

Look What We Did Together!

Happy New Year! As we wrap up the bustling holiday season, we invite you to slow down. Visit a favorite outdoor spot and surround yourself with some of nature's restorative power. Pause to consider the difference that we make together along with the ecological, economic and historic significance of Apalachicola River and Bay.

Thank you for your support of Apalachicola Riverkeeper. In 2018, we will continue the essential work of advocacy, education, outreach and collaborative research work to protect this American treasure. Please join us a member or renew your membership today. You can contribute on-line at apalachicolariverkeeper.org.

Because of our supporters, in 2017 Apalachicola Riverkeeper:

- ✓ Launched the [Apalachicola River Project](#), a collaborative, interdisciplinary partnership with Florida State University and [conservation partners](#). More than 150 students participated eco-educational outings and classroom presentations.
- ✓ Led monthly [kayak outings](#) to offer learning opportunities on regional history and ecology for community members.



- ✓ Co-organized a planning meeting in Washington, D.C. with former Senator Bob Graham and national conservation leaders. State conservation partners and the Apalachicola Conservation Coalition are actively engaged in planning a major [river conference](#) for March 2018.

- ✓ Remained committed to better water management practices through consensus-building and collaboration among the water



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interests in Georgia, Florida and Alabama – the states that share the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin through on-going work in the [ACF Stakeholders](#).

- ✓ Stood up to the Army Corps of Engineers by [legally challenging](#) their Environmental Impact Study.
- ✓ Continued the endangered river public awareness campaign with key national and regional conservation groups.
- ✓ Worked with riparian county governments and other citizen groups to bring attention to the potential and lasting impacts of deep-injection and oil and gas wells on our rivers, streams and groundwater.
- ✓ Conducted numerous ecology educational river and bay tours for [researchers](#), community leaders, media members and others.



- ✓ Led our 10th Annual [RiverTrek](#) public outreach and fundraising campaign. Volunteer paddlers completed a kayak camp excursion meeting with ecology experts along the way. RiverTrek volunteers then serve as river ambassadors.

- ✓ Removed nearly 4 tons of trash in from the shores and waters of Apalachicola River and Bay,

alongside 400+ dynamic volunteers in Franklin and Gadsden counties, as part of the annual International Coastal Clean-Up.



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As you can see, Apalachicola Riverkeeper remains actively and fully committed to our mission. We are headed into 2018 fired up and ready to continue the essential work you expect of Apalachicola Riverkeeper, especially as we await the United States Supreme Court hearing on January 8. With your support, we can continue our steadfast work to protect and restore Apalachicola River and Bay.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on your behalf to protect the Apalachicola River and Bay. The staff and board of Apalachicola Riverkeeper wish you and your family a joyful New Year. We hope to see you on the water!

For the River and Bay,
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[The Staff of Apalachicola Riverkeeper](#)



Founded in 1998 by, Apalachicola Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and stewardship of the Apalachicola River and Apalachicola Bay. More information at www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org