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is to encourage community environmental activities and behaviors, resulting in a more beautiful Bartow.

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Rivers Alive Libertarian Group

September 14, 2024



Rivers Alive Libertarian Party Cleanup September 14, 2024



On September 14, a group of six volunteers of the Bartow Libertarian Party conducted a river cleanup from Euharlee Creek to Hardin Bridge. There were a total of 6 volunteers, working for a total of 4 hours*6 volunteers=24 volunteer hours. Zach Tyree, with Euharlee Creek Outfitters, gave the group a safety briefing before heading out on the 4 mile journey down the river. KBB supplied the trash pickers, t-shirts, waterproof phone holders, & mesh trash bags. The kayaks were rented from Euharlee Creek Outfitters.



The volunteers began at Euharlee Creek and ended at Hardin Bridge boat launch. The volunteers paddled in kayaks and retrieved trash from the sides of the river banks and shallow water areas. The 6 volunteers removed 4 bags of trash, 2 tires, multiple inflatable rafts, and multiple ropes out of the Etowah River (equal to 150 pounds). There was a tire and a few rafts that the volunteers could not safely get out of the river. The volunteers took note of the mile markers where the tire and rafts were and reported, once safely on land, to get removed. Bartow County Parks and Rec picked up the trash from the boat ramp.

Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup

September 28, 2024



Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup September 28, 2024



This year was the celebration of the 39th Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup. The cleanup was held on September 28, 2024. There was a total of 1,476 volunteers signed up to volunteer at GLAC, and 1,100 showed up. Volunteers completed 4,950 volunteer hours. There was a total of 2.27 tons of trash removed from the shorelines of Lake Allatoona. There was a total of 15 tires removed from the shorelines.



2024 - 39th Year

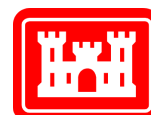
Volunteers: 1,100

**Tons of trash collected:
2.27 tons and 15 tires**

Above is Cub Scout Pack 54, an boy scout group out of Euharlee. The group above cleaned around the shore lines of Lake Allatoona around Gatewood Park.



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Keep Bartow Beautiful supplied the education piece for the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup. In the goody bags, handed out before the cleanup, there was a print out with instructions for the education piece. They could scan the QR code which took them to a website and each person could choose from multiple activities. Once they completed one activity, they answered questions on the survey about the activity they chose, then gave feedback from the cleanup. 18 and under participants could complete the activity online to be entered to win a gift card or kayak. 1 kayak and 5 \$50 Visa gift cards were awarded by a drawing. This year we had 20 complete the activity to be entered in to win a prize.



Pictured Above: Abram Hughes Kayak Winner

The Lake Allatoona Warriors is a branch of the LAA and consists of volunteers who conduct year-round cleanup activities focusing on cleaning areas during the fall and winter lake drawdown and remote areas.

The LW had 195 volunteers from July 2024- June 2025. They completed 464 volunteer hours. The volunteers removed 9,400 pounds of trash from around Lake Allatoona. They also removed 5 tires and 3 chairs from around Lake Allatoona.

LAKE WARRIORS (01 July 2024 - 30 June 2025)	
Volunteers	195
Volunteer Hours	464
Tires	5
Chairs	1
Total Weight	9,400 pounds



Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup continues to inspire environmental stewardship

BY MARIE NESMITH
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Described as a “heartwarming sight,” the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup continues to inspire people of all ages to engage in environmental stewardship. This outreach has cleared the body of water and its shoreline of around 515 tons of trash over the past nearly four decades.

“The 515 tons of trash equates to over 1,030,000 pounds of trash and debris removed since 1986,” said Cartersville resident Carole Miller, a board member of GLAC’s presenting organization — Lake Allatoona Association. “If over 1 million pounds of trash and debris had not been removed from Allatoona Lake’s shoreline, would it be a place that you would enjoy visiting today? What about the water that it supplies to millions of people? This is what we ask people to think about as they spend time on and around the lake.”

“It is our hope that by participating

in the cleanup, by walking the shoreline and boating to remote locations to collect trash, that people, young and less young, see the amount of trash that is left behind. We hope that this shocking revelation will impact their thinking and actions for the future.”

This year’s cleanup took place in the wake of Hurricane Helene,

which affected the event in various ways. Turnout was lower than first expected, with 1,014 of its 1,737 registered volunteers partici-

pating.

“As you know, our cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 28, came a day after Hurricane Helene dumped over 9 inches of rain into the lake,” Miller said. “The lake level was at 840.82 [msl] — this is .82 above full pool level. This

is significantly higher than typical summer levels.

“One of the reasons we

muddy mess — trees and debris were everywhere. Some of the campsites were closed due to flooding.”

Echoing Miller’s comments, Katie Martin — executive director of Keep Bartow Beautiful — shared the “cleanup looked a little different” than past years.

“This event is always rain or shine,” Martin said. “Due to the weather, we had a smaller turnout than years previous. The water level came up fast from the rain we had a few days before the cleanup.”

“Due to the water level rise, a lot of the litter that was exposed before the rain was underwater by the time of the cleanup Saturday. This event is a one-day event to clean the shorelines of Lake Allatoona. I just want to say ‘thank you’ to everyone that came out for the cleanup. This event is always successful with how much litter is removed in a day.”

Originally coordinated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup is currently overseen by the Lake Allatoona Association.



scheduled the cleanup in the fall is to be able to work on the shoreline when the lake level is lower. The shoreline was a

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Cleanup

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Over the years, the cleanup has won numerous accolades, including the Take Pride in America Award from 1986 to 1989 and 1991, Certificate of Environmental Achievement awards from Renew America from 1996 to 1998, Public Lands Day Award in 1986, Keep America Beautiful award in 1995 and a first place Litter Prevention award from Keep Georgia Beautiful in 2019.

This year's event featured 37 cleanup sites.

"All three counties — Bartow, Cherokee and Cobb — had participation," Miller said. "Collection was by walking the shoreline, by volunteers being taken out by boat to parts of the shoreline that were not easily accessible from the shoreline and by several canoers and kayakers that collected trash in coves."

"We will not have the list of items picked up until next week however, I can assure you that we found hundreds of plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass, fast food restaurant packaging of all sorts, fishing lines, clothing, batteries, rubber balls, cigarette butts and bottle caps, just to name some items commonly found. We also picked up a large number of tires that we will be discarding at no charge thanks to Keep Bartow Beautiful's Tire Amnesty program set for Sept. 28 to Oct. 5."

During the GLAC event, Martin took photos at two of the cleanup locations: Red Top Mountain State Park and Gatewood Park. She noted the volunteers at these sites picked up a wide range of discarded debris, including food containers, bottles, cans, clothes, shoes, rope and inflatables.

