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**EarthShare of Georgia is pleased to announce three new board members and three new advisory council members.**

**ATLANTA – July 1, 2015** – EarthShare of Georgia is pleased to announce the election of three new board members (FY2016-18) at the May annual meeting: Joy Carter, President of the Board of the Atlanta Audubon Society; Simone McKinney, Media and Communications Manager with SCANA Energy; and Curt Soper, State Director of the Trust for Public Land, Georgia and Alabama.

A Cox Conserves Heroes finalist, Joy Carter is an avid birder and has served for as the President of the Board of Atlanta Audubon Society for more than three years. Through her involvement with AAS, she has worked to develop better habitat for birds and other wildlife in yards, neighborhoods and parks.

Simone McKinney is an International Public Relations executive with 20+ years experience in international business and corporate communications, including media and community relations, licensing and merchandising. McKinney has earned the Georgia Chapter Champion Award, Public Relations Society of America, and was named Outstanding Volunteer, Woodruff Arts Center Atlanta Firms Committee.

Curt Soper is the State Director for the Trust for Public Land in Georgia and Alabama, where he is responsible for carrying out the Trust’s mission of conserving land for people in an effective, visionary and financially sound manner. He joined the Trust in 2011 after serving 5 years with the State of Georgia as the Director of the state’s land conservation program which helped secure permanent conservation for over 200,000 acres during his tenure.

EarthShare of Georgia also welcomes three new advisory council members: Becky Champion, Watershed Manager with the Environmental Protection Division of Georgia’s Department of Natural Resources; Pete Krull, CEO of Krull & Company; and Michelle Wiseman, Procurement Representative with Pratt Industries and President of the Georgia Recycling Coalition.

**EarthShare of Georgia** connects people to trusted nonprofit organizations dedicated to conserving and protecting our air, land and water. **EarthShare of Georgia** is working for the day when our air, land and water are clean, abundant and healthy. Founded in 1992 by environmental non-profit organizations to represent them in workplace-giving campaigns, and to provide an efficient and secure way to manage donations, **EarthShare of Georgia has raised more than 5.5 million dollars on their behalf.** These organizations work hard every day to address environmental health risks, restore natural habitats, protect wildlife, reduce global warming, and much more.

For more information about EarthShare of Georgia, to become an Earth Day event sponsor, patron or purchase individual tickets for the Earth Day Events, please visit: [www.earthsharega.org](http://www.earthsharega.org) and click on the Earth Day event tab.

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