

City of Canton
Resolution
2013

***A Resolution to Recognize and Support
The Etowah River Water Trail***

- WHEREAS: The Etowah River flows through the City of Canton from the northwest to the southeast; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Canton value this outstanding natural resource, its clean and abundant water, the outdoor recreational opportunities afforded by the River and protection of riverside habitat and protected watersheds; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Canton and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States have for more than twenty (20) years regularly and openly enjoyed and exercised a right of passage by boat on the Etowah River as it travels through Canton, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the River; and
- WHEREAS: The Etowah River Water Trail is consistent with the goals and recommendations of the Cherokee County Land Conservation Steering Committee; and
- WHEREAS: The recent completion of the Canton Boat Launch along with other official and unofficial launch sites in the County afford citizens access to the River, with many more sites in the planning stage; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Lumpkin, Dawson, Forsyth, Cherokee, Bartow, and Floyd Counties all share in this valuable resource and have provided for River access; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous governmental and non-governmental organizations have worked throughout the years to protect and promote the Etowah River.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Canton, that the public easement of passage established by more than twenty (20) years of regular and open travel by boat on the Etowah River in Canton is hereby recognized and supported by the Mayor and Council on behalf of the citizens of the City of Canton, and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States.

FURTHER that

- 1) The concept of the Etowah River Water Trail as outlined by the website www.etowahwatertrail.org is approved and hereby incorporated by reference;
- 2) The Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Proclaimed this 2nd day of May, 2013.

Gene Hobgood, Mayor