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Volunteers needed for Canal Clean-Up Day March 20

AUGUSTA, GA: It's spring cleaning time along Augusta Canal and Lake Olmstead. Volunteers are needed for the semi-annual clean-up, Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meet at Lake Olmstead Park near the Boat Ramp.

Volunteers with previous spring clean-ups have collected tons of trash.

"We were so pleased with the enthusiasm of our clean-up volunteers and partners," said Mary Jacobson who is heading this spring's effort. Jacobson is a member of the Augusta Canal Authority and CFO with the Savannah RiverKeeper. "This time we hope to remove as much trash as possible including some of the larger debris from parts of the trails, but cannot accomplish this without lots of help. We are particularly in need of anyone willing to use their truck or trailer to haul the trash collected to a central location along the canal." Volunteers with canoes or kayak are also needed, she said.

The clean-up is sponsored by the Augusta Canal Authority, Augusta-Richmond County Recreation Department and the Savannah RiverKeeper. Augusta-Richmond Solid Waste Department is providing dumpsters.

Volunteers will be served a picnic lunch at Lake Olmstead Park following the clean-up. For more information call (706) 925-1130 or mejacobson@comcast.net.

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