air, water, energy, and more jobs. This year, we have the power to make that a reality. **This November, our future is on the ballot.**

Perhaps you've noticed—our endorsements have come out earlier than usual this year, and that's because the 2018 elections are too important to wait. If elected, the inspiring women running for Governor, Stacey Abrams, and Public Service Commission, Dawn Randolph and Lindy Miller, can change the course of history in our state. Announcing these critical endorsements now gives you more time to learn more about these candidates, support them, and vote for them.

We'll win these critical elections by turning out the environmental vote in a low-turnout midterm year. We call, text, mail and knock on doors, and then do it again and again as many times as we need to spur these voters to show up. We will communicate the stakes of this election, secure their support and push them to vote by mail, vote early, vote on Sunday, or to show up and vote on November 6, Election Day, in order to ensure that our environmental priorities are secured.

This won't be possible without you – you can help by donating to the Georgia Sierra Club Political Action Committee, volunteering to help us contact low-turnout voters, and getting your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and hiking buddies to care about this election enough to pitch in, volunteer and, of course, vote. Vote to protect our environment here in Georgia, for now and future generations.

Join us in making history this election year. A better Georgia is possible – thank you for helping make it real.



*Ted Terry*  
CHAPTER DIRECTOR

P.S. For a \$50 donation we will send you one of three specialized yard signs for either Stacey, Dawn or Lindy. Donate \$125 and we will send you all three! Contact me at [ted.terry@sierraclub.org](mailto:ted.terry@sierraclub.org) with how you can get involved.



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Our office is a 2-minute walk from the MARTA Avondale station (E7). We encourage you to take MARTA when possible. Exit the MARTA station towards the South Parking Lot, located on the E. College Ave side (currently under construction). Once outside, proceed down the temporary stairway and turn left towards Sams Street. Cross over Sams Street and the office is the building located behind the bakery. Look for the playground behind the building. Enter the fenced gate. The office is the second door from Sams Street on the right.

### On the Cover

Marquese Averett, Stacey Abrams, William Anderson, and Brionte McCorkle on June 30, 2018.



# SUMMER 2018

## CHAPTER NEWS

### GET UP TO SPEED WITH THE GEORGIA CHAPTER

#### Staff Updates

2018 has been a busy year! Sadly, we said goodbye to **Ian Karra**, Beyond Coal Organizer. Ian will be starting a graduate program at Georgia Tech in the fall so, fortunately, he will not be far! Thank you, Ian, for all of your hard work and dedication to bringing clean energy to Georgians. We look forward to seeing you back around the Chapter as a



volunteer!

We have also welcomed several new faces to the Chapter: **Marquese Averett**, clean energy program representative; **Helen Richardson**, administrative assistant; and **Shireen Nori**, Kairos digital engagement fellow. We are glad to have Marquese, Helen, and Shireen join us!



#### Campaign Updates

Our Conservation Committees have been hard at work this spring. With Marquese now on board, our Clean Energy For All (CEFA) committee, previously the Smart Energy Solutions Committee, has been busy working to bring clean energy to Georgia. CEFA committee members, chapter staff, and



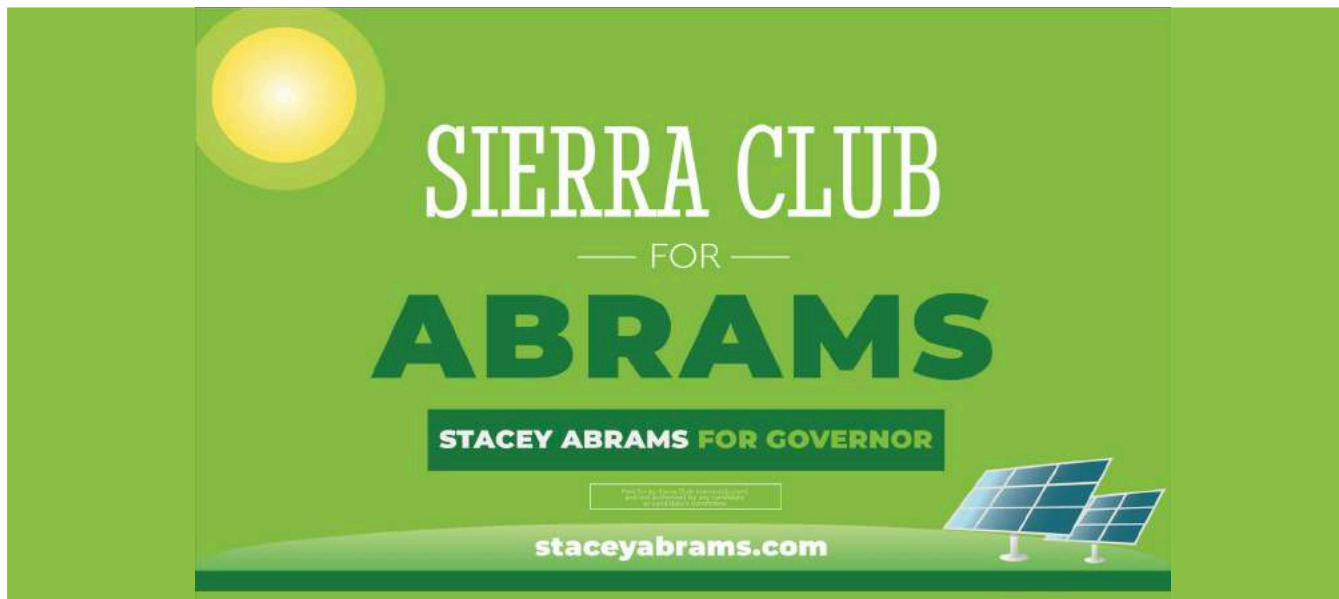
national Ready For 100 staff came together in June for a Ready For 100 planning summit, where strategies for reaching a 100 percent clean energy future across Georgia were discussed. The CEFA committee is currently planning a broader planning summit for later in 2018 that will help us determine how we can create a just and equitable transition to clean energy for all Georgians. If you would like to be involved, please email Marquese at [marquese.averett@sierra-club.org](mailto:marquese.averett@sierra-club.org).

