

FOOTNOTES

GEORGIA CHAPTER OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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FOOTNOTES ISSUE 130: THE BATTLE TO STOP VOGTLE CONTINUES



On Thursday, August 31, Georgia Power [filed its seventeenth semi-annual construction monitoring report for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4](#) with the Public Service Commission (PSC). Georgia Power has proven itself to be the only monopoly utility company in the United States greedy enough to push forward on expanding the construction of shockingly expensive nuclear power. In the last two weeks, Duke Energy [has filed to cancel two nuclear projects](#), one in Gaffney, South Carolina, and one in Levy County, Florida. In Florida, Duke Energy proposes instead of nuclear energy to build almost \$6 billion in clean energy projects, including 700 megawatts of solar, 50 megawatts of storage, and 500 electric vehicle charging stations.

The Georgia PSC has not yet issued the scheduling order for the proceeding to determine whether Georgia Power will be permitted to move forward with the Vogtle expansion. Based on previous issuings, there will most likely be about six months before the PSC makes their decision.

It is now more important than ever that we get to work to save democracy in Georgia. The Vogtle expansion has doubled in cost, with total project expenses now at an astounding \$25 billion. With that price tag, every home in Georgia could be made energy efficient. **We must voice our disapproval of the Vogtle expansion to the PSC.**

We need our members to stand up and speak out against this irresponsible and dangerous nuclear expansion. Please consider joining our [Smart Energy Solutions Committee](#) for their [next meeting](#) on Monday, September 11 at 7 PM at the chapter office. This committee is working tirelessly to combat Georgia Power's reckless nuclear expansion.

Click [here](#) to RSVP for the next Smart Energy Solutions Committee meeting.

If you have not already done so, please consider raising your voice by signing our advocacy action to the PSC expressing our objection to Georgia Power's expansion of nuclear power in Georgia. Sign the action below:

TAKE ACTION

CHAPTER RETREAT: REGISTER NOW!

Registration is OPEN for the Georgia Sierra Club's biennial Fall Gathering!

[Register NOW](#) to join us on the weekend of October 20-22, when will come together at Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge to celebrate our community's 125 years of service to the environment.

We hope you will join us as we enjoy all things fall in the North Georgia mountains, participate in our educational workshops, and enjoy an awards banquet on Saturday.

We will hear from Georgia's environmental leaders, celebrate all the work that has been done through the Georgia Chapter, and recognize all of the people we could not have done it without. We hope to see you there!

Interested in helping us as we prepare for Fall Gathering? We still need help on our Chapter Retreat Steering Committee. This is the team that helps to plan and deliver the retreat. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 7th from 6:30 to 8:30pm in our Chapter Office at 743 E College Ave, Decatur, GA 30030.
Can't make it in person? Call (866) 501-6174, code 1003400#.

RSVP

KNOW AN AWARD-WORTHY GEORGIA SIERRA CLUB VOLUNTEER?

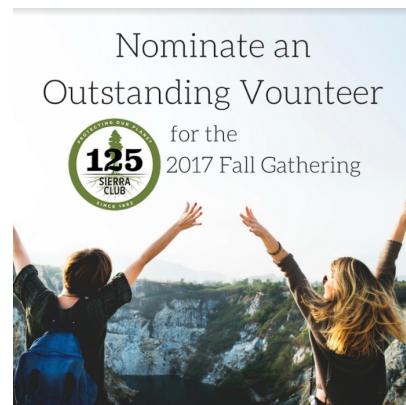
Nominate them!

During our Fall Gathering, we will be holding an awards banquet honoring our incredible volunteer leaders. In order to make this banquet a success, we need your help! Nominate a Georgia Sierra Club volunteer who deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to our chapter and the essential work that we're doing throughout the state.

The banquet will take place on the evening of Saturday, October 21. Make sure you're [registered for Fall Gathering](#) so that you can join in the celebration!

Nominate an award-worthy volunteer today!

NOMINATE



SIERRA CLUB & BEER: EXPLORE, ENJOY, PROTECT

Please join us for the September edition of Sierra Club and Beer: Explore Enjoy Protect: Chattahoochee National Forest!

The Georgia Sierra Club is an advocate for responsible management and protection of Georgia's Public Lands. Come learn about what we are doing to provide opportunities to explore, enjoy, and protect the Chattahoochee National Forest.

