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Georgia Giveaway for Pipeline Profits



As previously reported in Footnotes, the proposed Sabal Trail pipeline methane frack-gas pipeline that would run from northeast Alabama to south-central Florida. Multiple route choices exist; the company has chosen one, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved the route that maximizes the taking of Georgian's private property under threat of eminent domain for private profit.

Even worse, the proposed route will run through miles of unstable karst terrain and sinkhole-prone areas resulting in a high danger of pipeline collapse, explosion, fire, and contamination of drinking water supplies. Sabal Trail's compressor station site is unjustly located in a populated African-American residential neighborhood and will pollute Dougherty County's air.

The FERC permit process is under appeal. The pipeline still does not have several major state and federal permits (water quality, air, and wetlands). **Yet the Deal Administration seeks to go ahead and give the project state easements under**

several major Georgia rivers, including the Chattahoochee, Flint, and Withlacoochee. Local legislators kept these easements out of the annual Senate Resolution to convey property easements (SR 954 this year, 2016), but pressure from the Governor's office had them inserted in the House Committee.

Urge your State Representative to vote "NO" on SR 954 unless the Sabal Trail easements are removed. **Make sure they know their constituents oppose the taking of private property and our natural resources for the profit of a company based in Houston.**

Take Action!

2016 John Muir Outings



Every year, on the weekends in April, we celebrate our founder's birthday with the John Muir Outings Series. Join us as we explore and enjoy Georgia's beautiful wild places, and share how you can be a part of protecting them for generations to come.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS)! Founded in 1916 on August 25, the Sierra Club is celebrating the NPS Centennial throughout the year. Check out our two National Parks themed outings below,

National Parks Adventure IMAX film showing on April 3rd and a trip to the Ocmulgee National Monument on April 23rd.

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Saturday April 2

[Save the Bees! Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail Hike](#)

Sunday, April 3

[Sierra Club Day: National Parks Adventure IMAX Showing](#)

Saturday, April 9

[Wild Azalea Festival at Clayton Reynolds Nature Preserve](#)

Saturday, April 16

[Tybee to Elba Island Paddle](#)

Saturday, April 23

[Georgia's First National Monument? Ocmulgee National Monument](#)

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Sierra Club Meetings

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee, Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Contact [William Tomlin](#)

RAIL Committee, Monday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Contact [Brionté McCorkle](#)

Smart Energy Solutions Committee, Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Contact [Ian Karra](#)

Membership Committee, Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Contact [Lindsay Crompton](#)

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

Upcoming Events



March 12th - Just Energy Circle Energy Equity Forum - Did you know there are programs to help you save on energy bills? Do you know how your bill is priced and why? Why does Justice matter for energy costs? Did you know there are good-paying energy jobs? Georgia Community Coalition and the Just Energy Circle invite you to learn answers to these questions, and how they can benefit you, your pocketbook, and your loved ones. **RSVP to infojustenergy@gmail.com or call 678-948-5323**



March 16th - Save the Date! Introduction to Activism Training - Every other month, Sierra Club and Beer provides a space and great beer for meeting like-minded people, while learning a little something new. This March, Neill Herring (Georgia Chapter lobbyist) and Mark Woodall (Chair of Georgia Chapter Legislative Committee) will tell all about the action at the Georgia State Capitol. Find out how our environment may be affected by the current session and and what you can do about it! [Click here to register >>](#)



March 19th - Bocce Ball Fundraiser for Atlanta Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) - Come celebrate Earth Month at BRIO Tuscan Grille and play a few games of Bocce Ball and Snookball (combination of pool and soccer). We will have live music and will offer appetizer and entrée specials. All proceeds go to support ICO outings, the Sierra Club's youth outings program. [Register on Meetup >>](#)



March 24th - Plastics Reduction Atlanta! Film Celebration and Awards - In recognition of Plastic Reduction Day Atlanta, a group of researchers and artists in the Atlanta area have created a pledge drive to reduce the use of single use plastics in businesses throughout the city! To celebrate this movement towards plastic reduction across Atlanta, a film screening of Longobardi + Cohen's films, award ceremony, and public launch of a city-wide business online plastic reduction map will be held at Landmark Midtown Cinema. [Click here to register >>](#)



March 26th - *Rescheduled* Introduction to Activism Training - There are two sources of power in the political process: money and people. Since we will never be able to match the financial resources of our opponents, the Sierra Club must garner its power through recruiting, training, and empowering citizens. Join us for a workshop led by Sierra Club organizers! [Click here to learn more and register >>](#)

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