The Regional Action to Improve Livability (RAIL) committee has also been making strides this year. Our transit teams in both Cobb and Gwinnett Counties have been working tirelessly to make a MARTA expansion into these Metro Atlanta counties a reality. Cobb County is currently in a holding pattern, with the Board of Commissioners funding a survey of voters to better ascertain the likely results of any future referendum. Our [transit4cobb.org](http://transit4cobb.org) group has come to believe that the district option is not likely to go forward and any county-wide referendum would probably be in 2020. The team continues to obtain petition signatures and attend public meetings to advocate for mass transit and regional connectivity. Our Gwinnett transit team has also been hard at work. On June 26, transit advocates and Gwinnett residents attended the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners meeting to give public comment urging the commissioners to call a MARTA referendum. A petition has also been created to urge the commissioners and can be found at [addup.org/campaigns/gwinnett-marta](http://addup.org/campaigns/gwinnett-marta). To get involved with our RAIL work, please visit [sierraclub.org/georgia/rail](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/rail).

#### Celebrating a Milestone

This fall marks the Georgia Chapter's 35th anniversary! We could only have reached such a milestone with your leadership, support, and perseverance in exploring, enjoying, and protecting Georgia. Please stay tuned for more information our 35th Anniversary Celebration.





## POLITICAL

# 2018 Elections Are Upon Us

BY BRIONTÉ MCCORKLE

This November, Georgia will elect its new governor, along with hundreds of state senators and state representatives, and its representatives to Congress. If this year is like any other years, we can expect very little discussion about environmental issues. Why? Our partners at the Environmental Voter Project researched this and after analyzing the data found a clear answer: **environmentalists are not voting**. If environmental protection is not a voter priority, it will not be a priority for policymakers.

In order to have our voices heard and our concerns addressed, the Sierra Club believes in having a powerful political presence. That's why we will arm you with the information you need to successfully engage in this year's election season.

First, we want to make sure you are aware of the following key dates:

**July 24, 2018** - Primary Runoff Election\*

**October 9, 2018** - Voter Registration Deadline for General Election

**November 6, 2018** - General Election

**December 4, 2018** - General Election Runoff\*

**December 10, 2018** - General Election Runoff

\*Runoffs are for races where no candidate earned over 50% of the vote in the Primary or General election.

Second, the Georgia Chapter also endorses state and municipal candidates whom we believe will be true champions on our issues. These are the champions we need to pass laws to protect our water and wild places, expand transit and renewable energy, and to keep us moving forward (for congressional endorsements, please review the national Sierra Club Voter Guide at [sierraclub.org/voterguide](http://sierraclub.org/voterguide)).

## OUR ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

To ensure the Sierra Club only endorses the best environmental candidates, our volunteers and staff have developed a multi-step process and criteria for selecting which candidates receive our support.

For congressional endorsements, candidates are voted on by two volunteer committees.

For state and local candidates, priority seats are identified. Political Committee volunteers examine each candidate's record and distribute questionnaires to all candidates to fill out. The questionnaire responses are then evaluated, and interviews with candidates are conducted. Our Chapter Executive Committee then holds a second vote to confirm the endorsement.

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Throughout our process, volunteers and staff evaluate the environmental and public health records of candidates, their electability, and their propensity to be a true champion on our issues.

**Questions? Seeking endorsement? Please contact our Political Committee Chair, Eddie Ehlert, at [edehler@bellsouth.net](mailto:edehler@bellsouth.net) or visit us online at: [sierraclub.org/georgia/political](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/political).**

## 2018 GEORGIA SIERRA CLUB ENDORSEMENTS

The column to the right lists the Georgia Chapter's 2018 general election endorsements, and the following pages display our featured endorsed candidates for State House, State Senate, Public Service Commissioner, and Governor. **For more information on our political endorsements and to find a comprehensive listing of all 2018 Georgia Chapter endorsements, please visit: [sierraclub.org/georgia/political](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/political)**

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## Georgia Sierra Club 2018 General Election Endorsements

**GOVERNOR**  
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**Lindy Miller\***  
**Dawn Randolph\***

**STATE SENATE**  
Lester Jackson, SD-2  
**Jen Jordan, SD-6\***  
Emmanuel Jones, SD-10  
Ed Harbison, SD-15  
Valencia Seay, SD-34  
Donzella James, SD-35  
Nan Orrock, SD-36  
Horacena Tate, SD-38  
Nikema Williams, SD-39  
**Sally Harrell, SD-40\***  
Steve Henson, SD-41  
Elena Parent, SD-42

**STATE HOUSE**  
David Wilkerson, HD-38  
Teri Anulewicz, HD-42  
Sheila Jones, HD-53  
'Able Mabel' Thomas, HD-56  
Rhonda Burnough, HD-77  
**Scott Holcomb, HD-81\***  
Mary Margaret Oliver, HD-82  
Michele Henson, HD-86  
Bee Nguyen, HD-89  
Dar'shun Kendrick, HD-93  
Pete Marin, HD-96  
**Sam Park, HD-101\***  
**Deborah Gonzalez, HD-117\***  
**Johnathan Wallace, HD-119\***  
Shelia Clark Nelson, HD-125  
**Bob Trammell, HD-132\***  
Carolyn Hugley, HD-136  
Debbie Buckner, HD-137

