

## Bio - Elliott Jones

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Elliott Jones was born and raised in Albany, Georgia. He grew up paddling the muddy, brown waters of the Muckalee Creek in rural Lee County, where his family still owns a cabin. Elliott studied Mathematics at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and Civil Engineering at Georgia Tech. He conducted post-graduate hydrologic research at the University of Hannover, Germany, the Free University of Brussels, Belgium, and McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

In 1983, Elliott began working as a hydrologist at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), where his primary areas of expertise were groundwater modeling, aquifer-test analysis, and simulation of stream-aquifer flows in the Coastal Plain of Georgia. In recent years, Elliott has had multi-year interagency assignments with U.S. EPA Region 4 Superfund Division and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. He is also a visiting scientist at the Joseph P. Jones Ecological Research Center in Baker County, Georgia. He held the position of Groundwater Specialist in Georgia from 2001 until his retirement from USGS in January 2016. He is getting used to his new status as Hydrologist Emeritus.

Elliott is a licensed Professional Engineer in Georgia and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He is also a member of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) and the Georgia Groundwater Association (GGWA). Elliott is a past Chair of ASCE Environmental and Water Resources Technical Group (ASCE-EWRG). He has presented results of his hydrologic research to many interested groups including, among others, the Flint River Basin Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Middle Chattahoochee Water Coalition, GAWP, ASCE-EWRG, GGWA, American Water Resources Association, Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders, Flint Riverkeeper, ASCE, Lower Flint-Ochlockonee Regional Water Council, Upper Flint Regional Water Council, and several sessions of the Georgia Water Resources Conference.

Elliott lives with his wife and two daughters in the Candler Park neighborhood of Atlanta. He is enjoying new opportunities to advocate for conservation issues in the Georgia General Assembly and to travel up and down the Flint River basin promoting environmental awareness, helping establish a Flint River Water Trail, and visiting his family members who still live in Albany. He would love to get a canoe or kayak in the water occasionally, too.