

Protecting Our Coast from Oil & Gas Exploitation

On Saturday, November 28th, our Coastal Group leaders gathered with the Center for a Sustainable Coast and other groups at the fountain in Forsyth Park on Saturday morning to take a stand against climate change and fossil fuel infrastructure. Fifty people joined the rally for one of many mobilizations happening across the globe to send a message to government leaders just before the United Nations climate conference, COP21, began on Monday this week in Paris.



The fossil fuel industry has set its sights on Georgia with three major projects planned for our coast. The first involves plans to drill for oil and gas off our coast. The second plan is to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the Elba Island terminal in Savannah. The third project aims to build a petroleum pipeline, the Palmetto Pipeline proposed by Kinder Morgan, which would cross five coastal watersheds. The pipeline has met with opposition from the Governor, and the Georgia Department of Transportation has denied the company's request to condemn property in Georgia to build it. Though, the company is appealing the ruling, so for now the project remains a threat.

[Quoted in the Savannah Morning News](#), Coastal Group ExCom member Stacey Kronquest sated, "We should be looking at ways to reduce greenhouse gases and get away from fossil fuels, but here in Georgia it seems we're looking to build up the infrastructure so we're opposing that. The only way that we can oppose fossil fuel infrastructure is through involvement, through asking questions and thinking critically."

"We need to ask ourselves," said Karen Graine, our Coastal Group Chair asked when [speaking with WJCL News](#), "What kind of future do we want for Savannah?" The Coastal Group and the Georgia Chapter's goals are to keep fossil fuels in the ground and to finance a just transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050. You can help us achieve that goal by taking one of the following actions below:

1. [Click here to view photos from the rally.](#)
2. ["Like" the Coastal Group Facebook Page.](#)

3. [Visit the coastal group website to sign up for updates about Georgia's coast.](#)

Celebrate at the Georgia Chapter Holiday Party



Come help us celebrate a great year at the Georgia Chapter! We cordially invite you to our Fourth Annual Holiday Open House next week on Thursday, December 10th, from 4:30 - 8:30 pm at our Georgia Chapter Office. You'll have the chance to meet and mingle with fellow Sierra Club members, supporters, and coalition partners, as well as celebrate highlights of our year and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

Our Georgia Chapter Office is located at 743 East College Ave, Suite B, Decatur, GA 30030, right across the street from Avondale MARTA Station. We encourage you take public transportation or bike to the office. If you are carpooling or driving, there is ample street parking on Sams Street. Please RSVP below or via email to georgia.chapter@sierraclub.org. We hope to see you there!

RSVP >>

Sierra Club Meetings

Smart Energy Solutions Committee, Monday, December 7, 7 p.m.

Contact [Cecilia Harris](#)

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee, Monday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Contact [William Tomlin](#)

RAIL Committee, Monday, January 25, 7 p.m.

Contact [Brionté McCorkle](#)

Don't live in Atlanta? Check out our [Local Groups](#).

Other Events

December 5 through 24 - Atlanta ICO Giftwrapping Fundraiser

It's that time of the year again! Come out and wrap presents for shoppers at Patagonia to help Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO), the Sierra Club youth outings group, raise cash to take some cool kids outdoors. Each year volunteers have helped to make this our most successful fundraiser, and we use the money raised to purchase gear, pay for transportation, and cover fees. Thanks to the funds we raise, kids are able to go camping, hiking, backpacking, and participate in many other fun outdoor activities. No skills necessary to help giftwrap! Just show up for a short shift to help wrap presents, and we will show you how it is done. [Click here to sign up.](#)

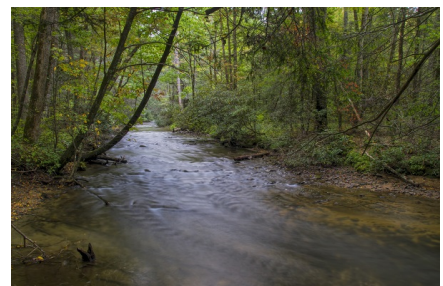


December 11 - A Year in Green 2015 - Atlanta Green Drinks is hosting December's event (ayearingreen.org)-a huge holiday bash including free drinks, food, live music, film, art, green carpet photos, games & giveaways-in partnership with some of our very favorite local organizations. Come celebrate the best of Atlanta's green industry, environmental achievements & community supporters on Friday, December

11th at Ambient + Studio, a beautiful 10,000 sq ft converted warehouse space in SWATL. Free entry, optional raffle with 30+ green prizes to win. [Click here for more information.](#)

December 12 - Cooper Creek Forest Issue Hike

Join Sierra Club Outings Leader Lee Graham and Jim Walker from Georgia ForestWatch for a moderate to difficult hike through the Cooper Creek Scenic area. This is a great opportunity to learn more about one of the forest issues the Sierra Club is working on. The open 30 Day Comment Period for the proposed logging plan is expected to start soon. The hike will be a 3-4



hour moderate to difficult hike (some off-trail, but flat) in the Chattahoochee National Forest north of Suches, GA. We will begin on the Duncan Ridge Trail at Mulkey Gap and hike a large triangular route, and end back at Mulkey Gap. Jim Walker will point out the stands that are planned to be cut in the current proposal. [Contact Lee to sign up.](#)

Looking for more? Check out our [Meetup Group](#) for even more events!



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