*\* Candidate is running with opposition in the general election*



## Featured Endorsed Candidates



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SD 6 - Atlanta

[jen4ga.com](http://jen4ga.com)



**DEBORAH GONZALEZ**

HD 117 - Athens

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**SALLY HARRELL**

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**STACEY ABRAMS**  
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**LINDY MILLER**  
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**DAWN RANDOLPH**  
Public Service Commission - District 5  
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## 2018 Georgia Legislative Report

BY MARK WOODALL & TEJAS KOTAK

The 2018 Georgia legislative session ended in the early morning of March 30. Several of the Sierra Club's 2018 priorities were enacted. Transit governance, House Bill 930, passed after over a decade of effort. Passage of HB 930 is an opportunity to expand transit to Gwinnett, Cobb, and north Fulton, where it is so desperately needed. \$100 million of bonds added to the budget at the last minute will go to bus rapid transit up the GA 400 corridor.

As Georgia moves forward through 2018, we at the Sierra Club will be looking at a number of transit expansion policies and projects to ensure that they are implemented in an effective and equitable way. We have a lot of hope for Gwinnett and Cobb Counties to join MARTA in the coming years to improve both regional and intra-county connectivity. Gwinnett County is considering adding a transit referendum to the November ballot, and we would like to see it be a MARTA vote – the citizens of Gwinnett are ready for it. Cobb County is still up in the air, but our work there with transit education and engagement will undoubtedly yield fruit in the

coming years when they finally do have a vote.

We are also keeping an eye on the Atlanta More Marta expansion as it develops a plan to use the \$2.5 billion dollars from the recent sales tax increase. While many of the proposed projects look promising for connectivity and economic development, we are concerned that equity for lower income and traditionally forgotten neighborhoods has not been considered enough. Transit should cater to those who need it most, and not just to those who have the most money.

Regional transit has a brighter future since the passage of the ATL legislation and Atlanta's MARTA investments, but it has a long way to go. The Georgia Sierra Club will be there with it to steer it in the right direction.

In other legislative news, the infamous Georgia Nuclear Financing Act of 2009 got a sunset from Senate Bill 355. The sunset applies to projects after the current Vogtle 3 and 4 debacle. Hopefully, we won't have any more \$30 billion nuclear boondoggles after Vogtle 3 and 4. Additionally, fracking regulation legislation, House Bill 205, passed. And, with the passage of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act, there will be dedicated funding for land protection on the ballot this November for the first time since 1998.

As usual, stopping bad legislation was

### WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?



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If you have named the Sierra Club - Georgia Chapter as a beneficiary or would like to discuss doing so, please contact us today at [georgia.chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:georgia.chapter@sierraclub.org).

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important. Significant rollbacks were defeated, including SB 2, Casey Cagle's regulatory reform bill, HB 271, the Beach Destruction Act pushed by the Coastal Resources Division of DNR, and HB 924, no more public referendum votes for the people of Dalton on the massive Vogtle debt.

Unfortunately, water issues did not fare well as coal ash, steam buffer, and trust fund legislation failed to pass.

Thanks to contract lobbyist Neill Herring for another year of outstanding work. Thanks to Brionté McCorkle for helping on transit issues. Thanks to Brenda Cargin for sending out alerts. Thanks to all who called, emailed, or contacted their legislators about pending bills. People power can, and does, make a difference.

*For more information or to learn how you can get involved with our Legislative Committee, please visit: [sierraclub.org/georgia/legislative](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/legislative).*

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## CONSERVATION

# #OurWildGA: A place for all things wild to explore, enjoy, and protect!

BY JESSICA MOREHEAD, CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER

## REI BUFORD STORE ADOPTS PANTHER CREEK TRAIL

Last year, we partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to hold six trail days focused on restoring the Panther Creek Trail in Clarkesville, GA. This popular waterfall trail has been loved to death and needed help to make it sustainable and safe. This year, we are excited to have the REI Buford store join us in our efforts! We kicked things off with a recreational hike and swim on July 7.

Throughout the rest of the year we will hold trail days to continue our work. For dates and to RSVP, go to [sierraclub.org/georgia/calendar](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/calendar). With REI's support, the Forest Service's guidance, and Sierra Club members' leadership and dedication, we will love this trail back to life!

## COOPER CREEK WATERSHED UPDATE

This March, along with SELC and Georgia ForestWatch, we filed an administrative objection in response to the Blue Ridge Ranger District's Final Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice with a Finding of No Significant Impact. We are still concerned about the impacts this project will have on native brook trout streams in Bryant Creek and the commercial logging proposed on forest land. We now await the final decision, which will determine our next steps. You can find more details about the project, our efforts, and the full objection at [sierraclub.org/georgia/coopercreek](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/coopercreek).

## BECOME A SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS TRIP LEADER

We're excited about the growth of our Local Outings here at the Georgia Chapter! We had a great



*Pictured: Metro Atlanta Outings Chair, Max Brown, at Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's annual Sweep the Hooh!*

class of students this spring and are gearing up for another leader training late fall in coordination with Sierra Club Military Outdoors and the Atlanta ICO program. Whether you want to work with children, veterans and active duty military, or you simply want to take anyone outdoors, this will be a training you don't want to miss!

If you'd like to be notified of this and other outings training opportunities, please email Jessica Morehead at [jessica.morehead@sierraclub.org](mailto:jessica.morehead@sierraclub.org). We'd also like to give a huge thanks to all the volunteers who keep our Outings program alive by helping people explore and enjoy #OurWildGA!

## ATLANTA ICO LOOKING FOR YOUTH GROUPS

The Atlanta ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors) program serves youth with limited access to the outdoors. Through active involvement with nature, the program increases participants' environmental awareness, appreciation for nature, interpersonal skills, and self-esteem.

