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#### **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

##### **Georgia Water Coalition Seeks Nominations for Clean 13 Awards**

All across the state, Georgia businesses, industries, local governments, non-profit organizations and individuals are “greening” Georgia by protecting the state’s water resources. This year the state’s leading water advocates will recognize those efforts with the Clean 13 Report.

The Georgia Water Coalition (GWC) will recognize 13 entities that have accomplished extraordinary work to protect, preserve and restore Georgia’s rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands and coast. The report will be released later this year.

Nominations are now being accepted through March 31 at  
<https://www.gawater.org/clean-13-nomination-form>

The Clean 13 Report is a counterpoint to the GWC’s annual Dirty Dozen Report, a list of 12 problems that threaten the health of Georgia’s waterways.

“While the Dirty Dozen Report highlights problems that need to get fixed, the Clean 13 will highlight projects that we hope others will emulate,” said Joe Cook, Advocacy and Communication Coordinator with the Rome-based Coosa River Basin Initiative.

The GWC has published the Dirty Dozen Report every year since 2011. This will be the first Clean 13 Report.

“We’re looking for programs or activities that have had a positive impact on our state’s water resources,” said Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeeper. “There’s so much that’s happening and too often these good deeds go unnoticed.”

Examples include businesses using innovation to solve a pressing environmental problem; local governments going above and beyond minimum requirements to protect water or land; industries reducing water use, eliminating waste or implementing

sustainability programs; non-profit organizations leveraging citizen activism to create change in their communities or individuals leading projects to solve a community-wide water pollution problem.

Projects chosen for the Clean 13 Report will be recognized in an event planned for early 2018.

The Georgia Water Coalition is a consortium of more than 200 organizations working to protect and care for Georgia's surface water and groundwater resources. Collectively, the Coalition represents more than 250,000 Georgians.

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