"One volunteer found a speaker and camping chairs," Martin said. "When cleaning up, you know you will collect the regular things, like bottles and cans. Each cleanup is different in what you will clean up, and it depends on the location."

Many of the items that were collected were related to camping or boating, she noted.

"At the Gatewood location, volunteers found toys close to the water that was left behind," Martin said. "When cleaning up, you are always looking for unusual items and wonder how they got there. I remember



my first year in the cleanup we found a bumper to a car."

Martin initially took part in the cleanup during her childhood.

"When I was in 4-H, I participated in the GLAC," she said. "I spent many summers on Lake Allatoona camping, swimming and fishing. Lake Allatoona is one of my favorite places in Bartow County. This event was eye opening by seeing how much litter I collected in just a few hours. Once we put all our trash together, that was even more eye opening."

Martin shared she still takes joy in being a part of this annual outreach.

"I have helped with the event since 2020, since starting with KBB," she said. "This one-day event takes months of planning."

"KBB provides the education piece for GLAC. KBB has provided education at the picnics and now provides the education virtually. KBB will be having a drawing on Oct. 18 for individuals who completed the survey."

She also encourages cleanup participants to peer into the yellow bag they received.

"There will be an orange paper from Keep Bartow Beautiful about how to be entered to win a kayak or a gift card," Martin said. "The deadline to be entered is Oct. 17."

Like Miller, Martin hopes the GLAC will impact the volunteers' day-to-day outlooks and habits.

"All litter and debris enters our waterways," Martin said. "I hope this event inspires them to participate in other cleanups and to



participate in GLAC yearly. I want everyone to think about all the trash that was removed in one day. Just think if we all collected trash that we saw throughout the year."

"All the trash we would remove would not end up in our waterways. Some tips to stop littering: have a bag in your vehicle for trash and throw it away at gas stations or homes, tarp your trash while transporting, educate others on how litter affects us, cover trash cans and recycling cans, volunteer for cleanups, report illegal dumping and more."

Since 2012, Miller said, GLAC has drawn more than 34,000 volunteers who have collected over 82 tons of litter and 1,450 tires from the lake's



shore. She shared this is "a seemingly monumental achievement until we start to find more trash again, and again."

Along with seeing trash removed from Lake Allatoona, Miller is delighted to see people of various ages working together at this event.

"Our volunteers range in age from 91 years old to 4 years old," she said. "Our oldest volunteer, Nony Brakeman, and her daughter Brenda Grano have been working the cleanup for all 39 years the event has existed."

"Watching this diverse group of people with one common goal is a heartwarming sight. I hope that it will encourage others to join us next year."

Scrap Tire Amnesty Week

September 28, 2024– October 5, 2024



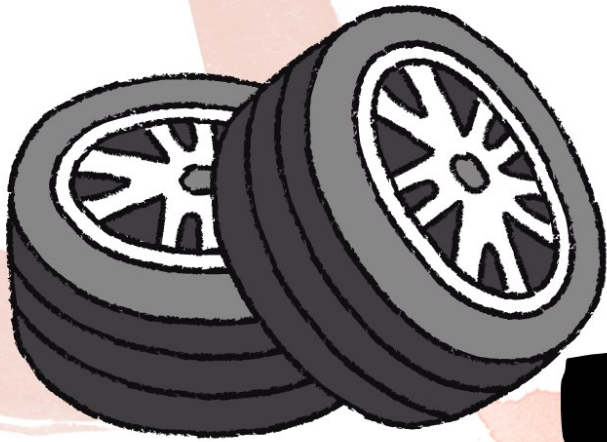
Scrap Tire Amnesty Week

September 28, 2024—October 5, 2024



On Sep. 28 Keep Bartow Beautiful, Bartow Grant Writing Dep., & Bartow Solid Waste conducted a scrap tire amnesty week, which concluded on Oct. 5. An amnesty event is an effective way to remove and recycle scrap tires that blight our community and pose health hazards for residents. During this event, only Bartow residents were able to come recycle an unlimited amount of tires. Two semi-trailers were contracted by Liberty Tire to load the tires onto. These tires were transported and processed at a recycling facility. The main landfill (40 Allatoona Dam Rd.) was the only drop-off location for this event. A total of 1,704 tires were collected, which consisted of car tires, truck tires, and tractor tires. This was 136 more collected than last year. Bartow county solid waste employees collected and loaded all tires for the week. This event was made possible by a STAR grant awarded from the Environmental Protection Division for \$7,992. Conducting this event hopefully encouraged community members to recycle their tires and not illegally dump them on the roadways and in waterways.





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Scrap Tire Amnesty Week kicks off Sept. 28

By DAVID HERRON
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Scrap Tire Amnesty Week is returning Sept. 28 to Oct. 5 to the Bartow County Main Landfill.

"This event is a great opportunity to remove and recycle scrap tires," Keep Bartow Beautiful Executive Director Katie Martin said. "Tires can be a blight to the community and pose health hazards."

Martin spoke about what the Scrap Tire Amnesty Week will entail.

"The week of the tire amnesty event citizens of Bartow County can drop off their unused tires for free," Martin said. "The event will start on Sept. 28 and end on Oct. 5."

"Individuals can take their tires to the main landfill at 40 Allatoona Dam Road, Cartersville. The staff at Bartow County Solid Waste will collect and load all tires for the week."

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From left, James Thumma, Jason Crisp and Tony Anglin take part in last year's Scrap Tire Amnesty Week outreach.

SPECIAL

Tire

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This event is funded by the STAR Grant that was awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Bartow County Grant Writing Department Director Brielle Shinall provided more details about this funding.

"The director of the Bartow County Solid Waste Department, Rip Conner, in partnership with executive director of Keep Bartow Beautiful, Katie Martin, applied for Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) grant funds to help residents of Bartow County clean up scrap tires in our community," Shinall said.

The county will be reimbursed up to \$7,992 to cover the cost of the event.

"I hope this event encourages the community to recycle their tires and not illegally dump them in our waterways and roadways," Martin said. "This is a free event. I encourage everyone to participate."

Martin discussed the success the event had last year.

"The one-week event was well-attended," she said. "There were a total of 1,568 tires collected. Three 52-foot semi-trailers were loaded full of tires for the Tire Amnesty Week last year. KBB staff had multiple calls every day leading up to the event."

Martin continued

to give reasons for participating in the event.

"This is a free event for Bartow County residents," she said. "Mosquitoes are attracted to tires because of the coloring and it provides shade for them to lay eggs."

