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**Leading Water Protection Coalition Presents
Clean 13 Water Heroes Award to Terrapin Beer Company**

Georgia's leading water protection coalition presented its Clean 13 Water Heroes Award to Terrapin Beer Company, located in Athens, GA.

Terrapin Beer Company is doing its part to protect Athens' drinking water sources in the Middle and North Oconee rivers. One of the largest craft brewers in the state, it is setting an example for other small breweries by reducing its water use and ensuring that its waste streams find new life as animal feed and compost. "Every decision we make at the brewery has an impact," said Dustin Watts, Terrapin president. "Be it the local waterways we pull from, how we get the energy each shift consumes, the soil we help build through composting, or any of the resources we draw on to manufacture. We choose to be aware of these effects and strive to keep our impact on these resources to a minimum." Water conservation measures at Terrapin Beer Co. have reduced the brewery's water demand by about 20 percent, translating into water savings of three million gallons in 2019.

To bring statewide recognition to this leadership, the Georgia Water Coalition included Terrapin in their 2019 Clean 13 report. The annual report highlights individuals, businesses, industries, non-profit organizations and governmental agencies whom have led efforts for cleaner rivers, stronger communities and a more sustainable future for Georgia. Learn more and read the report at <https://www.gawater.org/clean-13>

Rena Peck and Dana Skelton of Georgia River Network presented the award on behalf of the Georgia Water Coalition. "Georgia River Network is especially honored to present to Terrapin Beer Company the Georgia Water Coalition's Clean 13 Water Hero award. Its inspiring to see companies like Terrapin Beer Company leading by example and making sustainability a priority." said Dana Skelton of Georgia River Network.

Throughout the month of September Molson Coors, the parent company of Terrapin Beer Company, celebrates Imprint Month dedicated to voluntary water initiatives across the U.S.

The 13 water heroes recognized in the report were slated to receive their awards at the Clean 13 Celebration in Atlanta on March 12. Unfortunately, the event was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the COVID -19 crisis continues to escalate over recent months the Georgia Water Coalition permanently cancelled the event and instead chose to recognize these inspiring water heroes at locally organized small outdoor ceremonies.

The Georgia Water Coalition is a consortium of more than 260 conservation and environmental organizations, hunting and fishing groups, businesses, and faith-based organizations that have been working to protect Georgia's water since 2002. Collectively, these organizations represent thousands of Georgians. The Coalition annually publishes the Clean 13 list not only to recognize these positive efforts on behalf of Georgia's water but also as a call to action for our state's leaders and citizens to review these success stories, borrow from them, and emulate them.