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Water Essay: Middle Chattahoochee River Basin

Do you ever wonder where all your water comes from? If you live in southeastern Paulding County, it comes from the Middle Chattahoochee Water Basin. A water basin is an important source of drinking water that provides water to all the people that live in the area around you. And there are more people in your area than you think. Water basins usually run into rivers. For example, the southeastern Paulding County water basin runs into the middle of the Chattahoochee River. And it isn't just important because it gives water to a lot of people. The geography, history, and the culture of it are all very important.

One of the things that is crucial to the southeastern Paulding County water basin is its geography. The basin is located in metro Atlanta, so there are a lot of developed areas. However, there are also a lot of fields and farmland within this basin. According to River Basin Profiles, 49% of the Middle Chattahoochee River Basin is blanketed in woods and forests, 34% of it is covered in buildings, and 17% of the basin is taken up by different things.

However, the geography of the Middle Chattahoochee River Basin isn't the only thing that makes this water basin essential. The history of it is also very important. Most of our water tends to flow into the Chattahoochee River, so that river is necessary. In fact, during and after the Civil War, people were shipping resources on the river, and that helped to get people settled in this area. It also helped get supplies to the people who needed them. So, Paulding County exists partly because of the Chattahoochee River. It also supplies water to the western part of Georgia and Alabama. According to the US Army Corps of Engineers in southeastern Alabama, the government built dams to create a man-made lake in 1956. They finished construction in 1964. The water that makes up that lake is from the Chattahoochee River. So, as you can see, the Chattahoochee River's history is significant to many people.

We can't forget the culture though! Currently, it is important because people all around the river love to go boating and fishing in it. Farther up the river, in the Georgia mountains, they also love to go tubing. There is even an Alan Jackson song called "Chattahoochee." All of this is important to the culture of the southeastern part of Paulding County.

In conclusion, the middle Chattahoochee River basin flows into the Chattahoochee River which provides water and fun to not only us, but to people in other parts of Georgia and to parts of Alabama. Sounds like a pretty important river to me! I think that the community of southeastern Paulding County should know all the things it provides them: entertainment, drinking water, even some fish. Geography, history, and culture are all incredibly important to our water basin.