"Standing water is the key to limiting mosquitos and most tires hold water. This is a great way to limit standing water on your property."

For more information on the event, call 770-387-5145 or follow Keep Bartow Beautiful on Facebook.

"This project will benefit the citizens of the county," Shinall said. "Bartow County anticipates receiving around 4,380 passenger tires during

the amnesty event. Commissioner Steve Taylor approved this project because it was deemed in the best interest of the citizens of Bartow County that the Bartow County Solid Waste Department apply for STAR funding to collect scrap tires and select a carrier to deliver the tires to a beneficial reuse scrap tire processor for recycling.

"This project is also good for the environment because it will take tons of scrap tires to a processing/recycling facility. This means that these scrap tires will not be left outside to collect water or dumped somewhere the tires are not wanted. The tires will be responsibly processed and will not be a nuisance to anyone."

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Great American Cleanup Emerson

October 12, 2024



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Waterside



The City of Emerson held a Great American Cleanup event in the fall of 2024 (Saturday October 12, 2024).

The cleanup had two main locations: Waterside Estates and Downtown Emerson (with registration at Emerson City Hall). It was foggy on the morning of the event. The cleanup began at 9:00 am and concluded at 11:00 am. The waterside site had 8 volunteers and the downtown group had 25 volunteers. A total of 33 volunteers for the fall cleanup date (volunteer hours $33 \times 2 = 66$ total hours).

The waterside group collected 11 bags of litter and 1 tire, while the downtown group collected 80 bags, a vehicle fender, a large wire bundle, and a sign post. The weight from the downtown cleanup trash was 1,600 pounds. The weight from the waterside cleanup was 220 pounds, making it a combined total of 1,820 pounds. Even though Emerson had a smaller volunteer turnout than last year, total pounds of trash collected increased.





Great American Cleanup

October 12, 2024



Pictured above and below: Volunteers cleaning up the downtown area and surrounding residential



National Planting Day/Garden Workdays

October-November 2024



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Bartow County
Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

Starting at the end of October KBB had 4 garden workdays. On October 30, 2024 there was a workday at Hayes Park Rain Garden. There were 4 Bartow County Master Gardeners (Christina Anderson, Missy Phillips, Susan Gilmore, & Alicia McMahan & KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan). The workday started at 9:00am & concluded at 11:00am for a total of 12 hours. The volunteers weeded the garden & put more soil in the raised pollinator & vegetable beds.



On November 11, 2024 there was a workday at the Shakespeare Garden. There were a total of 2 Bartow County Master Gardeners (Lynn Frye & Deb Beck) & 1 KBB staff (Katie Martin). The workday started at 9:00am & concluded at 11:00am for a total of 6 hours. The volunteers weeded, spread 20 bags of mulch & planted 2 flats of pansies.



National Planting Day/Garden Workdays

October-November 2024

On November 8, 2024 there was a workday at Neels Landing demonstration garden. There was 1 Bartow County Master Garden (Lyndsey Harp) & 2 KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan). The workday started at 9:00am & concluded at 10:00am for a total of 3 hours. The volunteers weeded and spread 20 bags of mulch.



On November 20, 2024 there was a workday at Hardin Bridge demonstration garden. There were 3 Bartow County Master Gardeners (Don Hassebrock, Deb Beck, & Kathy Fielder) & 2 KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan). The workday started 9:00am-10:00am for a total of 5 hours. The volunteers weeded & spread 20 bags of mulch. The next day 3 volunteers went back & spread 12 more bags of mulch.

School Lessons & Tours

2024-2025



America Recycles Day 2024-2025



Keep Bartow Beautiful delivered a total of fourteen Slim Jim 23 gallon recycling bins, three 32 gallon round recycling bins, and seventy-three desk side recycling bins to multiple schools (High school– Cass, Middle– Woodland, Adairsville, Red Top, Elementary– Allatoona, Clear Creek, & Cloverleaf). Each school received posters to display in their hallways and classrooms. The posters displayed what could be recycled. Recycling lessons were taught at several elementary schools by KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan). These schools included: Euharlee Aug. 26 (3rd grade 60 students), Emerson Sep. 11 (3rd grade 50 students), Pine Log Sep. 15 (2nd grade 60 students), & Kingston Feb. 6 (recycling club 20 students). A total of 221 recycling bins were delivered with new KBB stickers placed on all. Emerson Elementary Sep. 29 (3rd grade 50 students) took a tour of the Bartow County Recycling Center and Main Landfill.



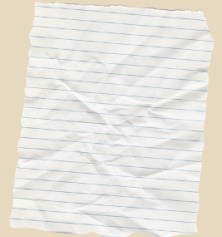
Know what items you can recycle



Tin & aluminum cans



Plastics 1 & 2 (rinse out)



Paper, magazines, newspapers, & cardboard (broken down)



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Erosion lessons

STEM Partner Resource

As a STEM partner KBB presented “Erosion Classes” to help meet standard:

S5E1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to identify surface features on the Earth caused by constructive and/or destructive processes. a. Construct an argument supported by scientific evidence to identify surface features (examples could include deltas, sand dunes, mountains, volcanoes) as being caused by constructive and/or destructive processes (examples could include deposition, weathering, *erosion*, and impact of organisms).

KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan) employed several methods to talk about erosion. The Enviroscape was used for Elementary level classes to explain the effects of erosion on water quality. Different types of environments and pollutions (non-point and point) were introduced and then best management practices were discussed to help solve these pollution issues. **For Elementary Schools — Adairsville May 14, 2025 (3rd grade 115 students)**



One For The Chipper

Fish Habitat 2025



One For The Chipper Fish Habitat 2025



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The Fish Habitat/Attractor project became a Keep Georgia Beautiful *STATE AWARD* winning program in 2016.

The 2025 Chipper Project was conducted on Jan. 18, 2025. The event had to be rescheduled due to snow. Lake Allatoona is a flood controlled lake, meaning the water drops to normal river flow in the winter months. This winter we have had too much rain, which has made the lake rise. The location that was selected was Proctor Landing Park. There were 11 Army Corp Rangers and 4 Army Corp volunteers that collected, transported, and predrilled 200 trees (totaling 100 hours of volunteer time).



There were around 300 live Christmas trees recycled at our collection sites around the county. There were more Christmas trees recycled this year than the year previous. Volunteers anchored 200 trees at Proctor Landing for fish habitats and 100 trees were mulched. For the workday 17 volunteers carried and anchored 200 trees to the established rail road ties in the lakebed. There were 6 DNR staff, 1 Army Corp Ranger, 2 KBB staff, 3 Marietta Bassmasters, and 5 KBB volunteers that completed an hour of volunteer time for a total of 17 volunteer hours for the work-day.