This month we will be joined by Judy Toppins, Staff Officer for Public Affairs, GIS and Environmental Coordination on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National



Forest. Originally from Georgia, Judy has spent much of her career in Alaska working as an educator, domestic violence advocate, and a wildlife biologist & boat captain on the Yukon. We are lucky to have her back in Georgia working for the Forest Service and excited to have her with us for Sierra Club & Beer!

Every other month, Sierra Club and Beer provides a space for learning & conversation over great beer. Enjoy guest speakers, networking, and trivia in a relaxed and social setting. Be sure to stick around through the end of the program for trivia and door prizes!

SOCIAL 6:30 PM, PROGRAM 7:00 PM
\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

September's Sierra Club and Beer will be held at Smith's Olde Bar, located at 1578 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30324. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the building or across the street at Ansley Mall. Please consider biking (bike parking available!) or taking transit. Smith's Olde Bar is also just one block away from the Eastside Beltline Trail.

RSVP

FOOTHILLS LANDSCAPE COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The US Forest Service has been meeting with stakeholders and community members for over a year now to discuss plans for a series of projects in the foothills, the 143,419 acres of National Forest Land at the base of the North Georgia mountains.

Past Community Conversations have been held in North Georgia and Atlanta conservationists and environmentalists have been sorely underrepresented. We are excited to have an opportunity for all citizens to give feedback, convenient to the Atlanta area!

Join the US Forest Service on Saturday, September 9th from 10 AM - 12 PM at the Chattahoochee Nature Center to learn, share your personal experiences, and give comments about the following:

- Unique habitats
- Fish and wildlife populations
- Forest health and management
- Wildfire prevention
- Watershed health
- Recreation opportunities

This is your chance to share your comments and concerns before the official NEPA process begins. We hope to see you there!

RSVP



RSVP FOR THE SIERRA CLUB ART AUCTION

Please join us on Saturday, September 23 at 6 PM in the heart of Savannah at the International Trade and Convention Center for an evening of live music, food, and local art to benefit the Sierra Club Georgia Chapter.

Through the generous support of artists from Savannah, LaGrange, and other areas of Georgia, we will be auctioning various pieces through silent bids. Mediums include paintings, prints, sculpture, jewelry, and much more. We will have a live band providing tunes throughout the evening with a presentation featuring the campaigns and programs the Georgia Chapter has been committed to in 2017 and what is to come in the following years.

Tickets are available for \$50, which include dinner and two drink tickets.



If you would like to donate a piece to be in this event, please contact ted.terry@sierraclub.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Savannah!

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WANT TO USE YOUR VOICE? JOIN THE SIERRAN EDITORIAL COMMITTEE!

The Sierran editorial committee is looking for enthusiastic writers, editors, photographers, and designers to contribute to the Georgia Chapter's largest publication, the Sierran.

Our Georgia Sierran newsletter is published four times each year and contains timely and informative articles written by Georgia Chapter members, volunteers, partners, and staff. There are many ways to get involved with the Sierran editorial committee, including:

- Writing articles
- Providing photographs
- Editing submitted content
- Designing newsletter layouts
- Distributing copies



Editorial experience is not required; the Sierran editorial committee is open to all who are interested and eager to help! If you are interested in learning more about the committee, the Sierran, or how you can get involved, please email Brenda Cargin, Chapter Communications Coordinator, at brenda.cargin@sierraclub.org.

LEARN MORE

#HARVEYHELP: HELP THE LONE STAR AND DELTA CHAPTERS BATTLE HURRICANE HARVEY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey. To help you can:

- Donate to [local groups](#).
- Create a [fundraising page](#).
- Donate directly to the [Sierra Club](#).

Let's do what we can to help in this devastating time of need.

DONATE



BE A PART OF THE SIERRA CLUB'S VOLUNTEER LEGACY!

For 125 years Sierra Club volunteers have fought for and protected our environment. Your help is needed now, more than ever.

[GET INVOLVED TODAY>>](#)



SUPPORT OUR WORK - DONATE TODAY!

DONATE

P.S. If you haven't officially joined as a member of the Georgia Sierra Club, or need to [renew your membership](#), now is the time to join our movement.



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