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## Victory: Plant Ben Hill Cancelled; Plant Washington in a Tough Spot

**We did it! Another victory in the fight against coal!** Sierra Club members and supporters won a victory earlier this week when Power4Georgians (P4G), the only company trying to develop expensive new coal plants in Georgia, agreed to cancel the proposed Ben Hill coal-fired power plant. The company also agreed to comply with **critical new safeguards against mercury pollution and invest \$5 million in energy efficiency and renewable projects.**

Thousands of Georgia Sierra Club members and supporters have attended meetings, written letters, made phone calls and influenced our electric co-ops to say no to coal -- to say no to Ben Hill. **This victory marks the 168th proposed coal-fired power plant to be cancelled** since the Beyond Coal Campaign began, and is a major step forward for clean energy in Georgia.

**[Our utilities need to hear from us. Send the leadership of Power4Georgians a message: Georgia wants more clean energy!](#)**

Plant Ben Hill is cancelled but the battle isn't over yet -- P4G is still trying to build more unnecessary, expensive, risky, dirty coal units at Plant Washington. If we raise our voices, we can get the leadership of our utilities to hear us loud and clear: the coal rush is over!

Read more in our **press release** [here](#).



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## Quick Links

### Cobb EMC Elections Update



Congratulations to the Sierra Club endorsed Cobb EMC candidates, Kelly Bodner, Bryan Boyd,

and Eric Broadwell - all were elected to the board on March 31st! Tripper Sharp and Jim Hudson did not get the required 50% of the vote, so there will be a runoff on April 21st at Piedmont Church. For more details, check out this [article](#) in the Marietta Daily Journal.

## Sierra Club Meeting

**Wildlands and Wildlife Committee Meeting**, Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.  
Mike Murdock - Chair, [murdock1@mindspring.com](mailto:murdock1@mindspring.com)

**RAIL**, Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.  
David Emory - Chair, [david.emory@gmail.com](mailto:david.emory@gmail.com)

**Atlanta Inner City Outings (ICO)**, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Naomi Bock - Chair, [atlantaico@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaico@gmail.com)

**Beyond Factory Farming**, Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Leah Garces - Chair, [leah.garces@ciwf.org](mailto:leah.garces@ciwf.org)

**Fundraising Committee**, Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. at Noni's on Edgewood!  
Clay Tucker - Chair, [tuckerwf12@aol.com](mailto:tuckerwf12@aol.com)

**Smart Energy Team Meeting**, Monday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Walls - Chair, [mwalls@ellijay.com](mailto:mwalls@ellijay.com)

## Upcoming Events

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#### April 14 – Overnight Camp at Chattahoochee Bend State Park

Georgia's newest state park showcases a spectacular tract of wilderness in northwest Coweta County. Located in a graceful bend of the Chattahoochee River, right between two of Georgia Power's coal plants, Plant Yates, and Plant Wansley. While we enjoy the five miles of river frontage, we will talk about our Beyond Coal Campaigns efforts to retire these two plants and about Georgia Power's efforts to stymie solar and wind development in Georgia.



#### April 21 – Muir's Birthday Hike



Join fellow Sierrans as we celebrate the birthday of our founder, John Muir, with a walk in the woods of the North Georgia. We'll explore the Chestatee Wildlife Management area where we'll take in the beautiful Waters Creek and waterfall, take note of our threatened Hemlocks, observe about both wildlife and fish management, and see nature recovering from a forest fire.

#### April 28 – Atlanta Streetcar Tour

Come check out the progress of the Atlanta Streetcar, a modern, ADA compliant, electrically-powered transit system on a 2-hour walking tour of the route that connects Peachtree Street with Sweet Auburn Avenue. The line will run on electricity and will release zero-emissions into downtown Atlanta. And the line's cars will be built using sustainable and recycled materials in a facility that uses renewable energy sources.



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#### April 28: The Doris VonGlahn Legislative Review

This is your opportunity to hear a review of what happened in Georgia's General Assembly during the 2012 session. Hear it from the experts Alan Essig of the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, Jennette Gayer of Environment Georgia, Elizabeth Poythress of The League of Women of Georgia, and Sally FitzGerald of the Legislative Observer for the League of Women Voters & the Georgia PTA.

Roswell Public Library | 115 Norcross St, Roswell 30076 | Saturday, April 28 @ 10:15am-noon

*Sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Atlanta-Fulton County*

### **April 14-20: Earth Share's Earth Week Celebrations**

Join us for another incredible Earth Week in 2012! EarthShare of Georgia will organize three key Earth Day events in April 2012. Corporate Green Day Challenge, where our company partners get down and dirty with our member groups and other local community groups, our Earth Day Party, which is in its sixteenth year and will be held at the King Plow Arts Center and our Earth Day Leadership Breakfast this year at the GWCC! For all of the details, to become a sponsor or to purchase tickets please visit our Earth Day pages. There are also albums of past Earth Day celebrations. Click [here](#) for more details.



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