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#1	Bartow Solid West Facilities - 40 Allatoona Dam Road, 30120
#2	Ladd's - 1408 Burn Hickory Road, Cartersville 30121
#3	Taylorsville/Macedonia - 1214 Taylorsville/Macedonia Road, Taylorsville, 30178
#4	Hardin Bridge - 281 Hardin Bridge Road, Cartersville, 30120
#5	Hall Station - 638 Hall station Road, Kingston, 30145
#6	Casey Lake - 4792 JFK Pkwy, Adairsville, 30103
#7	Cedar Creek - 15 Cedar Creek Road, Cartersville 30121
#8	Pine log - 3285 Pine Log Road, Rydal, 30171
#9	Stamp Creek - 212 Stamp Creek Road, white 30184
#10	Center - 684 Center Road, Cartersville 30121
#11	Industrial Park—48 Industrial Drive Cartersville, 30120
#12	Allatoona Community Center - 6507 Glade Road, Acworth, GA 30102

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DEC. 26 - FEB. 1

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Christmas tree recycling gets underway Dec. 25

BY MARIE NESMITH

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Keepp Bartow Beautiful is encouraging the public to take part in the Bring One for the Chipper campaign. Starting this week, the local community will be able to deliver live, undecorated Christmas trees to collection sites managed by either the Bartow County government or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“For 25 years, since 1991, Bring One for the Chipper, Georgia’s annual Christmas tree recycling program, has collected and recycled over 6 million trees,” according to www.bartowga.org/kbb. “Keep Bartow Beautiful began its program in 2000 and since that time has grown to support two distinct projects.

“The original intention in recycling ‘live’ Christmas Trees was a response to the 1991 Yard Trimmings Waste Disposal Act, which bans yard trimmings from lined landfills minimizing landfilled materials and extending the ‘life’ of these landfills. These trees were mulched for water conservation in landscaping and erosion control.”

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SPECIAL

Dan Pingel, Katie Martin and Collin George take part in the fish habitat workday at Lake Allatoona in February.

Recycling

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KBB Executive Director Katie Martin shared this effort expanded its reach in 2006, when KBB joined forces with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Marietta BassMasters. Through this fish habitat program, she said, "trees are anchored and eventually submerged" to create habitat for fish in the man-made Lake Allatoona.

Overall, local residents have recycled 23,250 live Christmas trees since KBB launched Bartow's Bring One for the Chipper initiative.

"Last year there were around 250

Christmas trees recycled in Bartow County," Martin said. "I would like to see 500 Christmas trees recycled this year. In the past few years, the numbers of trees recycled have went down. The number of live

Christmas trees since starting the program has been anywhere from 250 to 1,000 recycled in one year."

For the fish habitat project at Lake Allatoona, she said around 225 trees will be needed. Looking ahead to the January workday, Martin provided an overview of how the trees will be

used and benefit Lake Allatoona.

"They will drill holes in the trunks of the trees before the fish habitat workday," Martin said. "They will also prepare the

site where the trees will be installed. To prepare the sites, they will remove the old trees and wire from the anchor points.

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Recycling

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"At the workday, volunteers will use wire to attach the tree to the anchor point in the lakebed. In the following months, the lake will rise to normal lake levels for the summer and the trees will become submerged. Once the trees are submerged, it will provide shelter for smaller fish, and they will be able to hide from predators better. The trees will attract macroinvertebrates, which smaller fish feed on."

Except for Jan. 1, area residents will be able to drop off their trees from Dec. 26 to Feb. 1 to the Bartow County Solid Waste/Recycling Collection Centers — 40 Allatoona Dam Road, Cartersville; 1408 Burnt Hickory Road, Cartersville; 48 Industrial Drive, Cartersville; 15 Cedar Creek Road, Cartersville; 684 Center Road, Cartersville; 1214 Taylorsville Macedonia Road, Taylorsville; 212 Stamp Creek Road, White; 3285 Pine Log Road, Rydal; 4792 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Adairsville; 638 Hall Station Road, Kingston; 281 Hardin Bridge Road, Cartersville; and 6507 Glade Road, Acworth.

Operating from Dec. 25 to Jan. 8, the Lake Allatoona collection sites will include Allatoona Operations Project Management Office, Victoria Day Use Area, Sweetwater Campground overflow parking area, Galt's Ferry Day Use Area, Payne Boat Ramp, Blockhouse 1 Fishing Jetty behind Paw Paw's Convenience Store and Bethany Bridge Fishing Jetty.

"There are seven sites that have been created to help the shoreline fishing: the area next to Cooper Branch II Day Use Area, Bethany Bridge Fishing Jetty, Blockhouse Ramp Fishing Jetty, Blockhouse 1 Fishing Jetty/behind the store, Dallas Landing Fishing Jetty/city of Acworth, Galt's Ferry Day Use Fishing Jetty and the Victoria Day Use Fishing Jetty," said Christopher Purvis, lead ranger over volunteers, partnerships and public awareness for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Allatoona Lake. "We're hoping to replenish Bethany Bridge this year and possibly the small fishing area at Cooper Branch. Since this program began in 2006, there has been a steady improvement of fishing and an increase of visitors fishing in those areas."

For more information about Christmas tree recycling or participating in the fish habitat workday, contact Martin — 770-387-5167 or martink@bartowcountygga.gov — or visit www.bartowga.org/kbb.

"This will be my fifth year participating in the fish habitat program," Martin said. "One of my favorite places to be is Lake Allatoona, so I thoroughly enjoy this project. I enjoy working with all the partners and volunteers at this event. My family, friends and I spend a lot of time at the lake in summer months and many volunteer for this event."



SPECIAL
Evan Selbige participates in the Feb. 3 fish habitat workday at Lake Allatoona.

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Arbor Day

February 21, 2025



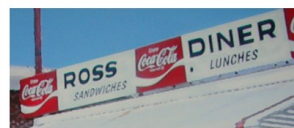
Arbor Day February 21, 2025



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA EXTENSION Master Gardener Program

Twenty-six (26) Bartow Master Gardeners volunteered to man six (6) sites throughout the county to distribute 2,000 seedlings. Bartow's MG's make our Arbor Day program run smoothly. The master gardeners volunteered 83 hours the day of Arbor Day. All sites started at 9am with the exception of Doug's that started at 8 am. The 2 tree varieties given out were Dogwoods and Bald Cypress.

