

The Endangered Flint River

As many of you may know, the Flint River was listed in the top 10 most endangered rivers last week. Dennis and I had the privilege of going down to the Flint to discuss what was happening with the river - see the article below published in The Citizen today.

<http://www.thecitizen.com/~citizen0/node/36231>

One of the most important things to note is GA EPD is only recommending that one eat one bass from the river once a week due to Mercury contamination - copied below from the EPD report that took me forever to find on their website. Women were fishing as we visited and they were unaware of any mercury contamination. There are no signs posted to warn people and to tell them consumption recommendations.

Flint River (Spalding/Fayette Counties) *Flint River Basin*
Species Site Tested Recommendation Chemical
Largemouth Bass Ga. Hwy. 92 1 meal/week Mercury
Spotted Sucker See Above No Restrictions

Dennis Chase has done extensive research on the Flint and it is noted in his research the total lack of wildlife in the river just below the airport. In scanning the EPD report below - there was no EPD measurement taken in area around the airport.

http://www.gaepd.org/Files_PDF/gaenviron/fish_advisory/GADNR_FishConsumptionGuidelines_Y2007.pdf

We hope that you will find all of the above helpful to further protect our community.

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