**If you are involved with a local youth organization (social service agencies, community centers, church-affiliated youth groups, schools) and would like to learn more about the Atlanta ICO program, fill out the survey at [bit.ly/ATL\\_ICO\\_Groups](http://bit.ly/ATL_ICO_Groups). A volunteer will be in touch with you shortly!**

## GET INVOLVED WITH #OURWILDGA:

Check out our calendar for upcoming outings: [sierraclub.org/georgia/calendar](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/calendar)

When you're outside exploring, don't forget to tag your photos with #OurWildGA and #GASierraClub!



## STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF CUMBERLAND ISLAND

**Purpose statement of the Cumberland Island National Seashore:** "Cumberland Island National Seashore maintains the primitive, undeveloped character of one of the largest and most ecologically diverse barrier islands on the Atlantic coast while preserving scenic, scientific, and historical values and providing outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation and solitude."

Despite thousands of years of human habitation, the landscape of Cumberland Island National Seashore remains largely shaped by the natural forces of water, wind, and fire. It encompasses an area in excess of 36,000 acres of which nearly 10,000 have been designated Wilderness. The maritime forests, beaches, dunes, estuarine marshes, tidal creeks and freshwater lakes entrusted for preservation to the National Park Service are unsurpassed on the east coast of the United States; yet a proposal to allow new houses to be built threatens to unravel nearly fifty years of stewardship intended to bring the island to a more "primitive state."

### WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? A TIMELINE:

#### 1970s

Park Service successfully purchased most of Cumberland Island from the landowners willing to sell, but decided that it was too expensive to use the power of eminent domain to purchase the few remaining fee simple properties.



#### 1982

Candler family sold 2,200-acre High Point Estate to the Park Service for \$9.6 million in exchange for retained rights for the 38-acre portion where the family compound is located. The retained rights will expire with the death of the last heir covered by the agreement.



#### 1998

The Candler family formed Lumar LLC, which purchased for \$3 million the 88-acre tract on the south end owned by Georgia Rockefeller Rose. The Lumar Tract is near the Park Service Ranger Station and adjacent to the Seashore's largest and most accessible campground and beach access, Sea Camp.



#### 2016

Lumar LLC filed for and received a hardship variance from the Camden County Planning Commission to subdivide the tract into ten lots in order to build houses. Environmental groups appealed, and the Camden County Commission began discussions to rezone 1,000 acres to allow development, resulting in a public outcry and thousands of comments opposed to any rezoning.



#### JUNE 2017

The Park Service asked the Camden County Board of Commissioners to delay their decision for one year to allow time for the Park Service to negotiate with all the fee simple landowners.



#### JANUARY 2018

The Brunswick News reported that the Park Service was close to reaching an agreement with the landowners which will allow up to 25 new homes to be built.



The Park Service should use all the tools at their disposal to prevent new development on Cumberland Island. Their willingness to compromise does not comport with the above-mentioned purpose statement which was written by the Park Service based on a careful analysis of the 1972 legislation which established Cumberland Island National Seashore; and demonstrates how the promises made by the government of the United States must be continuously and vigorously defended by the public.

Join us in resisting the development of Cumberland:  
[facebook.com/ProtectCumberland](https://facebook.com/ProtectCumberland)

*Above: If you'd like to get involved in our efforts to protect Cumberland Island from development, please contact Karen Grainey, Coastal Group Chair & Cumberland Team Leader, at [karengrainey@bellsouth.net](mailto:karengrainey@bellsouth.net).*

## Call for Chapter ExCom Nominations

The Chapter Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the Executive Committee (ExCom). The Chapter ExCom has oversight responsibility for the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club to ensure that it is carrying out our mission productively. If you know someone who would be a good ExCom member, or if you are interested in serving yourself, contact Dave Emory at [david.emory@gmail.com](mailto:david.emory@gmail.com) and Ted Terry at [tet.terry@sierraclub.org](mailto:tet.terry@sierraclub.org). Chapter and Group candidate statements and any nomination petitions for candidates must be submitted by **September 14, 2018**. You may refer to the Chapter website ([georgia.sierraclub.org](http://georgia.sierraclub.org)) to review the responsibilities of ExCom.

Complete rules for the election are posted on the Sierra Club website. Ballots with candidate statements will be mailed by **October 16**. Ballots must be received by **5 p.m., November 15** in the Chapter office in Decatur. Details for returning ballots and ballot counting will be published in the next Sierran.

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## CONSERVATION

### "Ted Talk" - A Conversation with Stephanie Stuckey, Georgia Environmental Champion

BY TED TERRY

*Ted: What are some of your earliest memories? Did they have an impact on your passion for the environment?*

**Stephanie:** Well first, thank you for asking me to be a part of your first "Ted Talk!" I'm honored. My childhood was interesting in that I grew up both in south Georgia and Washington, D.C.; my dad got elected to Congress when I was a year old, so we shuttled back and forth between his district, which ran all the way from Macon to the Georgia coast, and Washington, D.C. Most of my earliest memories of being involved with the environment are through my father. He passed the legislation that made Cumberland Island a protected national seashore in 1972. I remember landing on the Cumberland Island airstrip with him and visiting Ms. Lucy Ferguson and the Carnegie family and negotiating the deal that resulted in the National Parks Service taking over the island. It's interesting – I think

many of us know that environmental work goes on for decades, and the Cumberland issue certainly demonstrates that now as we try to determine how it can best be preserved as the pristine, amazing place that it is.