Many Thanks to our site sponsors: who have helped us be in the places where people are:
Ross' (City of Cartersville), Doug's Place (Emerson), Dollar General (Kingston), Adairsville Depot History Museum (Adairsville) and of course Bartow County Joe Frank Moore (County Courthouse)



Above: Shakespeare Garden



Above: Kingston Location

This year's Master Gardener Volunteers were: **Adairsville Depot**— Lynn Frye, Christina Anderson, Missy Phillips, and Elaine Schwartz **-Bartow County Courthouse:** Sarah Craighead, Mary Ellen Edwards, Kathy Fielder, Karen Tindall, Deborah Beck, and Rick Shireman **Doug's in Emerson:** Don Hassebrock, Dee Anne Wyse, Leann McNeil, Janet Martin, and Doug Heneghan **Shakespeare Garden Downtown Cartersville Next to Ross':** John Mabry, Alicia McMahan, Carol Ferguson, Carol Apple, and Cathy Cousins **Kingston Dollar General Store:** Kate Posey, Venia Etta McJunkin, and Marcia Humphreys **White City Hall:** Mary Willis, Lyndsey Harp, & Lisa Clark

KBB staff spoke to the First Presbyterian Preschool 3 & 4 year old classes on February 24, 2025. 50 dogwood trees were individually bagged for the students at the First Presbyterian Preschool students and staff. UGA Extension ANR Agent, Paul Pugliese spoke to Kindergarten classes at Euharlee Elementary School. 90 dogwood trees were individually bagged for the students at Euharlee Elementary School. They talked about the importance of trees, how to plant a tree, and the benefits of trees for wildlife and pollinators at the two schools. The day before Arbor Day KBB Staff Gracie Jordan and Bartow County Master Gardeners Don Hassebrock & Doug Heneghan made the individual bags for the schools. It took 4 volunteer hours to complete making the bags.



Shade

Nature's HVAC

According to Georgia Power, well-placed shade trees can reduce air-conditioning needs by up to 30 percent. Deciduous trees can be extra helpful; when they lose leaves in winter, the increased sunlight on your home slashes heating costs. Planted near parking lots and public spaces, trees reduce smog-producing "heat islands."

Branches

Habitat

Of the many creatures in our urban ecosystem, your best friend is the backyard bird. Red-tailed hawks and Eastern screech owls control rats and mice, while little chickadees eat about 1,000 flying insects a day.

Roots

Flood Warning

One hundred mature trees catch about 139,000 gallons of rainwater per year. As natural landscapes are replaced by pavement and buildings—which can't absorb rainfall—more water rushes to streams, carrying pollutants such as motor oil and pesticides. In urban areas with 75 to 100 percent impervious cover, more than half of dirty stormwater runoff reaches streams; in areas with natural ground cover, only a 10th does. In addition to keeping streams clean, trees reduce street flooding.

Leaves

Air filters

During photosynthesis, trees remove smog-causing air pollutants; 100 trees eliminate roughly 53 tons of carbon dioxide from the air per year. By the time it's 10, a tree can absorb 48 pounds per year.



Above: Dee Anne Wyse, & Leann McNeill at Doug's



Above: Lyndsey Harp, Lisa Clark & Mary Willis at White City Hall

Northwest Georgia Women's Expo

March 22, 2025



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On March 22, 2025 KBB set up a booth at Clarence Brown Conference Center for the Northwest Georgia Women's Expo. The event started at 9:00AM and concluded at 3:00PM. A total of 189 people stopped by the KBB booth to receive more information on the extension office and KBB. At the KBB booth there were flyers for canning classes (FACS), KBB program flyer, seed packets, Bartow County Master Gardener workshops, calendars with recipes (SNAP), and Salsa recipe (SNAP).



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Our priorities focus mainly on litter abatement, recycling, beautification, cultural programs, & greenspace

Our Programs:
Beautification (year-round)
One for the Chipper (Dec.-Jan.)
Arbor Day (Feb.)
Great American Cleanup (Mar.-May)
Rivers Alive Cleanup (Spring, Summer, or Fall)
Bartow School Recycling Contest (Aug.-May)
Adopt a Road (year-round)
Greenspace Program (year-round)

Questions? Call 770-387-5167



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The 17th annual Northwest Georgia Women's Expo & Artisans' Market was presented at the Clarence Brown Conference Center March 22. Approximately 500 people attended the event, which featured more than 70 vendors.



Great American Cleanups

BMP (2-3) Year 2025

Town of Taylorsville (April 12)

Chick-fil-A/USACE (April 13)

**Adairsville High School JROTC and
Environmental Class (April 16)**

**Georgia Power (cancelled) and
Rescheduled June 12**

City of Adairsville (cancelled)

KBB Board (May 19)

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With our sponsors' help, KBB
was able to supply its
volunteers during the Great
American Cleanup season
2025.



**GAC Cleanup Supplies and GAC Promotion
Costs**

Cleanup Equipment			
Trash Bags			\$852.57
Gloves			\$59.99
Trash Grabbers			\$146.97
Mesh Bags			\$49.99
Waterproof phone cases			\$30.99
Total for Equipment			\$1,140.51
Promotional items			
T shirts			\$3,283.25
Total for Promotional items			\$3,283.25
Total for equipment and promo-			\$4,423.76
Keep Georgia Beautiful Grant			\$2,400.00
Keep Bartow Beautiful Budget			\$2,023.76





Great American Cleanup Town of Taylorsville-April 12, 2025



Town of Taylorsville hosted the first Great American Cleanup of the season for KBB. The cleanup was on April 12, 2025. The volunteers cleaned up parts of Euharlee Street, Church Street, Old State Highway 113, Old Alabama Road, and Taylorsville Road. Volunteers arrived at 9:00am for sign-in and concluded at 11:00am. After volunteers completed the cleanup lunch was provided. This concluded Taylorsville's 13th Great American Cleanup under Mayor Mitch Bagley. 37 volunteers completed 74 volunteer hours. The volunteers removed 66 bags of litter which is equivalent to 1,320 pounds.

VOLUNTEER	HOURS
37	2
74 VOLUNTEER HOURS	

TOTAL WEIGHT	
66	bags
20	LBS
1,320	weight





Great American Cleanup

Chick-fil-A/US Army Corps-April 13, 2025



The US Army Corps of Engineers and Chick-fil-A Cherokee Place completed a Great American Cleanup on April 13, 2025. There was a group of 11 volunteers, 1 KBB board member, 1 lead ranger, and 1 KBB staff that completed 2 volunteer hours. The volunteers worked 28 hours as a group. The volunteers cleaned 2 miles of a closed area off of Old Highway 41 and in front of Old Highway 41 #3 Campground. The volunteers removed 40 bags (800 pounds) of trash along with 2 tires and a truck bed cover for a total of 900 pounds. They filled 3 truck beds with trash collected from the 2 hours.





