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Cahaba River Society Recognizes ADEM with Public Service Award

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has been recognized by the Cahaba River Society for its work in cleaning up illegal solid waste dump sites within the Cahaba River Watershed. The Cahaba River Society presented ADEM with the Society’s Public Service Award during its annual meeting that was held on February 2.

The Cahaba River Society spotlights projects within the Cahaba River Basin that support the protection and preservation of Alabama’s natural resources. The presentation of their Public Service Awards and Conservation Development Awards allows the Society to recognize the stewardship of firms and coalitions that invest in their time and resources to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy the natural beauty of the Cahaba River Watershed.

ADEM and its project partners worked to remove over 5 million pounds of garbage and waste from nine unauthorized dumps that were located in Bibb and Perry Counties. The stormwater impacts from the unauthorized dumps could contribute a large, and diverse, pollutant load into the Cahaba River and its tributaries. The Department provided approximately \$250,000 in funding to support the project and also provided technical oversight of the removal efforts.

“We appreciate the Cahaba River Society recognizing one of the many successful programs that we implement here at ADEM,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “The Department has worked to clean up illegal dumps in the Cahaba River Watershed and other areas across Alabama and I am proud that our staff and our project partners are able to enjoy this recognition.”

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