*Ted: You served as Sustainability Director for the City of Atlanta from 2015–2017, and the inaugural Chief Resilience Officer from 2017–2018. What are some of your proudest accomplishments from those three years?*

**Stephanie:** During my time as Sustainability Director, I'm most proud that Atlanta was named the number one city in square footage committed to the Better Buildings Challenge, and that we've kept the title for three years running. I'm especially proud of that because we beat out Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and so many other cities, mostly western cities, that are leaders in the sustainability space. Atlanta was able to achieve that recognition despite the fact that we don't have a renewable portfolio standard in Georgia, we don't have energy efficiency or renewable energy tax credits or incentives, and we are in a conservative state. I largely attribute that success, along with many other successes, such as having the largest energy-saving contract in the state, with \$160 million for energy and water retrofits; the largest municipal solar program in the state; and the largest electric vehicle program in the state, to our strong partner-



ships with the Sierra Club and so many of our other environmental nonprofit partners.

When I became Chief Resilience Officer for City of Atlanta in 2017, my role became much more expansive through the partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation and the Resilience program. That was largely because we were looking more holistically at the shocks and stresses that cities face as they radically increase in population and deal with the impacts of a warming climate. I'd point to our successes under that program as drafting the fastest resilience strategy in the 100 Cities Network (100atl.com).

We also began to execute quite a few of the action items within that plan, including Atlanta passing its 100% clean energy strategy. The last thing I did with the City was finish writing that. It came before City Council at the end of June, and there's consensus around the strategy for Atlanta becoming 100 percent clean energy by 2035, which is a very aggressive, but achievable, goal.

*Ted: You were recently appointed as a member of the Sierra Club Foundation Board of Directors. Tell us about that.*

**Stephanie:** I'm truly honored to be a part of the board. It is a direct result of the Georgia Chapter's engagement that I was invited to join. It's interesting—with the exception of one board member from Austin, Texas, and one member in Virginia, right outside of Washington, D.C., I'm the only "Deep South" board member. Because of that, I bring a unique perspective

in representing a southern, politically conservative environment where we have an investor-owned utility that largely controls our energy marketplace. That perspective is so critical to help the Foundation board understand that achieving a lot of the programming objectives that the national Sierra Club wants to see the chapters accomplish is harder if you're in a conservative environment. But on a positive note, as Al Gore recently said, "If Atlanta, Georgia can commit to 100 percent clean energy, then anyone can!" I think that shows that if we can demonstrate that sustainability can be done in the Deep South, what's your excuse?

*Ted: Who is your hero?*

**Stephanie:** Al Gore. I worked on his U.S. Senate campaign as a freshman at Vanderbilt University. He, along with my father (who is also my hero!), motivated me to dedicate my life to the environment.

*Ted: What's next for Stephanie Stuckey?*

**Stephanie:** I'm teaching a course on urban resilience and climate change at the University of Georgia's School of Law starting in January as a visiting professor. I'm also weighing options in the environmental consulting field. Of course, I'll continue to serve on the Sierra Club Foundation Board. I wouldn't rule out a future run for political office, either!

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Note: in accordance with chapter bylaws, all members will receive the annual election issue by mail.



## Sierra Juntos - Creating Change from Within

**BY BRENDA CARGIN & CAROLA GARCIA MANZANO**

The Georgia Sierra Club's Change Team is working across our state to ensure that we are speaking for Georgia's entire population – including the most underrepresented, voiceless, and vulnerable among us. The Change Team's mission is to "foster a chapter culture that is more diverse and inclusive, such that any individual or group is welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate to achieve more equitable campaign victories as the result of this expanded community. The Change Team functions with the purpose to drive implementation of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) projects and establish accountability."

In August 2017, a group of volunteers and staff came together to form Sierra Juntos, the Georgia Sierra Club's Latinx engagement team. Comprised of Latinx members and allies, Sierra Juntos strives to integrate the Latinx community into the Sierra Club's mission. The team's objectives are to raise clean energy awareness in the community, host Spanish-speaking outings and

events, and to inform and to help individuals learn about and gain employment in the environmental sector, particularly in the field of renewable energy.

In December of 2017, Sierra Juntos was made an official subcommittee of the Georgia Sierra Club's Change Team. Sierra Juntos' 2018 goals include hosting a clean energy job fair with the Latin American Association and facilitating a Spanish-speaking outing. These projects are being led by the team's volunteer leader, Carola García Manzano Martín.

Carola came to the US in 2003 and became a member of the Sierra Club in 2005. She lived in New Jersey for eleven years and moved to Atlanta three years ago. In 2015, she joined the Georgia Sierra Club and helped form Sierra Juntos in 2017. Carola is the mother of two boys, an art conservator by training, and a lifelong environmental conservator. Her passion lies in exploring new places near and far.

**For more information and to get involved, email Brenda Cargin at [brenda.cargin@sierraclub.org](mailto:brenda.cargin@sierraclub.org).**



*Pictured: Carola García Manzano Martín*



## Sierra Juntos - generando el cambio desde dentro

**POR BRENDA CARGIN & CAROLA GARCIA MANZANO**

El Equipo Pro-Cambio del Sierra Club de Georgia está trabajando en todo el estado para asegurar que la organización represente a la población de Georgia en su totalidad, incluyendo a personas con menor representación, aquellos sin voz y a los grupos más vulnerables. La misión del Equipo es "fomentar una cultura de inclusión en el grupo de trabajo de manera que cualquier individuo o grupo sea bienvenido, respetado, apoyado y valorado al participar y lograr campañas con mayor equidad como resultado de esta expansión de nuestra comunidad. El Equipo Pro-Cambio tiene la función de impulsar la ejecución de proyectos DEI (Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión) y establecer una responsabilidad social."

