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COOSA RIVERKEEPER EXPAND PROGRAMS WITH NEW STAFF

Mt Laurel, Alabama, February 1, 2018 - Today, Coosa Riverkeeper added a third staff member, Karli Riley, as Program Manager. This new position signals the continued growth and success of the organization with the mission of protecting, restoring and promoting the Coosa River in Alabama. As the Program Manager, Karli is responsible for the successful implementation of the popular Swim Guide program, Fish Guide program, and education and outreach initiatives. Karli will oversee the in-office laboratory in the Town of Mt Laurel near Yellowleaf Creek, a tributary to Lay Lake on the Coosa River.

Karli graduated from Berry College in Rome, Georgia on the Coosa River in 2017 where she worked in the Chemistry Department as a Lead Laboratory Coordinator and as a Research Assistant for the School of Natural Sciences. During the summer of 2016, Karli was the Coosa Riverkeeper Lead Swim Guide Intern managed four sampling teams, conducted an intensive study of Choccolocco Creek and conducted all the lab work for the Swim Guide program. Following graduation, Karli worked as a seasonal Environmental Educator for the Cahaba Environmental Center in Montevallo, Alabama. She educated a diverse group of students about the natural and cultural history of Alabama while continuing to volunteer with Coosa Riverkeeper.

Karli Riley, the new Program Manager, says, "I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Program Manager for Coosa Riverkeeper. Through the implementation of the Swim Guide, Fish Guide and education programs, I am eager to engage our community to protect, restore and advocate for the Coosa River."

The Coosa Riverkeeper staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and 600+ members work tirelessly to protect, restore, and promote the Coosa River earning them the "2017 Organization of the Year" by Alabama Rivers Alliance.

Executive Director, Justinn Overton, explains, "We are thrilled to add another member to our team that will allow us to expand the number of sites we monitor for the Swim Guide program and increase our on-the-water presence and outreach efforts throughout the Coosa Valley. Thank you to Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for their generous support of this staff expansion and to our entire membership for supporting our programs to improve water quality and protect public health!"

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[Coosa Riverkeeper](#) is a river conservation non-profit working to protect and restore the Coosa River and its tributaries in Alabama. We patrol the waters, educate the public, and advocate for the river. Coosa Riverkeeper is a member of [Waterkeeper Alliance](#).