Did you know that…

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- The Chattahoochee River supplies 70 percent of metro Atlanta's drinking water?
- In the Chattahoochee River Basin there are 205 rivers and streams not supporting their designated uses according to the EPD's 2016 draft 305(b)/303(d) list?

Two of these 205 impaired waters fall within the City of Peachtree Corners boundaries.

Here's the Scoop….

Polluted stormwater is the primary cause of water quality problems in the Chattahoochee River Basin. Every time it rains, water runs off the land as stormwater picking up pollutants and debris - including pet waste. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, yards or other open areas can be washed away and carried by rainwater into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow to nearby streams, rivers, and lakes.

As it decays, it uses up dissolved oxygen and releases compounds that are harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Pet waste also contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth in a pond or lake, upsetting the natural balance.

Most importantly, pet waste contains harmful bacteria such as E. Coli and fecal coliform, some of which can cause disease in humans and make water dangerous for swimming and other recreation.

How can you help?

You can help **protect Atlanta's valuable water source and restore the two impaired waters inside Peachtree Corners to support their designated use by the following:**

- Pick up pet waste in your yard or on a walk with a plastic bag or pooper scooper.
- Dispose of the pet waste using one of the following methods:
    - Put pet waste in your regular garbage can or dumpster—ensure that it is in a securely tied or closed plastic bag.
    - Bury pet waste at least one foot deep and cover with soil in your yard or garden. Avoid burying in food-growing areas.
    - If your home is on a sanitary sewer, flush pet waste down the toilet, but don't flush plastic bags or cat litter. Septic systems are not designed to accommodate the high pollutant load in pet waste and can cause premature failure.