

# CWA News

WINTER 2010



## COOSAWATTEE WATERSHED ALLIANCE

### THE COOSAWATTEE WATERSHED

The Ellijay River and its tributaries combine with the Cartecay River and its tributaries to form the Coosawattee River which flows into Carters Lake.

### CWA'S MISSION

The CWA is the Coosawattee Watershed Alliance, a local, grass-roots, non-profit organization, dedicated to protecting, conserving and restoring the water resources of the Coosawattee River watershed. The CWA achieves this mission through education, research, science, advocacy, information-sharing and lots of hard work.

### MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 252 • East Ellijay GA 30539

### WEB ADDRESS

[www.CoosawatteeWatershedAlliance.org](http://www.CoosawatteeWatershedAlliance.org)

### CAUSE DONATIONS

<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/333356>



CoosawatteeWatershedAlliance

Conserve, Protect, Restore



## 2009 - Year in Review

The Coosawattee Watershed Alliance has been very active in the last year as your advocate for Gilmer County's streams and rivers. In addition to the ongoing efforts to protect our waterways from the abuse created by siltation and sedimentation, the CWA has been active in many other ways.

The CWA spearheaded the **Earth Day Cartecay and Coosawattee Rivers Cleanup** with numerous volunteers in canoes, kayaks and on foot removing trash and debris from the rivers and their banks.

In preparation for Paddle Georgia, the CWA participated in the **Coosawattee River Resort River Clean Up**. Volunteers spent three consecutive weekends removing river debris and trash from the county park to the mouth of Carters Lake.

In June, CWA hosted Georgia River Networks' **2009 Paddle Georgia**. Gilmer County was home to over 350 paddlers from all over the country. With the support of Gilmer County Schools, the county recreation Department, the Chamber of Commerce and numerous local merchants and volunteers, the three days the participants spent in downtown Ellijay and on the Coosawattee River were a resounding success.

In cooperation with Gilmer County, Mountain Stewards, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Carters Lake Corps of Engineers, the CWA also conceived and began the fund-raising and implementation of the **Coosawattee Blue Trail**. The Blue Trail, when completed will link a series of canoe launches, recreation areas and campsites

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along the Cartecay, Ellijay and Coosawattee Rivers and Carters Lake.

The Coosawattee Watershed Alliance also designed and installed the **CWA Mud-Meter**. The Mud-Meter indicates the daily turbidity (amount of dirt in the

water) of the Cartecay River. The Mud-Meter is currently located at East Ellijay's First Avenue Bridge, but will soon be relocated.

## Membership Renewal Time

**Your CWA memberships expired on January 1, 2010.** If you think that the work of the CWA is important, and you want to be a part of our work in the future, please take a moment to renew your membership.

The Coosawattee Watershed Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your membership and donations are tax deductible.

**You may complete the form below and mail it with your check to the address on the form.**



Your continued membership will allow the CWA to continue its good works and reach our goal of healthy streams and rivers throughout Gilmer County.

## Calendar of Events

**February 19-20**  
**Georgia River Network Annual Conference**  
 Jekyll Island Convention Center  
[www.garivers.org](http://www.garivers.org)

**February 27**  
**Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Confluence**  
 Stone Mountain Park  
[www.georgiaadoptastream.org](http://www.georgiaadoptastream.org)

**April 24**  
**Earth Day River Clean-Up**  
[www.coosawatteewatershedalliance.org](http://www.coosawatteewatershedalliance.org)

**June 19-25**  
**Paddle Georgia on the Broad & Savannah Rivers**  
[www.garivers.org](http://www.garivers.org)

## I Want to Support the CWA

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### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Sponsor \$1,000 or more
- Life Member \$500 or more
- Business \$75
- Family \$40
- Individual \$25
- Student \$15
- Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are my/our annual membership dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the Coosawattee Watershed Alliance. (Memberships are tax deductible).

Please make your check payable to:  
**COOSAWATTEE WATERSHED ALLIANCE**  
 PO Box 252  
 East Ellijay, GA 30539

## Look Out for Email Updates

Be on the lookout for email notices and updates regarding important issues, calls to action and meeting notices.

Also, stop by the CWA website from time to time. It is a great way to learn about upcoming events, workshops and gatherings, and it's a great resource for learning more about water related issues in our community, throughout the state and country.

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