En el agosto de 2017, un grupo de voluntarios y personal del Sierra Club de Georgia se unieron para formar Sierra Juntos, un grupo del Sierra Club de Georgia destinado a conectar con la comunidad latina. Formado por miembros y aliados latinos, Sierra Juntos busca integrar a la comunidad latina a la misión del Sierra Club. Los objetivos del grupo son: expandir el conocimiento en la comunidad

sobre la energía limpia, organizar eventos, presentaciones y excursiones con guías en español, además de informar sobre oportunidades de empleo en los sectores pro-ambiental, particularmente en el área de la energía renovable.

En el diciembre de 2017, Sierra Juntos oficialmente se formó como un subcomité del Equipo Pro-Cambio del Sierra Club de Georgia. Las metas del Sierra Juntos para el 2018 incluyen la organización de una feria de empleo pro-medio ambiente junto con la Asociación Latinoamericana y llevar a cabo excursiones con guías en español. Estos proyectos están siendo encabezados por la líder voluntaria del equipo, Carola García Manzano Martín.

En el 2003 Carola llegó a los Estados Unidos y dos años después se unió como miembro del Sierra Club. Después de once años de vivir en Nueva Jersey se mudó a Atlanta donde vive con su familia. En 2015 se integró al Sierra Club de Georgia y ayudó a formar Sierra Juntos en 2017. Carola es madre de dos niños, como profesionista es conservadora de arte y a su vez es conservadora del medio ambiente de por vida. Su pasión es explorar nuevos lugares, ya sean lejanos o cercanos.

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# SPRING 2018 GROUP NEWS

## CENTENNIAL GROUP

SERVING COBB, CHEROKEE, & NORTH FULTON

### A Political View

BY LINDA BELL, BETTYE HARRIS, &  
LYNN WALSTON

The Centennial Group is on the move with added political and activist involvement! Our recently revived and busy Political Committee, chaired by Linda Bell, has four newly appointed members and is engaged in primary/runoff races and the fall general election. Our committee continues to develop questionnaires and prepare for candidate interviews, as we consider endorsements in local commissioner and legislative races.

At press time, we have scheduled a special "Candidate Political Forum" for July 5 at Life University (time of our regular monthly meeting). This will be our first such forum (in recent memory). Candidates in several local races have been invited to introduce themselves and answer questions about environmental issues affecting our communities including transit, greenspace and parks, and energy. Thank you to Chapter ExCom member Jeff Schoenberg for agreeing to moderate the forum.

We continue our work as a member of the Transit4Cobb Team ([transit4cobb.org](http://transit4cobb.org)). We are collecting petition signatures to promote

expanded transit options for Cobb County, we are weighing in on upcoming commission votes on a Cobb Transit Plan and future referendum, and we intend to support get-out-the-vote efforts for the July 22 primary runoff and the November 6 general elections.

### A VERY BUSY JUNE



Two of our major yearly activities were held in June: Our Potluck Picnic and Optional Hike for Members & Friends was held June 14 at East Cobb Park. We enjoyed excellent attendance (with several new faces), grilled veggie burgers and a delicious potluck buffet, and a short hike led by Mary Miller.

Two days later on Saturday, June 16, we spent the day on the Square in Marietta for the annual Juneteenth Festival sponsored by Cobb County NAACP. For the fourth year in a row, the Centennial Group had a tent and table with information about our programs, activities, and priority campaigns including alternative transit. Thanks to many volunteers who pitched in to support both of these events.\*

*\*To view more photos from our summer events, outings, and more, view our Flickr photo album: [bit.ly/CentennialSummer2018](http://bit.ly/CentennialSummer2018)*

### THANKS TO OUR SPRING SPEAKERS

We had excellent monthly meeting speakers in April and May. Ever-popular Dr. Bill Witherspoon of the Fernbank Science Center



returned on April 5 to talk about Georgia geology and led an easy hike at Rottenwood Creek. On May 3, authors and hikers Carol and Jim Steiner spoke about their new book, "The Appalachian Trail Day Hikers' Guide: Downhill to Fine Wine and Accommodations Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee."

Earth Month activities kept us busy with: River Rendezvous Cleanup at Rottenwood Creek (April 14), KSU Spring Fest tabling (April 18), Life University Earth Day Festival (April 20).

We will take a small hiatus from regular outings during the hot summer months, but check the Georgia Chapter Outings calendar for any special outings that might be scheduled: [sierraclub.org/georgia/outingscalendar](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/outingscalendar).

## OTHER NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE: No regular monthly meeting in August. Have a great summer!**

Check the Georgia Chapter outings calendar for upcoming outings and join us on the trail: [sierraclub.org/georgia/outingscalendar](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/outingscalendar).

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## GREATER GWINNETT GROUP

### SERVING GWINNETT COUNTY

## Gwinnett Update

BY DAN FRIEDMAN

The primary election is behind us and we are quickly coming up on the runoff elections in July. Georgia is well into election season and Gwinnett has several important races. Lindy Miller, in perhaps the most important environment-related race, won her Public Service Commission (PSC) primary and is now the Democratic candidate for District 3, while Dawn Randolph is the Democratic candidate for PSC District 5. We look forward to supporting them both in November.

The Gwinnett Group hosted a congressional candidate forum with five of the six PSC candidates. The candidates laid out their environmental agendas on many topics including moving away from coal, smart energy, and transportation. Carolyn Bourdeaux will be in a runoff election with David Kim for the Democratic nomination for US Congress, District 7. We look forward to working with either of them to push forward their environmental objectives.

The Gwinnett County Commission is currently evaluating transit options. We have members attending the meetings where the county Commission will decide if transit will be on the ballot in November. As of this writing, there are two meetings for public input and our members will attend both.

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SERVING ATLANTA, DEKALB, & SOUTH FULTON

## Coming This Fall: Even More Elections!

BY NINA DUTTON

The City of Atlanta had some big elections last year, which resulted in a new mayor and many new city council members. Our attention this year largely turns to elections for statewide and national positions. Our governor's race has already drawn national media attention, but don't forget about the other statewide races!

