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Epiphany Farm-to-Table Dinner Benefits Black Warrior Riverkeeper and Friends of Hurricane Creek

Tuscaloosa, Ala. – Tuesday, September 15 at 8pm, <u>Epiphany</u> will host a Farm-to-Table Dinner benefitting the local water protection efforts of <u>Black Warrior Riverkeeper</u> and the <u>Friends of Hurricane Creek</u>. Tuscaloosa's "farm-to-fork" restaurant since 2003, Epiphany (<u>519 Greensboro Ave</u>) will take reservations for the dinner at 205-344-5583 after 4pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

Epiphany will serve a \$39 Tapas Style meal with meat, vegetables and other delicious products of farms on or near the Black Warrior River including <u>B & S Farms</u>, <u>Druid City Garden Project</u>, <u>Katie Farms</u>, and <u>Snows Bend Farm</u>. Locally brewed beers by <u>Druid City Brewing Company</u> will also be available for purchase. Those beers' main ingredient is water from Lake Tuscaloosa, the drinking water source for greater Tuscaloosa and a reservoir on the North River, a major tributary of the Black Warrior River.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper and the Friends of Hurricane Creek are both members of <u>Waterkeeper Alliance</u>, a global movement of on-the-water advocates. The non-governmental groups keep water clean for swimming, drinking, fishing, brewing, and farming by educating the public and holding polluters accountable. Both local Waterkeepers' framed photographs of nearby waterways will be displayed for sale at the dinner.

"Like-minded organizations must work together to facilitate positive change and appreciation of the natural wonders around us," said John Wathen, Hurricane Creekkeeper for the Friends of Hurricane Creek. "We are so grateful that Black Warrior Riverkeeper joins us in patrolling and advocating for the health and well being of Hurricane Creek as well as the entire Black Warrior River basin."

"Epiphany does an amazing job of featuring Tuscaloosa's world class farmers and brewers," said Charles Scribner, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. "We are excited to share an Epiphany dinner with the Friends of Hurricane Creek to benefit the region's vital waterways, critters, businesses, and families."

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<u>The Friends of Hurricane Creek</u> is a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization in Tuscaloosa County. Their focus is on one of the most diverse streams in the region, Hurricane Creek, which flows into the Black Warrior River. As Hurricane Creekkeeper for the Friends of Hurricane Creek, John Wathen's prime duties are environmental enforcement and advocacy.

<u>Black Warrior Riverkeeper</u>'s mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The citizen-based nonprofit organization promotes clean water for the sake of wildlife habitat, recreation and public health in our patrol area, the Black Warrior River watershed. This river basin is entirely contained in Alabama, America's leading state for freshwater biodiversity.