



WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
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## May Newsletter

### ***WWALS Working Hard for Your Watershed***

WWALS continues to oppose the Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline, a 36 inch diameter pipeline that is proposed to be drilled under the Withlacoochee River in Georgia and several rivers in Florida, including the Suwannee. Sabal Trail is attempting to secure access to privately owned property for surveying and test drilling by suing for imminent domain in the courts. WWALS president, John S. Quarterman, penned and submitted a very thorough [Amicus brief](#) (Friend of the Court) to the judge in this case in order to inform the court of the multiple reasons that imminent domain should be denied and why the pipeline itself is a very real threat to our watershed and the Floridan Aquifer. <http://www.wwals.net/category/pipeline-2/>

### ***Community Outreach and Education***

WWALS Ambassador, [Dave Hetzel](#), represented WWALS at "[A Day in the Woods](#)," an educational event hosted by Gaskins Forest Education Center on April 18, 2015. Dave reported successful networking and was asked to speak to a group in Berrien County about the economic benefits of the Alapaha River Water Trail to local businesses. (photo courtesy of Wenda G. Bailey). <http://www.wwals.net/?p=7532>



### ***Fun - BIG Little River Paddle Event***

The annual \*Big Little River Paddle Event\* will be held on Saturday May 16, 2015 at Reed Bingham State Park in Adel, GA, so mark you calendars to join the fun! Registration is from 8-9 am and the race begins at 9:30. There is a \$30 registration fee per boat and a \$5 park admission fee per car. The race is a scenic 3 miles on the Little River. Prizes will be awarded at 11:30 am for an overall winner and winner in each category. Complimentary lunch will be provided to participants. Proceeds benefit WWALS and Friends of Reed Bingham State Park.



<http://www.wwals.net/2015/04/27/third-annual-big-little-river-paddle-race-pr-2015-05-16/>



### ***Alapaha Water Trail News***

The development of the Alapaha River Water Trail is nearing completion. Georgia River Network's Gwyneth Moody will be visiting the Water Trail on Memorial Day, Monday May 25, 2015 with several WWALS members. They will begin the outing at [Lewis Lake](#) to see the lovely bird rookery. The water trail committee is reviewing final proofs of the map and brochure for production later this month.

<http://www.wwals.net/tag/alapaha-river-water-trail/>

### ***Annual Meeting - July 8, 2015***

Each year, WWALS holds an annual meeting with the presentation and review of the annual report and the election of board members at a July meeting. The meeting is scheduled this year for July 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at the IHOP in Adel GA. All WWALS members are invited to attend and those who attend are eligible to vote in the election.