Of particular and direct significance to our environment are the actions of Georgia's Public Service Commission (PSC). The job of this five-person board of publicly elected officials is to regulate utilities in our state, including Georgia Power and utility management corporations. The PSC has the power to direct the utilities toward use of clean energy sources. Knowing this, we as voters and activists can work with the PSC toward the sustainable energy system we need in this state. Two PSC seats are up for election in 2018, so start talking with your friends and neighbors about the PSC now and look out for opportunities to spread the word about the election.

There are also some noteworthy races for seats in the U.S. Congress in our metro area, including in the 6th and 7th Congressional districts. After the Chapter announces endorsements of candidates, we encourage members to volunteer with the Chapter and our Group to support the candidates who have won the endorsement because of their past and/or promised commitment to protecting the environment for all people when they are elected to office.

Make sure your vote is cast and counted!

General election day is November 6. Check now to make sure you are registered to vote at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov); the deadline to register to vote in the general election is October 9. You can also request an absentee ballot now at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov)!

For a comprehensive and useful voter's catalog (complete with important dates, information on elected positions, and interesting history), check out the Atlanta Jobs with Justice 2018 election catalog at [votewithjustice.org/2018-georgia-election-catalog.html](http://votewithjustice.org/2018-georgia-election-catalog.html).

## RECENT MEETING REPORTS

**April 10:** Jonah McDonald, author of "Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests: Intown and Out" ([hikingatlanta.com](http://hikingatlanta.com)), revealed the secrets of underappreciated hikes right here in the metro Atlanta area.

**May 8:** Conservation sergeant Mike Barr described the role of law enforcement - as well as the Georgia Department of Natural Resources more broadly - in the protection of wildlife, wild places, natural and cultural resources, and the safety of people enjoying parks.

**June 12:** Sally Bethea, founding director and now senior advisor of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper ([chattahoochee.org](http://chattahoochee.org)), presented a recent history of protection of the Chattahoochee River and offered her perspective on advocacy for the conservation of waterways. Now Sally is board president of Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy, which aims to build a community of support for the Chattahoochee River Natural Recreation Area and promote stewardship of its natural and cultural resources ([chattahoocheeparks.org](http://chattahoocheeparks.org)).

## RECENT OUTINGS

Our outings program has been taking off with

outings chair Max Brown at the helm! Max led a birdwatching hike on April 21, and on June 16, he co-facilitated a walk at Cascade Springs Nature Preserve alongside Darryl Haddock, the environmental education coordinator for West Atlanta Watershed Alliance. WAWA ([wawa-online.org](http://wawa-online.org)) is a community-based nonprofit organization that aims to improve the quality of life within the West Atlanta Watershed by protecting, preserving, and restoring the community's resources. WAWA represents African-American neighborhoods in Northwest and Southwest Atlanta that are most inundated with environmental stressors but are least represented at environmental decision-making tables. WAWA is also a steward of the Cascade Springs Nature Preserve.



With these outings, Max is highlighting some of the interesting and beautiful parks we have in our metro area, with the hope that Sierrans who explore and enjoy these parks will be all the more inspired to protect our environment. Find out about upcoming outings at our monthly meetings, in our meeting announcements, on our Facebook page, or on the Chapter's online calendar.

## ADOPT-A-STREAM MONITORING

Our Adopt-a-Stream activities focus on Peachtree Creek in Medlock Park. For biological monitoring, we need many eyes to find the macroinvertebrate critters found in the creek.

The next chance to get your feet wet (figuratively or literally!) on a day with both biological and chemical monitoring will be **Saturday, September 15**, from 10 a.m. - noon. Chemical monitoring will be from 10 - 11, and biological monitoring will take the full time.

For information about chemical monitoring dates, call Larry Kloet at (404) 636-7226. For more details about biological monitoring, call Nancy Wylie at (404) 256-1172. Detailed directions are available at [sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta/adopt-stream-program](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta/adopt-stream-program).

## GET INVOLVED!

Want to pitch in by keeping on top of local news, policy, politics, events, and opportunities? Would you like to help out at our meetings, plan events, join our political committee, or help get out the vote for elections this year? Please email our chair, Nina Dutton, at [nddutton@gmail.com](mailto:nddutton@gmail.com).

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**Monthly Meetings:** The Metro Atlanta Group typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Typically our meetings feature a speaker on a timely topic. Then we present info on how to take action on important issues. We have been meeting at the Georgia Chapter office, at 743 E. College Ave., Suite B, Decatur, GA, 30030 but the location is subject to change. Please join us at 7 p.m. to socialize and 7:30 p.m. for the program!

**Sign Up for Email Updates** through the Georgia Chapter website ([sierraclub.org/georgia](http://sierraclub.org/georgia)) and be sure to include your Atlanta-area zipcode.

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## LAGRANGE GROUP

SERVING THE LAGRANGE AREA

# Get Involved This Season

BY LAURA BREYFOGLE

Spring has been productive and busy for the LaGrange Group. We have been working on projects that contribute to our community, enjoying the great outdoors, educating ourselves and taking a stab at getting involved politically.

Every April, Ken Fiske organizes a team to help out with Keep Troup Beautiful Cleanup event. This year the theme was de-littering various neighborhoods around town, and our team volunteered to tackle a neighborhood near LaGrange College. Thanks to all who participated to make LaGrange a more beautiful place and possibly preventing litter from ending up in nearby beautiful West Point Lake. Judy Lawrence and Mary Lou Dabbs have led efforts to design, plant, and water a butterfly garden near section one of The Thread, a multi-use trail new to our community. Thanks to Dornan Gresley for tilling and installing edging, Jenny Jackson, from Jenny Jack Sun Farm, for growing the milkweed we planted, and Georgia Interfaith Power and Light for a generous mini-grant to fund this project. We also appreciate the advice of Carolyn Robinson, director of the Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens. Plans are underway for getting our garden certified as a Monarch Waystation. Our tabling crews also shared information about Sierra Club at two events this spring, the LaGrange College Sustainability Fair and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's Valley Rally.

