

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER

GEORGIA

Project Name: Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area & National Water Trail

Project Type:

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Education (Interpretative Materials)
- Recreation (National Water Trail)
- Urban

Project Description: The Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (NRA) is a linear park in the Atlanta-metro area, which includes 48 miles of river, over 70 miles of hiking trails, and 18 developed river access areas. The trail consists of a beautiful stretch of river, rich in natural and human history, nestled within a network of suburban and urban communities extending from the southern tip of Lake Lanier to the northern limits of the City of Atlanta. Due to releases of water from Lake Lanier, the River is clear, cold, and slow moving, and contains the southern-most wild trout fishery in the country.



National Park Service

The vision for this project is to create better connections and access to the Chattahoochee River for the six million people living in the Atlanta metropolitan area. A National Water Trail designation will bring national recognition to the River and allow partners to capitalize on the designation to protect more watershed land and increase trail connections in the NRA.

Lead Federal Agencies:

- National Park Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Non-Federal Partners:

- Georgia Department of Natural Resources - State Parks and Historic Sites
- Cobb, Fulton, Forsyth, and Gwinnett Counties
- Cities of Atlanta, Duluth, Johns Creek, Roswell, Sandy Springs, Sugar Hill
- Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
- Trust for Public Land
- Chattahoochee Nature Center
- Georgia River Network

Outcomes for 2012:

- Obtain National Water Trail designation
- Finalize inventories for water trails connecting to northern and southern ends of the National Recreation Area
- Continue negotiations to facilitate parcel acquisitions for 2013