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“Camden County Extension honored with Coastal Cleanup 2016 Award”

Woodbine, GA – Camden County Extension was recognized with the Coastal Cleanup Award by the Rivers Alive program. Rivers Alive program is a program of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division. The program targets cleanups across all waterways in the State of Georgia including rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. In the 2016 cleanup year, 23,060 volunteers removed over 541,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from waterways throughout the state.

Since 2014, Camden County Extension has organized and hosted two Rivers Alive cleanup events per year. With the help of 223 volunteers, over 3529 pounds of litter from the shorelines of Camden County has been collected during six cleanup events. In 2016, Camden County Extension partnered with Crooked River State park and hosted a river cleanup day during “Your State Park Day” within the shores of the park. Camden County Extension also hosted an event in downtown Woodbine where the crew of the USS Georgia helped collect debris along the Riverwalk. Debris items such as pipes, fishing line, a camping chair, tires, a truck toolbox, an artificial flower, plastic bottles, an anchor, crab floats, and a boat holding tank were collected from the shoreline.

The mission of Rivers Alive is to create awareness of and involvement in the preservation of Georgia’s water resources. River cleanup days not only improve the aesthetics and safety of our local natural areas, but also the health of our local estuaries and marine ecosystem. This year Camden County Extension will once again partner with Crooked River State park for “Your State Park Day” on September 30, 2017. Volunteers will assist in removing trash from the fishing areas and help clean litter from along the water ways from 10am till 12pm. On October 14, 2017, Camden County Extension will host a river cleanup in downtown Woodbine along the Riverwalk from 10am till 12pm.

“My hope every year is to get more of our citizens involved in our cleanups, fostering involvement and stewardship in the special ecosystems and resources that Camden County has to offer,” Jessica Warren, Camden County Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent said.

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