



CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER®

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Dear Srikanth Yamala and Hall County Board of Commissioners,

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of the Chattahoochee River – including its lakes, tributaries, and watershed.

We are pleased to host numerous land-based and water-based cleanups throughout the year within the Hall County community. These cleanups bring together hundreds of volunteers each year at numerous access points along the Chattahoochee River and Lake Lanier for the sole purpose of cleaning our waterways.

With an increase in population growth and the recent heavy rains that we anticipate to continue, we have had countless reports of trash issues in and around Lake Lanier. We aim to host a cleanup in Hall County approximately every or every other month throughout the year. We do co-host several cleanups with Keep Hall Beautiful, who has a current partnership with Hall County, and Lake Lanier Association but we do host the majority of our cleanups solely with our volunteers.

Our 2023 calendar of events is currently being created but we are aiming to host approximately 10 cleanups next year. Each cleanup typically collects 0.5-2 tons of trash. However, our annual Sweep the Hooch event (March 25, 2023) typically brings in approximately 15-20 tons of trash within the Lake Lanier watershed! Trash collected may also include large plastic dock floats that have not been appropriately disposed of in addition to other smaller items, such as plastic bottles, unencapsulated Styrofoam, aluminum cans, etc.

We are seeking your support to help cover the tipping fees for up to 25 tons of trash and recyclables at the Hall County Landfill for our trash cleanups hosted throughout 2023 within the local community.

Thank you for your consideration for supporting our efforts! If you would like to learn more about our upcoming events, please visit our website at <https://chattahoochee.org/events/>. Feel free to contact me directly if you all have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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