

Help Protect and Improve Barber Creek!

Attend the Meeting and Public Hearing

7 p.m. December 12, 2006

Oconee County Civic Center, 2661 Hog Mountain Road

Oconee County is seeking a permit to begin discharging treated waste water from its Rocky Branch sewage plant into Barber Creek.

Tell the State Environment Protection Division to rewrite its draft permit to:

1. **Allow Oconee County to discharge into Barber Creek ONLY when the creek is at normal stage.**

At present, the permit allows the County to discharge into the creek even when it is in flood stage.

2. **Require the County to treat the water to drinking level quality.**

At present, the permit allows the County to treat the water to reuse quality. The EPD and County ordinances recommend that individuals avoid skin contact with reuse quality water and not use it to water edible plants. In fact, the state requires users to have a permit to use reuse quality water.

3. **State that the EPD will conduct independent sampling of Barber Creek on an unannounced basis at least once every three months during each year.**

Since 2001, the state has sampled water from the County's other treatment plant on Calls Creek only twice.

Director, Environmental Protection, Department of Natural Resources, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 S. E. Floyd Towers East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

I support this initiative.

Your Name (Printed)

Your Address

Your Signature

Bring this with you to the hearing. If you cannot attend, send it via mail by December 19, 2006.

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