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## CITY OF OPELIKA PUBLIC MEETING FOR PEPPERELL BRANCH WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18

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**PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**September 10, 2018**

OPELIKA, Ala – The City of Opelika is partnering with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Keep Opelika Beautiful, Alabama Water Watch and other stakeholders on a grant to develop a Pepperell Branch Watershed Management Plan.

Citizens are invited to learn more about this process and how they can become involved at a public meeting on September 18, 2018, from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Opelika City Council Chambers. This is located at 204 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Opelika.

The Pepperell Branch Watershed Planning Process will work to build and strengthen partnerships, as well as garner stakeholder involvement, to identify a path to watershed restoration and improvement of water quality.

This project is funded by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management through a Clean Water Act Section 319(h) nonpoint source grant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Harris, City of Opelika Storm Water Coordinator at 334-705-5450 or Nikki Dictson with Alabama Cooperative Extension System at 979-575-4424.

