

As in the story of Goldilocks and the three bears, it wasn't too hot; it wasn't too cold; it was just right! Because it was just right, and because they have a concern for the water in Newton County, citizens showed up in large numbers for the Newton County Rivers Alive Cleanup. Over one hundred and fifty participants met at the Covington square at 8 am Saturday October 13, 2007.

They were treated to biscuits, coffee and juice before being disbursed to thirteen sites around the county. The group gathered 226 large garbage bags of trash along intersections of county roads and our streams. Of course this doesn't include the larger items such as couches, rolls of carpet and other items just too big to squeeze into a plastic bag.

Thanks to the city of Covington for sponsoring the breakfast. Thanks also to the Newton Sewage and Water Authority for sponsoring the lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and smoked chicken. Thank you to the school groups in Newton County. WOW! What a show of support! Thanks to the Georgia Wildlife Federation volunteers at the Alcovy Conservation Center for hosting the lunch.

Please do your part! Recycle what you can and trash the rest. Let's keep Newton Beautiful!