Spring outings included an open invitation from Stephen Johnson to view threatened shoal lilies on his property along Flat Shoals Creek near West Point. Stephen generously offered his open house on three weekends in May to all Sierra Club members, as well as to Troup County

residents. Also, we offered a Conservation Outing which featured speakers Ian Karra (Beyond Coal Organizer) and Kevin Jeselnik (Chattahoochee Riverkeeper attorney), who shared with us about the dangers of coal ash and its current disposal requirements. Afterwards, we enjoyed a hike along the Chattahoochee River at Chattahoochee Bend State Park. Participants at our annual Lake Martin Gathering had a fun time boating, swimming, and touring a beautiful garden; some even ventured to do a zipline drop into the lake.



LaGrange Group Program Director Travis Towns has invited a number of informative speakers on a variety of topics for our monthly meetings this spring, including reptiles with live snakes and an alligator (always a big hit!), Rusty Oliver, candidate for US District 3, and Ted Terry, reporting on the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club. Politically speaking, several of our members have been increasingly involved with the Troup County Democrats, an active group that brings in many speakers, organizes registration drives, and participates in fundraisers for Democratic candidates.

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**Monthly Meetings:** Meetings will resume after summer on Tuesday, September 18; 6:30 p.m. welcome and refreshments, 7 p.m. program; St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 207 N. Greenwood St., LaGrange (no meetings June-August). All meetings occur on the third Tuesday of each month.

## SAVANNAH RIVER GROUP

SERVING AUGUSTA & SURROUNDING AREAS

# SRG Activism Comes in Many Forms

BY LINDA MCBURNEY, CO-CHAIR

Although SRG members engage in environmental and political activism throughout the year, some extend their activism to social and economic activities. The following examples reflect the diverse interests and concerns of our membership.

Our environmental activism has included educating developers on designing communities to go with the contour of the land; speaking to individuals at tabling events, such as Earth Day, and to organizations about the Sierra Club and its mission; working with residents of River Island to determine if the retention pond is working correctly, assisting the City of North Augusta and the Interfaith Environmental Working Group to identify an appropriate location for a rain garden to capture stormwater runoff and planting the rain garden; and, as part of the Adopt-a-Stream program, investigating for sources causing high E. coli counts in our creeks, and picking up litter as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.



Sometimes our activism leads to teachable opportunities. Frank Carl, SRG's conservation chair, was contacted by concerned citizens in Elbert and Madison Counties about potential pollution threats to the Broad River. A few Elbert County individuals are interested in having a coal ash waste dump site in their county that would be located next to the Broad River. Additionally, Hulsey Farm owns approximately 900 acres next to the Broad River and close to Clarks Hill (Thurmond Lake) where they have been applying waste from a chicken rendering plant to their land. As a result of this contact with Frank and his work with them, five people have

been certified as Adopt-a-Stream volunteers, calling themselves The Riffle Beetles, that will be monitoring several streams in the Broad River watershed. For several years, Sam and Frank have attended the Savannah Upper Ogeechee Water council meetings and have made contributions without official membership on the Council. Another member creates wire dam selfies and donates them to SRG, Georgia Water Coalition, and Phinizy Center for Water Science for their fundraising events.

SRG members' social activism has included participating in the Augusta Pride parade and events; the MLK parade; campaigns about Confederate monuments; contributing to the Equality Clinic, a clinic initiated and run by a group of Augusta University students and healthcare providers to offer quality healthcare to Augusta's LGBTQ community; and providing translation for Spanish-speaking patients at the Augusta Health Center.

Members' political activism includes members running for public offices, hosting fundraisers for their preferred candidates, distributing candidates' signs, attending events hosted by the League of Women Voters, convening "lobby your legislator" training sessions, and writing letters and signing petitions. Currently, one of SRG's members, Tim Nelken, is serving as a supervisor for the Columbia County Soil and Water District. This year, another supervisor's seat opened and a SRG member is running for it.

Some member' economic activism has included writing letters and signing petitions to restaurants to stop giving out straws unless a customer asks for it, and to purchase beef, pork and poultry from only businesses that practice humane treatment of the animals – and letting them know that they will no longer be a customer until they do so. Activism takes many forms and you have a choice as to what that will be.

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SERVING SAVANNAH & SURROUNDING COUNTIES

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♦ **Offshore Drilling - There is More We Can Do!**  
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RSVP at [bit.ly/CoastalJuly2018](http://bit.ly/CoastalJuly2018)

♦ **Saying No to Straws and Other Plastics**  
**August 9, 2018, 6:30-7:30pm** @ Friendship Coffee  
(205 Johnny Mercer Blvd Ste. 1, Willington Island,  
GA 31410)  
RSVP at [bit.ly/CoastalAug2018](http://bit.ly/CoastalAug2018)

♦ **Biking - Making Savannah Greener**  
**September 13, 2018, 6:30-7:30pm**, location TBD  
Featuring John Bennett, Ex. Dir. of the Savannah  
Bicycle Campaign  
RSVP at [bit.ly/CoastalSep2018](http://bit.ly/CoastalSep2018)

♦ **100% Clean Energy for Savannah**  
**October, 2018, 6:30-7:30pm**, location TBD  
Join us to learn about how we can bring 100 per-  
cent clean energy to Savannah.  
RSVP at [bit.ly/CoastalOct2018](http://bit.ly/CoastalOct2018)

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