

Phase II Stormwater Program

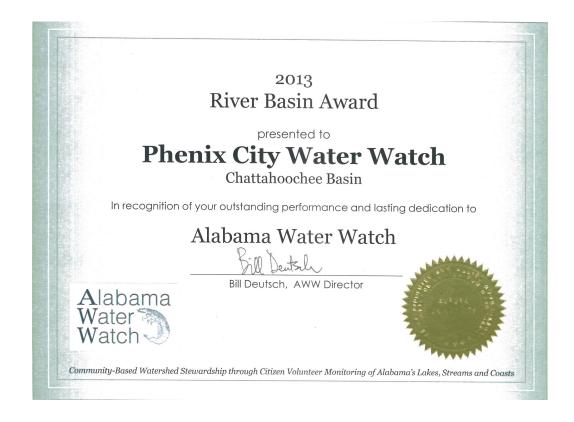
Summer 2013

Water Quality in Alabama

AU Hosts Water Policy Symposium - http://wp.auburn.edu/aww/

- 1. If you live in Alabama and care about water get engaged in the process of developing water policy that will manage our State's waters,
- 2. If you have not done so already, submit comments to aid in guiding the formation of the State's water management efforts. Although analysis of stakeholder comments and development of policy options are underway, the stakeholder comment period has been extended to <u>December 1, 2013</u>.

Phenix City Water Watch was awarded the 2013 River Basin Award by Alabama Water Watch. Alabama Water Watch has celebrated its 20th Anniversary of community based watershed stewardship. For more information about this worthwhile group or to become a water monitor, check out the website at www.alabamawaterwatch.org. Hope to see you at our creeks and rivers.



Congratulations to the 2013 AWW Award Winners!

River Basin Award: Chattahoochee Basin

Carl Badger, Lake Harding Water Watch Roger Martin, Chattahoochee River Warden Melissa Brown, Phenix City Water Watch Mill Creek Watershed Management Plan

Jump Start New Group Award:

Ono Island Canal Owners Association

Jump Start Monitor: Oliver Van der Ende

Revitalized Group Award: Lake Jordan HOBOs

Jump Start Trainer: Patti Hurley

Environmental Education Award: Central High School (Susan Shiver)

Advocacy and Policy Award: Logan Martin Lake Protection Association

Restoration and Protection: Bill Peters and Gene Grimes (Living River Center)

Mike Mullen Award for Monitor of the Year: Mark Butler

Group of the Year: Coastal Plains Streams Water Watch

Trainer of the Year: Homer Singleton

Alabama Water Watch is a part of Global Water Watch. Volunteers world wide conduct tests on a monthly basis to keep track of the health of our waters. There have been many successes from this dedicated group. Due to the monitoring efforts, many illicit discharges have been found quickly, allowing cleanup to begin and keeping damage to a minimum. An illicit discharge is any intentional or unintentional release of substances that are not allowed in our waterways. Volunteers may also arrange trash cleanups and other efforts to help keep our water in good shape.

Did you know that water is a finite resource? All the water that is on the earth now is all that will ever be. We are using the same water that was available in Plato's time. Take care of our water. There can be no more.