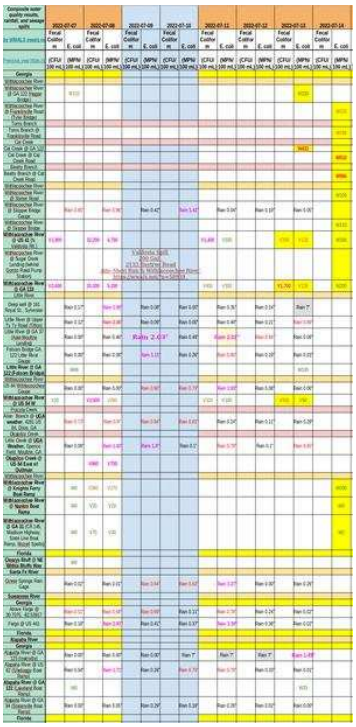
WWALS at Billys Island, East Fork Suwannee River 2016-12-10

Alapahoochee River @ GA 135 2021-06-05

Sugar Creek Beach, 2021-07-10

WaterGoat Trash Trap on Sugar Creek on WTXL TV 2023-12-18

Valdosta Mayor Scott James Matheson and City Council Andy Gibbs on WWALS Sugar Creek and Withlacoochee River Cleanup 2023-05-07



Bad water quality in Cat Creek 2022-07-14

Alapaha River in 2021 https://wwals.net/?p=57364 and 2022 https://wwals.net/?p=60784

- Suzanne Welander, who paddled with us in 2021, added the Alapahoochee River to the Third Edition of her *Canoeing and Kayaking Georgia*. https://wwals.net/?p=58808

- Sugar Creek downstream of Baytree Road
  - This is a nice urban creek with a beach and shoals. https://wwals.net/?p=56221
  - It has the WaterGoat trash trap paid for by the City of Valdosta and cleaned out by volunteers, and featured on WTXL TV. https://wwals.net/?p=63876
  - WWALS cleanups on Sugar Creek have included as participants the Valdosta Mayor and Utilities Director https://wwals.net/?p=62674 and a Valdosta City Council member.
  - Sugar Creek will be used this coming Saturday, March 2, as the early takeout for the Mayor and Chairman's Paddle. https://wwals.net/?p=64095
  - WWALS has invested considerable time and equipment in clearing deadfalls (fallen trees) from Sugar Creek and the Withlacoochee River in preparation for the Mayor and Chairman's Paddle. https://wwals.net/?p=64211
- Cat Creek downstream of GA 37
  - That would help with finding and fixing *E. coli* problems sampled at bridges on those creeks. WWALS has already started investigating those creek problems and has applied for a testing grant. https://wwals.net/?p=58982
- Franks Creek downstream of GA 122
  - Like Cat Creek for *E. coli* testing.

Thank you again for HB 1397. And could you please make the above additions.

For the rivers and the aquifer,

/s
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Cc: Georgia House members representing parts of the Suwannee River Basin.