Great American Cleanup JROTC

Adairsville High School - April 16, 2025

46 Adairsville JROTC cadets, reported for duty on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Their mission was to clean trash and debris from the roadside of the 6.2 mile Lance Corporal Seth Sharp Memorial Highway. The cadets were deployed at 8:30 am and the cleanup concluded at 10:00 am. There was a total of 67.5 volunteer hours completed on this project. The Adairsville JROTC troops were deployed efficiently and removed 71 bags of trash and debris. The JROTC cadets removed 1,420 pounds of trash from the roadway. Team leaders drove trucks to pick up the trash, while a school bus dropped off and picked up students. The flashing safety lights of the school safety officers, as well as the safety vests provided by Keep Bartow Beautiful, added to the safety of the event. *The Seth Sharpe Memorial Highway, named in honor of Corporal Seth Sharpe, was a graduate of the program. He was killed in action (2009) while serving in Afghanistan.*





Great American Cleanup Env. Class

Adairsville High School - April 16, 2025



Environmental teacher, Ariel Martin, and her students during the Great American Cleanup event. 14 students helped cleanup around the main campus and sports fields. They collected 15 bags (300 lbs.) total.



KBB Advisory Board Cleanup

May 19, 2025

On May 19, 2025, a few of the KBB board members participated in a cleanup. 7 members contributed which included 2 KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan), UGA Extension (Paul Pugliese), City of Taylorsville (Mitch Bagley), US Army Corps of Engineers (Chirs Purvis), Lake Allatoona Association (Carole Miller), and Design Marbles (Doug Chatham). Members fist arrived at Old Highway 41 #1 Day Use at 12:00 pm for a meeting & lunch, then proceeded to Blockhouse Ramp to clean Sandtown Rd. until 2:00 pm. 500 lbs. total was removed from the roadway and under the bridge (an average of 2 hours each= 14 total hours).

This was the first Great American Cleanup for the KBB board. We have current board members who already host yearly cleanups with their organizations. Great American Cleanups are a great opportunity to transform public places into beautiful spaces helping to make communities more environmentally healthy, socially connected, & economically sound. We hope to continue the KBB board cleanups as a yearly effort into our Great American Cleanup program.





Citizens of GA Power-June 12, 2025



After having to reschedule multiple times, from a rainy season, Citizens of Georgia Power helped remove 18 bags (360 lbs.) of trash and 1 tire from Covered Bridge road on June 12, 2025. They focused mainly on the two bridges and areas before and after. They met at the Bowen training building promptly at 9:00 am for sign-in and concluded at 11:00 pm.

Keep Bartow Beautiful staff assisted with the cleanup and provided supplies along with KBB *Great American Cleanup* T shirts. The 4 volunteers contributed 2 hours of physical labor each to help remove debris (8 hrs. total).

Georgia Power owns approximately 90,000 acres of land reserved for future utility uses and power generation plant sites. They manage the land for watershed protection, wildlife habitat and sustainable forests. These resources fall under the GA Power 3 basic principles: 1. Protection of assets and the environment 2. Promotion of lands and lakes for the public good 3. Wise use of renewable natural resources to generate revenue and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Their mission is to preserve the scenic, environmental, cultural, and recreational value of our lands and lakes. One way this is done, is by them participating yearly in the Great American Cleanup.



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

April 25, 2025



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

April 25, 2025



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Master Gardener Program



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On April 25, 2025 Keep Bartow Beautiful hosted their second annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. We had volunteers from various groups attend such as, Bartow MG's, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Citizens of Georgia Power– Plant Bowen, Town of Taylorsville, Adairsville High School JROTC, and Adopt A Road participants. The picnic started at 5:30 PM and concluded at 7:30 PM. At the picnic there was food provided from Nagels Bagels, and various awards presented.



Pictured Above: U.S. Army Corps volunteers with 3 awards (Adopt A Road, Recycling Partner of the Year, and Great American Cleanup)



Pictured Above: Stephen and Mary Ellen Edwards adopted Milam Bridge Road in 2024

Keep Bartow Beautiful gave out awards to volunteers which included Green Thumb Award, Recycling Partner of the Year, Great American Cleanup certificates, Rivers Alive certificates, Friend of KBB, and Adopt a Road certificates. There were 46 total volunteers that attended the picnic. Volunteers received a reusable towel, KBB water bottle, sunglasses, t-shirts, decals, chip clips, and seeds donated by Blue Canyon.



Pictured to the left: Blake Cochran accepting Rivers Alive award on behalf of Citizens of Georgia Power-Plant Bowen

Rivers Alive - Neels Landing

May 16, 2025



Rivers Alive -Neels Landing

May 16, 2025



On May 16, 2025 Keep Bartow Beautiful and partners: Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful (Hannah Bagley), Citizens of Georgia Power-Plant Bowen (Tari Whiteman), and Keep Bartow Beautiful conducted a garden workday and cleanup around the landing. This was the original date for the river cleanup. The river cleanup was not held and cancelled morning of because of hydropower generation from Allatoona Dam. Paul Pugliese and Joseph Deboard removed weeds from the Neels Landing garden. 8 more volunteers cleaned litter from around the landing . The group removed 10 bags of litter and a fish tank from the area. They removed 210 pounds of litter in 1 hour for a combined volunteer hour value of 10 hours on May 16, 2025.

Hydropower Generation Schedules

To view a hydropower generation schedule, select a power plant and date from the dropdowns.
The schedules are updated daily. All times are listed in local time.

ALLATOONA DAM AND LAKE

5/30/2025

Schedule	
Time (Eastern)	Generation (MW)
12:00 am - 1:00 am	44
1:00 am - 2:00 am	46
2:00 am - 3:00 am	46
3:00 am - 4:00 am	46
4:00 am - 5:00 am	46
5:00 am - 6:00 am	46
6:00 am - 7:00 am	46
7:00 am - 8:00 am	46
8:00 am - 9:00 am	46
9:00 am - 10:00 am	46
10:00 am - 11:00 am	46
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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	46
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	46
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	46
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	46
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	46
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	46
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	46
11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	46

Flow Rate	
Megawatts (MW)	Cubic Feet per Second (CFS)
0 - 2	0 - 260
22 - 42	2,000 - 3,500
43 - 82	3,500 - 7,000

Minimum Flow: 240 CFS

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- <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ga/hwis/current?type=flow>
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We decided to reschedule the river cleanup for May 30, 2025. We made the decision to cancel the event due to hydropower generation from Allatoona Dam. This year has been an abnormal year for all the rain we have received in the spring months.

We plan on hosting another river cleanup with our partners in 2026.

