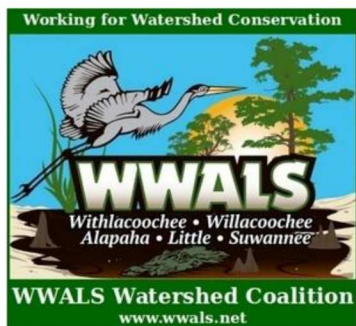


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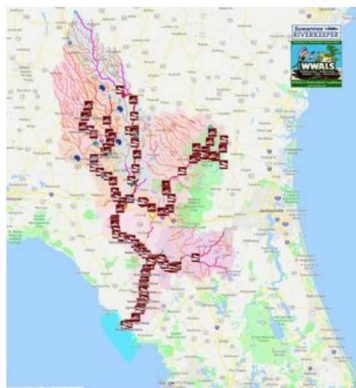
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Re: Please add Santa Fe River HUC 03110206 to Suwannee Riverkeeper territory

Dear Julia,



When WWALS Watershed Coalition applied in 2016 for the license for Suwannee Riverkeeper, we deliberately excluded the Santa Fe River sub-basin from the territory we requested. We did this because there is an organization in that sub-basin whom we thought might want to become a Waterkeeper. After extensive discussions with three successive presidents of that organization, and several of their board, it is clear they do not intend to do that.



Meanwhile, Suwannee Riverkeeper has already been acting as the Waterkeeper for the Santa Fe River for years, for example in opposing a proposed phosphate mine there, <http://wwals.net/issues/phosphate-mining/>, and now in opposing a titanium mine near the Okfenokee Swamp in Georgia that wants to send ore for processing into the Santa Fe Basin in Florida. <http://wwals.net/?p=49677>

For these reasons, the Board of Directors of WWALS Watershed Coalition voted unanimously at its Quarterly Board Meeting on July 14, 2019, to ask Waterkeeper Alliance to add the Santa Fe River watershed, HUC 03110206, to the formal territory of Suwannee Riverkeeper.

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I will be happy to answer any questions you or anyone else with Waterkeeper Alliance may have about this request.

WWALS Watershed Coalition advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.

For the rivers and the aquifer,
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Appendices: Current territory, requested total territory, and adjoining territories

