



LAGRANGE
GEORGIA

Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2021

SATURDAY

**City of LaGrange to Hold Monthly Litter Cleanup
Saturday, February 6th with Community Partner
Chattahoochee Riverkeeper**

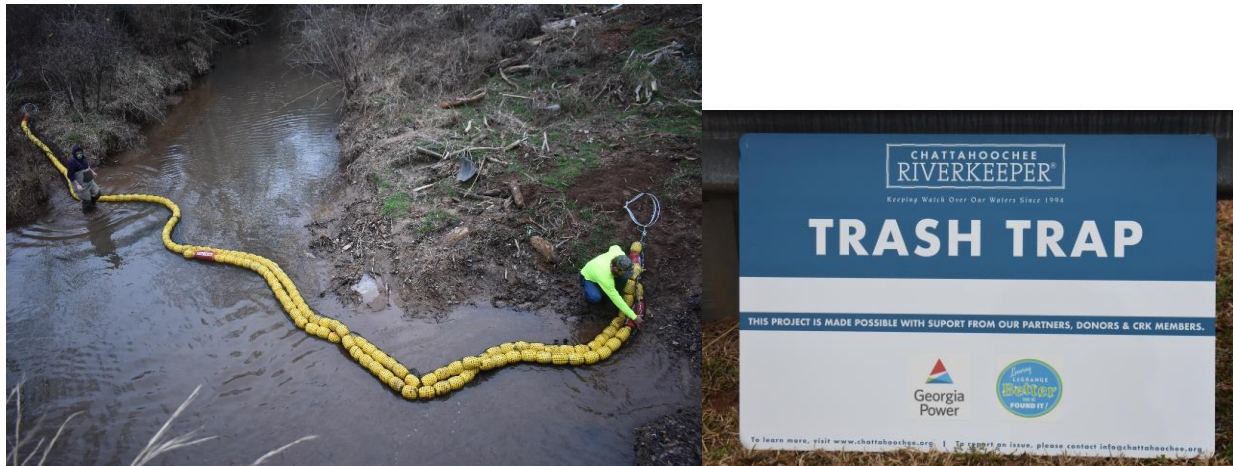
LaGrange, Ga. February 2, 2021 – The City of LaGrange is holding its monthly litter cleanup event this Saturday, February 6th, 8-10 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot of Franklin Forest Elementary School, 1 Scholar Lane.



Mayor Jim Thornton and his wife Corinne Thornton at a city cleanup

During this litter cleanup, crews will be picking up litter along Ann Bailey Way, Mooty Bridge Road & along Dixie Creek, a main tributary to

West Point Lake. Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, with the help of company Watergoat and support from the City of LaGrange and Georgia Power, recently installed a boom-style trash trap on Dixie Creek. CRK crews installed another trash trap on Blue John Creek, a tributary to Long Cane Creek and the Chattahoochee River.



Trash Trap Installation at Dixie Creek

City Manager Meg Kelsey wanted to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up litter and rolled out the city's campaign, "Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It." The City of LaGrange closed non-essential business April 20, 2018 and hundreds of employees picked up trash throughout the community. It was so successful with employees and the community that the city decided to hold monthly litter cleanups.

The public is always welcome to participate.

The city will be hosting the following litter cleanups in the future:

- Saturday, February 6th, 8-10AM at Franklin Forest Elementary School parking lot, 1 Scholar Lane. Chattahoochee Riverkeeper installed a trash trap on Dixie Creek, a tributary to West Point Lake, with support from the City of LaGrange and Georgia Power.

- Saturday, March 6th, 8-10AM at Calumet Park, 109 Union Street. Community Partner is the Calumet Park Neighborhood Association and LaGrange-Troup Chamber Leadership Troup Class of 2020-2021.
- Friday, April 23rd, 8AM-1PM, City of LaGrange employees to pick up litter throughout the community.

If you are a business or group that would like to partner with the City of LaGrange on any of these events or if you'd like to host your own litter cleanup, please contact Katie Mercer Van Schoor at kvanschoor@lagrangega.org.

Media Contact: Katie Mercer Van Schoor, City of LaGrange Marketing/Communications Manager, (706) 883-2055 or kvanschoor@lagrangega.org

To keep up with the latest news involving the City of LaGrange, go to www.lagrangega.org or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/lagrangegov, Twitter at [@lagrangegov](https://twitter.com/lagrangegov), & Instagram at instagram.com/cityoflagrangega.

###