



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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May 16, 2005

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Noel Holcomb, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE
Suite 1252 East
Atlanta, GA 30334-9000

Re: Etowah Scenic River Resolution

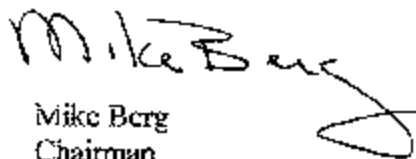
Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Enclosed you will find a Resolution adopted by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2005, regarding a Scenic River Study of the Amicalola River and a Portion of the Etowah River.

The Commission thoroughly supports the idea of the Etowah River being designated as a scenic river and we respectfully request the Department of Natural Resources study the issue at the earliest possible date.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,


Mike Berg
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. William Hess
Dawson Community News
Dawson News & Advertiser

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF DAWSON COUNTY
REGARDING A SCENIC RIVER STUDY OF THE AMICALOLA RIVER AND A
PORTION OF THE ETOWAH RIVER.**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-353 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to study and recommend to the Governor and General Assembly rivers or sections of rivers to be considered for designation as scenic rivers; and

WHEREAS, 6.8 miles of the Etowah River running from the eastern boundary of certain real property now or formerly owned by the City of Atlanta Airport Authority to the western boundary of such tract and 14.4 miles of the Amicalola River from Lindsey Ford to the junction with the Etowah River is a unique river system that has valuable scenic, recreational, and natural characteristics that should be preserved and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Dawson County hereby enter this resolution as follows:

1. A study in accord with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-353 should be conducted as set forth in such code section.
2. The scenic river corridor should have a minimum width of 100 feet from the riverbank.

3. Tributaries and the watershed outside of the immediate river corridor as set forth herein will not be affected for future water use by the designation as a Scenic River.

4. The study in accord with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-353 should utilize the existing water standards of the River Corridor Protection Plan adopted on October 16, 1995 by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, existing standards outlined in the Vision Statement for Dawson County, and Environmental Protection Division standards that are in place for water quality, water quantity, discharge, and water withdrawal.

5. The study referenced herein should utilize the existing data collected by many agencies, alliances, and conservancies, as well as public involvement and input supplied by the Etowah Scenic River Committee.

6. A Steering Committee shall be appointed to recognize the many interests associated with the designation of a Scenic River System, and such committee should include members from the Dawson County Planning Commission, the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority, the Etowah Scenic River Committee, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, and other interested groups.

7. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners shall approve the study and any recommendations contained therein before the study is submitted in accord with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-353 to the Governor and the General Assembly.

8. The study as set forth herein shall be conducted at no cost to Dawson County.

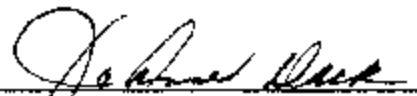
9. A map of the proposed Scenic River System is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of May, 2005.



Mike Berg, Chairman
Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Vote:
Yes: 3
No: 0

ATTEST: 

JoAnne Dack, Clerk of Commission