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Bucket brigade: Workers pass items hand-to-hand as they clear trash and debris from Proctor Creek in Atlanta.

Proctor cleanup begins

Workers from Intelligent Earth Inc. have begun picking up debris from the banks of Proctor Creek and six other urban streams in a \$2.5 million cleanup effort coordinated by the firm of CH2M Hill/TOC. The companies have been hired by the city of Atlanta to carry out an initiative ordered by a federal court earlier this year.

The cleanup is part of a consent decree in a lawsuit the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Fund filed to make the city improve the quality of water flowing into the Chattahoochee River. About 40 workers will pick up all debris bigger than 2 inches along the 37 miles of creek banks running through the city.

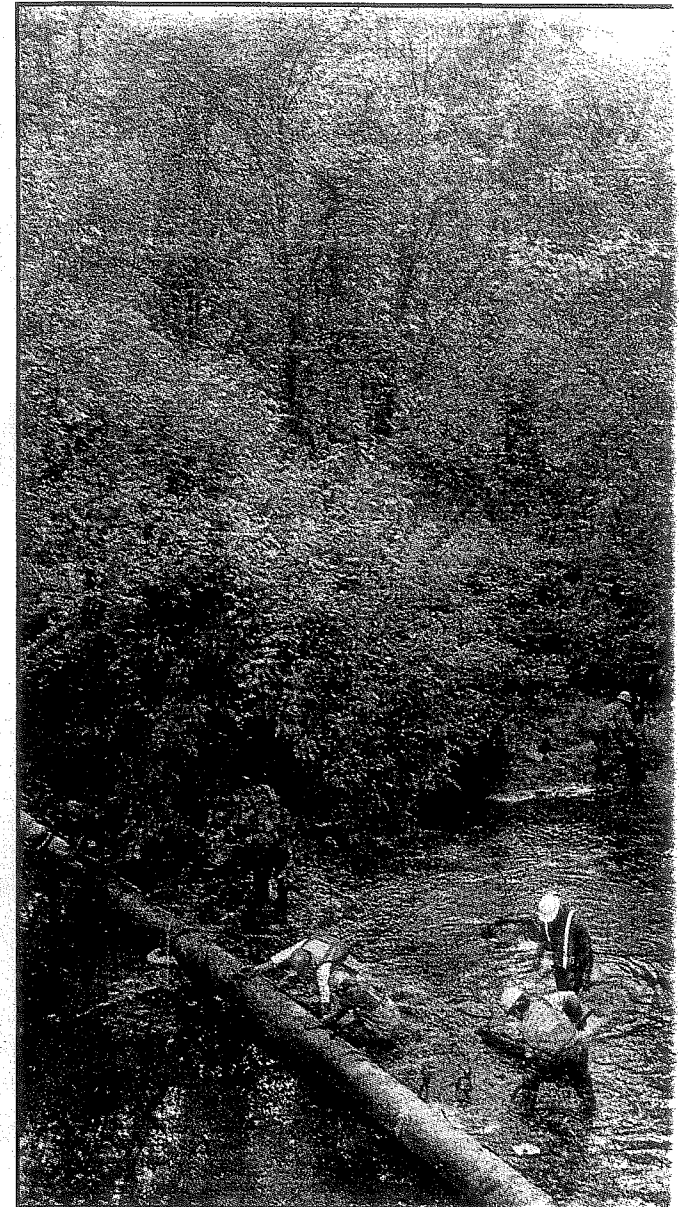
In addition to Proctor Creek, banks along Utoy Creek, Tanyard Creek, Clear Creek, Intrenchment Creek, the South River and the McDaniel Branch of the South River will be swept by the crew and posted afterward to help prevent future littering in those areas.

The cleanup is supposed to be complete by next October.

— Julie Hairston



Decades of littering deposited tons of debris along Proctor Creek, which feeds into the Chattahoochee River. A lawsuit resulted in a federal mandate for the city to take action and clean up the mess and improve water quality.



Lawsuit by the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Fund resulted in the cleanup effort undertaken by Intelligent Earth Inc. in a joint venture with CH2MHILL/TOC. The work is expected to be completed next October.