

In Their Own Words

To Gary Cole,
Brewton, Alabama:

December 3, 2013

The City of Foley would like to express our continued appreciation for the Alabama Forestry Commission in burning our Graham Creek Nature Preserve annually. These efforts help to manage our longleaf and pine savanna habitats covering over 250 acres. Also these efforts increase our wildlife populations and preserve the habitat for over 10 Alabama endangered plant species. Our local Forestry Commission employees are a true asset and we appreciate all of their efforts.

This year we would like to request assistance with the prescribed burning of approximately 200 acres ranging from the center of the Preserve westward to pine savannas burned last year. This effort will reduce fuel loads in the center of the Preserve and open up areas for longleaf pine to flourish. Also we expect to see increased populations of wildlife and endangered plant species. The City will be able to plow any necessary fire breaks for the burn.

In addition to these efforts, the City would like to discuss the possibility of a joint project with the City, Auburn University Center for Forest Sustainability, and the Forestry Commission. We will be in attendance at the Forestry Workshop in New Orleans on December 18, 2013. The project we plan to propose includes a demonstration forest with a prescribed burning program and training area, an invasive species removal program and demonstration area, and a nursery area to produce longleaf pine seedlings for reforestation efforts for the Alabama Gulf Coast. The project would also include efforts to monitor water quality and riparian buffer management. Auburn University has been monitoring the Graham Creek Nature Preserve for several years looking at multiple parameters, so there is baseline data for the project. We would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the project ideas.

Thank you for your leadership with the prescribed burns and we look forward to working with the Alabama Forestry Commission on a RESTORE project.

Leslie Lassitter Gahagan
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To Dan Jackson,
Montgomery, Alabama:

November 13, 2013

Clifford [Hawkins] and other great urban forestry professionals from across the state registered several tree events - we're so pleased to include the excellent community tree work being done in Alabama in the nationwide celebration of community trees during National NeighborWoods Month. Thank you for helping to get the word out, and for all you did this October and all you do year-round for urban and community forests.

Best,
Leland Milstein
Program Director
Alliance for Community Trees
Washington, DC

22 June 2013

To Shelby County [Alabama Forestry
Commission]
Columbiana, Alabama:

Cary [Rhodes], thanks so much for traveling to Montevallo and sharing your important information with our children and us. We also loved the having Smokey join us for the close of our week with the children.

The activities book on fire safety was a hit. Thanks for delivering it. I found a Smokey certificate to give to each child with the book. Also the catalog you shared with me gave us several other items to get tied into your session. I got fireman's hats free from Fire House Subs. We had outdoor safety sessions on Monday, our first day, and tied what you were going to do with general outdoor awareness and safety.

Thanks again and what you shared tied wonderfully into our overall theme of enjoying the out-of-doors as well as taking care of it.

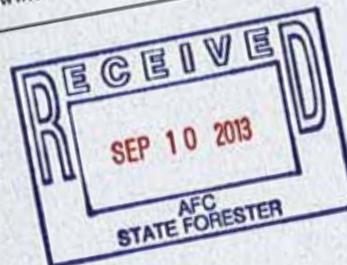
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September 9, 2013

Linda Casey, State Forester
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Dear Ms. Casey,

On behalf of the Alabama Clean Water Partnership (ACWP) Board of Directors and its ten associated river basin committees, I would like to thank you and the employees of the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) for your support of the ACWP and for all each of you do to ensure Alabama's forests contribute not only to abundant timber and wildlife, clean air, and a healthy economy, but also to clean water across our beautiful state. AFC staff members are active and important participants in our ACWP basin stakeholder process, educating Alabama's citizens and providing reliable support representing the "forestry side of the equation" for clean water.

An example of the cooperation and partnership between the ACWP and AFC was exhibited recently when the ACWP sought help with a project at Tannehill Ironworks Historic State Park which no longer receives state funding. When a new wastewater treatment system was required due to new, more stringent statewide water quality standards, the AFC stepped in as a project partner. Brad Lang, along with other AFC personnel, created a phyto-remediation plan for the project and when the (2) 16,000 lb. treatment plants needed placing on site, several AFC crews volunteered and were successful in moving and positioning the units for the park.

In Chilton County, local AFC personnel participated in the first ever Water Festival for 4th graders in March of 2013, serving in the planning process as well as volunteering the day of the event. With much praise received from the community, planning is currently underway for a repeat performance in March 2014.

In the North River Watershed of the Black Warrior Basin, the Alabama Forestry Commission continues to be a major project partner, offering the ACWP expertise and guidance in the implementation of the North River Watershed Management Plan, including the submission of forestry related grant applications by Jim Jeter, in an effort to supplement ongoing watershed protection activities.

And in the Conecuh-Sepulga and Blackwater Basin, Mike Older, who has served as a key partner on the basin's steering committee since its inception more than ten years ago, has stepped up to become the latest chairman of the basin steering committee.

ACWP Watersheds:

Alabama/Tombigbee - Black Warrior - Cahaba - Chattahoochee/Chipola - Choctawhatchee/Pea/Yellow
Conecuh/Sepulga/Blackwater - Coosa - Coastal/Escatawpa - Tallapoosa - Tennessee

Across the state, AFC personnel are active participants in ACWP river basin meetings, educating the general public about the value of our forests in insuring both a healthy economy and environment, and offering the forestry perspective to water quality discussions. We greatly appreciate them for their involvement and the knowledge they bring to those stakeholder groups and understand and appreciate the time and commitment this takes.

Thank you again for Alabama Forestry Commission's commitment to clean water and your support of and partnership with the Alabama Clean Water Partnership, as we work together to assure clean water for Alabama's citizenry.

Sincerely,

Allison Jenkins, Executive Director
Alabama Clean Water Partnership