



# Etowah Meanderings

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## Annual Meeting Report

In early October, supporters of the Upper Etowah River Alliance gathered at the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce for the group's annual meeting.

After a light dinner, guests heard University of Georgia's Laurie Fowler speak on the importance of the Etowah Watershed in the state's water management plans. Several innovative projects are happening right here in our watershed!

After a short business meeting, some Alliance awards were presented to folks who support the watershed with their time and talent. See the back page for their photos.

It was a fun evening that let us all celebrate the work that's being done through the Upper Etowah River Alliance.



Diane Minick, UERA Chair, introduces Laurie Fowler.

### *A Note from your Watershed Director*

Greetings! I bring you news of a renewed Upper Etowah River Alliance. In the past several months, the education committee has met regularly and re-established some group presentations. We've held a BMP Tour, published a new informational brochure on raingardens, and taken part in the watershed-wide Celebrate Etowah effort.

Now, is the time for us to look ahead; to determine what the future will bring for the Etowah River and the Alliance. The 319 grant which funds our efforts will run out in 2006. Between now and then, we have to become an official non-profit organization and establish a funding plan, so we can continue the important work we are doing.

Essentially, we have to become the organization you envisioned at the beginning of this journey – a dynamic, energetic and well-organized group that makes a real difference in the Etowah Watershed.

To do this, we need a supportive and active group of members and board of directors. We need busy committees and lots of volunteers. We need fundraisers, education presenters, organizers and such. It's a big job and I know you are up to it.

If you have ideas or talents that would enhance the Alliance, please get in touch with me – (706) 779-5756 or [robintdake@hotmail.com](mailto:robintdake@hotmail.com). Thanks and I look forward to working with you for a new future!

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## Some Well Deserved Awards!



Doris Cook was presented the Leadership Award for her untiring work as the Alliance's chair and secretary.



Louise McPherson won the Buddy Hobbs Award for her consistent support of the Alliance.



The Adopt-A-Stream program garnered the Conservation Program award. Both Duncan Cottrell and Lori Forrester were presented awards for the roles they play as coordinators and instructors.



GhostNet, Inc., the web service for the Alliance, won the Volunteer Award. Here, Patrick and Krista Kelley accept the award.



Candace Stoughton was recognized for her work as the Alliance's field representative from 2000-2003.