World Environment Day– AB

June 6, 2025



World Environment Day-AB

June 6, 2025



On June 6, 2025 Anheuser-Busch hosted their World Environment Day Event. The event started at 6:30AM and concluded at 3:00PM. At the event there was a bounce house, sno cone truck, and fire trucks. During the day they had speakers teaching on various topics (Tellus Museum science demo & “Wild America” interactive wildlife show). KBB staff (Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan) helped with multiple activities including: compostable pot painting and planting, birdhouse building, and ceiling tile painting. There were 32 adults and 61 children to participate in the activities.

Pictured below: Katie Martin & Gracie Jordan (KBB staff)



Demo Garden Workdays



Spring Demo Garden Workdays

On March 27, 2025 (Katie Martin, Gracie Jordan, & Doug Heneghan) and on June 18, 2025 (Gracie Jordan, Doug Heneghan, Lynn Frye, David Apple, Steve Baron, & Sheryll Sproull) had a work day at the Shakespeare Garden. The volunteers cleaned up the garden by weeding and pruning trees/shrubs. Each volunteer put in 2 hours of volunteer time totaling 18 hours of volunteer time.



On May 23, 2025 a workday was conducted at the new UGA Extension greenhouse demo garden. This included 3 UGA Extension staff (Paul Pugliese, Katie Martin, & Gracie Jordan) & 7 Master Gardener volunteers (Sarah Craighead, Rick Shireman, Vicki Jones, Renee Carlton, Paul Baron, Venia Etta McJunkin, & Ken Reeves). The volunteers weeded and laid down mulch. Each volunteer put in 2 hours of volunteer time totaling 20 hours of volunteer time.

School Recycling Contest



2024-2025 School Recycling Contest

In the 2024-2025 school year there was a total of **167,590 pounds** of recyclable materials recycled at the county and city schools. The full time enrollment numbers for both county and city schools was equal to 18,249. The average amount of recycled material pounds per students reached a little over 9 pounds per student county wide, over both county and city school systems. The recycling poundage is down compared to last year. The baler at the recycling center was down for a few months and we had 4 Elementary Schools not participate in the contest this year.



In the elementary division, Allatoona Elementary placed 1st with 11,720 lbs. (27.9 lbs. per student), Euharlee placed 2nd with 14,520 lbs. (25.2 lbs. per student), and Pine Log placed 3rd with 8,040 lbs. (17.5 lbs. per student).





2024-2025 School Recycling Contest

Red Top Middle School placed 1st in the contest with recycling 10,360 pounds, which is equivalent to 15.53 pounds per student. The Middle/High School division was a tight race this year. Woodland Middle School placed 2nd in the contest with recycling 12,890 pounds, which is equivalent to 18.52 pounds per student. Adairsville Middle School placed 3rd in the Middle/High School division. Adairsville students collected 15,420 pounds in total, to be equivalent to 18.10 pounds per student. All the county and city middle/high schools participated this year in the contest!





2024-2025 School Recycling Contest

School Recycling Results — Total amounts recycled per school are divided by their full time enrollment numbers in order to determine the number of pounds recycled per student.

		POUNDS	FTE	LBS PER STUDENT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIVISION	1 Allatoona Elementary	11,720	420	27.9047619
	2 Euharlee Elementary	14,520	574	25.29616725
	3 Pine Log Elementary	8,040	459	17.51633987
	4 Cartersville Elementary	10,680	636	16.79245283
	5 Hamilton Crossing Elementary	11,100	672	16.51785714
	6 Adairsville Elementary	7,040	889	7.919010124
	7 Emerson Elementary	2,800	373	7.506702413
	8 Clear Creek Elementary	4,400	614	7.166123779
	9 White Elementary	3,960	567	6.984126984
	10 Taylorsville Elementary	2,940	505	5.821782178
	11 Mission Road Elementary	0	611	0
	11 Cloverleaf Elementary	0	661	0
	11 Kingston Elementary	0	479	0
	11 Cartersville Primary	0	1565	0
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION	1 Red Top Middle	10,360	559	18.53309481
	2 Woodland Middle	12,890	696	18.52011494
	3 Adairsville Middle	15,420	852	18.09859155
	4 Cartersville High	13,360	1,445	9.24567474
	5 Adairsville High	9,560	1,143	8.363954506
	6 Cartersville Middle	5,800	1,089	5.325987144
	7 Woodland High	6,420	1,421	4.517945109
	8 Cass Middle	3,840	914	4.20131291
	9 Cass High	4,220	1,525	2.767213115
OTHER/ACADEMIES/ PRIVATE SCHOOLS	24 Excel Academy	3,980		
	25 Bartow Central Office	8,740		
	26 Bartow Career Academy	7,520		
	Total Lbs, Total FTE Count and Average Lbs per student	167,590	18249	9.183516905

Adopt A Road 2024-2025



Adopt A Road 2024-2025

A special thank you to the Hollingsworth Family that retired from the Adopt A Road this year after 24 years!!!!

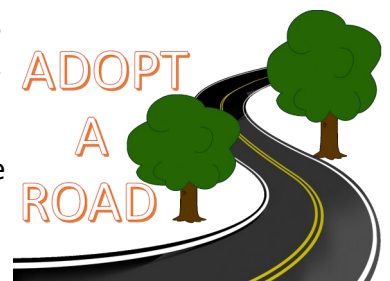
Pictured to the right and below: The Weir and Brunner Families



- 43 roads have been adopted — each are at least a mile in length
- 37% of those (16) have reported during this calendar year
- 377.50 volunteer Hours reported
- With volunteer hours valued at \$29.95 Adopt A Road volunteers provided a service worth \$ 10,647.33 in Value

FULL LIST CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://site.extension.uga.edu/kbb/adopt-a-road/>

Adopt A Road Volunteers are important. The Adopt a Road data that is received each year is reported to environmental agencies and to our own parent affiliate Keep America Beautiful. Not only are volunteers cleaning up their spot in the world, they are contributing to data that can help determine ways in which litter can be reduced, or eliminated from the source.



