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Georgia Southern University and the Phinizy Center Talk Ogeechee River Project

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Georgia Southern University hosted the first of four Ogeechee River Research public information sessions on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the Performing Arts Center, to discuss a two years and a half Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) titled “Assessment of Hydrological, Biological and Environmental Components of the Lower Ogeechee River Ecosystem.”

The project is an opportunity for the University and the Phinizy Center for Water Sciences to conduct basic research designed to ensure a long-term and holistic approach for research on the river.

“Georgia Southern University is an emerging research university,” said Charles Patterson, vice president for Research and Economic Development. “The spectrum of research that happens on campus is vast and the University has spent decades building facilities that will be a part of this research.”

Georgia Southern’s Department of Geology and Geography will study atmospheric and terrestrial processes in the watershed while the Department of Biology, in conjunction with the Phinizy Center for Water Sciences, will focus on the in-stream processes of the Ogeechee River.

Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students will contribute to the project.

For more information on the project visit: research.georgiasouthern.edu/ogeechee



Jeffrey Underwood, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Geology and Geography, discusses the four initiatives his department will focus on: analyzing the biogeochemical environment in the forested floodplain of the river, assessing the subsurface hydro-geochemical properties of water, investigating local meteorology and creating a spatial analysis database.

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