



CHATAHOOCHEE 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 to clean our waterways.

With an increase in population growth and the recent heavy rains that we anticipate continuing, we have had countless reports of trash issues in and around Lake Lanier. We aim to host a cleanup in Hall County every month throughout the year. We do co-host several cleanups with Keep Hall Beautiful and Lake Lanier Association, but we host most of our cleanups solely with our 500+ volunteers in this region.

Our 2024 calendar of events is being created, but we aim to host about 12 cleanups next year – ten of which will be in Hall County. Each cleanup typically collects 0.5-2 tons of trash. However, our annual Sweep the Hooch event (March 23, 2024) typically brings in 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 at the Hall County Landfill and for Hall County to provide dumpsters necessary for our annual Sweep the Hooch event to help properly dispose of encapsulated dock floats in 2024.

Thank you for your consideration in 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 have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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