Names	Miles Cleaned	Volunteers	Hours Volunteered	Bags of Litter Picked Up	Pounds of Litter Picked Up	Volunteer Value
Adairsville High JROTC/Env. Class	6.2	60	90	86	1,720 lbs.	\$2,695.50
Brooke Road Estates	2	4	6	6.5	130 lbs.	\$179.70
Etowah Rotary	1	5	10	15	300 lbs.	\$299.50
Waterside Estates	2	17	40	29	580 lbs.	\$1,198.00
Highland Pointe	4	10	20	80	1,600 lbs.	\$599.00
Citizens of Georgia Power-Plant Bowen	4	4	8	18	360 lbs.	\$239.60
Jeanelle Thomas	5	4	43	86	1,720 lbs.	\$1,287.85
Janet Grenleski	2.5	3	3	17	340 lbs.	\$89.95
Mary Ellen & Stephen Edwards	18	24	48	17	340 lbs.	\$1,437.60
McStotts' Neighbors	.75	6	6	10	200 lbs.	\$179.70
Posey Family	12	12	12	12	240 lbs.	\$359.40
Roney McStotts	66	66	32.5	22	440 lbs.	\$973.38
Rollins CDC	1	3	3	2	40 lbs.	\$89.85
The Hollingsworth	4.5	2	24	2	40 lbs.	\$59.90
The "Allatoona Village People	7	14	14	14	280 lbs.	\$419.30
The Weir & Brunner Family	6.5	12	18	50	1,000 lbs.	\$539.10
<u>Totals</u>	<u>142.45</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>377.50</u>	<u>466.50</u>	<u>9,330 lbs.</u>	<u>\$10,647.33</u>

The chart above shows the quarterly reports received from July 2024 to June 2025. During that time, 16 out of the 43 adopted roads (37%) sent in quarterly reports: Adairsville High School JROTC/ environmental class (Old Hwy 41), Brooke Road Estates (Brooke Rd), Etowah Rotary (Etowah Dr) (Carole Miller (Waterside Estates), Debbie McCurry (Highland Pointe Subdivision), Citizens of Georgia Power– Plant Bowen (Covered Bridge Rd), Jeanelle Thomas (Hall Station Rd), Janet Grenleski (Dolphin Dr), Mary Ellen & Stephen Edwards (Milam Bridge Rd), McStotts' Neighbors (McStotts Rd), Posey Family (Railroad Street), Roney McStotts (report for two roads– Barnsley Church Rd and Barnsley Gardens Rd), Rollins CDC (Henderson Dr), The Hollingsworths (Holly Springs Rd), The Allatoona Village People (Bartow Beach Rd), and The Weir & Brunner Family (Bartow Beach Rd). We know more people clean up their roads they just don't send in their quarterly reports. Some of our Adopt-A-Road volunteers participate in the Great American Cleanups that may include their assigned roads and may be included in their accounts.



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ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS 2024 - 2025

We would like to recognize our wonderful Adopt-a-Road program participants. These industries, businesses, youth groups, school groups, community clubs, families, and individuals have “stepped up to the plate” to pick up at least one mile of roadway, four times a year. Thanks to their efforts, at least 43 miles of roadway in Bartow are more beautiful, and tons of litter and recycled materials have been removed from our roadways in the past year. For more information, go to <https://site.extension.uga.edu/kbb/>, and click on Adopt-a-Road.

Adairsville Area

Adairsville High School JROTC
Adairsville Church of God
Roney McStotts/Barnsley Gardens
In Honor of Earl, Joyce & Lacey Culberson

Allatoona Area

Allatoona Pass Road/Janet Grenleski
Allatoona “Village People”
Red Top Mountain State Park
Ruth Higley
Brooke Road – Drake Realty LLC
The Weir Family
R.G Tanner & Cox Families

Cartersville Area

Aquafil, USA
Etowah Rotary Club
IMU Douglas St. UMC
Rollins Child Development Center
Shaw Custom Design Plant 94
Sunset Cemetery
USG Interiors
Kiwanis Club of Cartersville

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Cassville Area

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Green Highlands
Shaw Plant 15
Walmart
Graham Packaging Company
A. Phillip Pruitt
Trinity Rail

Emerson Area

Bates Road Homeowners
Randy Thompson Family
Waterside Estates

Euharlee Area

Georgia Power-Plant Bowen
Hoe'n in Euharlee Garden Club
Sprouts Junior Garden Club
Mary Ellen & Stephen Edwards

Kingston Area

Jeanette Thomas & Lance Lester
McStotts' Neighbors
Posey Family

White-Pine Log-Rvdal Area

Brooke Woods Estates
Highland Pointe & Home Place Subdivisions
The Hollingsworth Family
Knucklesville Road Neighbors

LOCAL LITTER INDEX

No	Litter Index Area	Political District	Average
1	Cartersville Crossing- Longhorn's- Post office @ Liberty Drive	City of Cartersville	2
2	Leake Street- between Tennessee St. & Etowah Drive	City of Cartersville	1
3	Thoroughbred- Between S. Erwin loop back to S. Erwin	City of Cartersville	1
4	Cassville Rd.- Between N. Erwin & Iron belt Rd.	Mission Precinct	1
5	Market Place Blvd.- Lowe's- Walmart area	Center Precinct	2
6	Industrial Park Rd.- Between Hwy 411 & Peebles Valley Rd.	Center Precinct	3
7	Grassdale Rd.- Between Old Cass High on Grassdale & Gilreath Rd.	Beavers Precinct	2
8	Hwy 41- Between Griffin Rd. & Clear Lake Drive	Beavers Precinct	2
9	Hwy 140- Between Hwy 41 & I-75	Adairsville Precinct	1
10	GA N. Industrial Park- Between Hwy 41 & Hwy 140	Adairsville Precinct	2
11	Hall Station Rd. from Spring Bank to Hwy 293	Kingston Precinct	1
12	Kingston Hwy. from Hall Station to Railroad St.	Kingston Precinct	1
13	Euharlee Rd.- Between E. City limits & Covered Bridge Rd. to Plant Bowen	Taylorville Precinct	1
14	Old Alabama Rd. between Hwy 293 & Western City limits (Emerson)	Emerson Precinct	2
15	Hwy 293 between I-75- N. Emerson City limits	Emerson Precinct	3
		AVERAGE	1.666666

Project WET Workshop



Project WET Educator Training

July 24, 2024



On July 24, 2024 a Project WET Educator Workshop was held at Cherokee County Extension office. Keep Bartow Beautiful staff ED Katie Martin and KBB Program Assistant Gracie Jordan put this workshop on. There were a total of 20 participants, all from Cherokee County Schools. There were 13 Elementary School teachers, 3 Middle School teachers, and 4 High School teachers. Project WET is dedicated to solving critical environmental challenges by teaching the world about water. This training is for formal and nonformal educators around the world. Each participant received 2 curriculum guides, one WET curriculum guide, and the urban watershed curriculum guide. Project WET went under revision in the past years. This training was free for all educators with a grant through Project WET.



To keep certification up for Project WET, WILD, and LEARNING TREE Katie completed an online training. There will be no trainings held for the remaining of 2025.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer Lawson".

Jennifer Lawson
President and CEO
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