

Needs

- ❖ Strengthen capacity and investment in invasive species management to **protect and preserve native habitats and ecosystems**
- ❖ Foster relationships to support **maintenance of waterways and landscapes**, including beautification projects and litter reduction, to enhance their use for recreation
- ❖ Enhance **access to natural resources and nature-based recreation opportunities**
- ❖ Promote **community awareness** to support stewardship and responsible use of natural resources

Opportunities & Existing Resources

- ❖ **WWALS** has a water quality testing program that trains people how to conduct water tests following spills.
- ❖ Lowndes County has **rivers and nature-based recreation areas**.

Policies

- ❖ Both school systems should review Science Standards from Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to determine how to **interweave discussions and activities about local natural resources into city and county school curricula**.