



Etowah

Winter
2004

Person by Person; Stream bank by Stream bank

Little by little, the Upper Etowah River Alliance is making a difference in the five counties it covers: Lumpkin, Forsyth, Dawson, Pickens and Cherokee. Reducing sediment and run-off pollution in one stream bank, reduces those things in the entire watershed..

With a variety of demonstration projects such as streambank restorations, rain gardens, and xeriscape landscaping combined with workshops and education materials, the Alliance is educating one person at time and making a difference stream bank by stream bank.



This section of stream on Sharon Fausett's farm in Dawson County has benefited from an Alliance 319 Grant project. The inset photo shows the stream bank just after the stream bank restoration work was finished. Now, the bank is stable and erosion is slowed. In the future, trees will be planted along the bank to further stabilize it. This work was done in collaboration with the National Resource Conservation Service.

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New Watershed Director for UERA

There's a new voice on the Etowah River.

In January, Robin Dake took the position of Director of the Upper Etowah River Alliance.

Dake comes to the Alliance with over a decade of experience in the nonprofit industry. She was the Assistant Director for Mikell Camp and Conference Center for 11 years, as well as an active member of the American Camping Association. She brings to the organization a broad range of skills from communication and organization, to management and marketing.

At Mikell, Dake brought the facility up to industry standards, led the way in four successful accreditations and upgraded the adventure program. Twice she served as Interim Director.

"I am excited about this position and this organization," said Dake. "I think the Upper Etowah River Alliance has great potential and I am looking forward to being a part of it. I especially appreciate that this organization empowers landowners and citizens to make a tangible difference."

Dake graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Journalism and a minor in Geology. She is married to Roc Dake and they have two daughters, Tory and Lacy.

She reports she has been warmly greeted by everyone in the watershed except for one cow, who chased her out of a pasture.



Thanks Cherokee County!

Upper Etowah River Alliance Chair, Doris Cook, and new watershed director, Robin Dake, accept a \$10,000 donation from the Ilona Sanders, a member of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners. Cherokee County has given such support for 3 years.



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Thank You!

Coming UP!

Executive Committee Meeting:
Feb. 4, at 10 a.m.
Etowah Water & Sewer

Adopt-A-Stream Getting Started Workshop
Feb. 7
Contact Lori Forrester at
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