



# Chattooga River

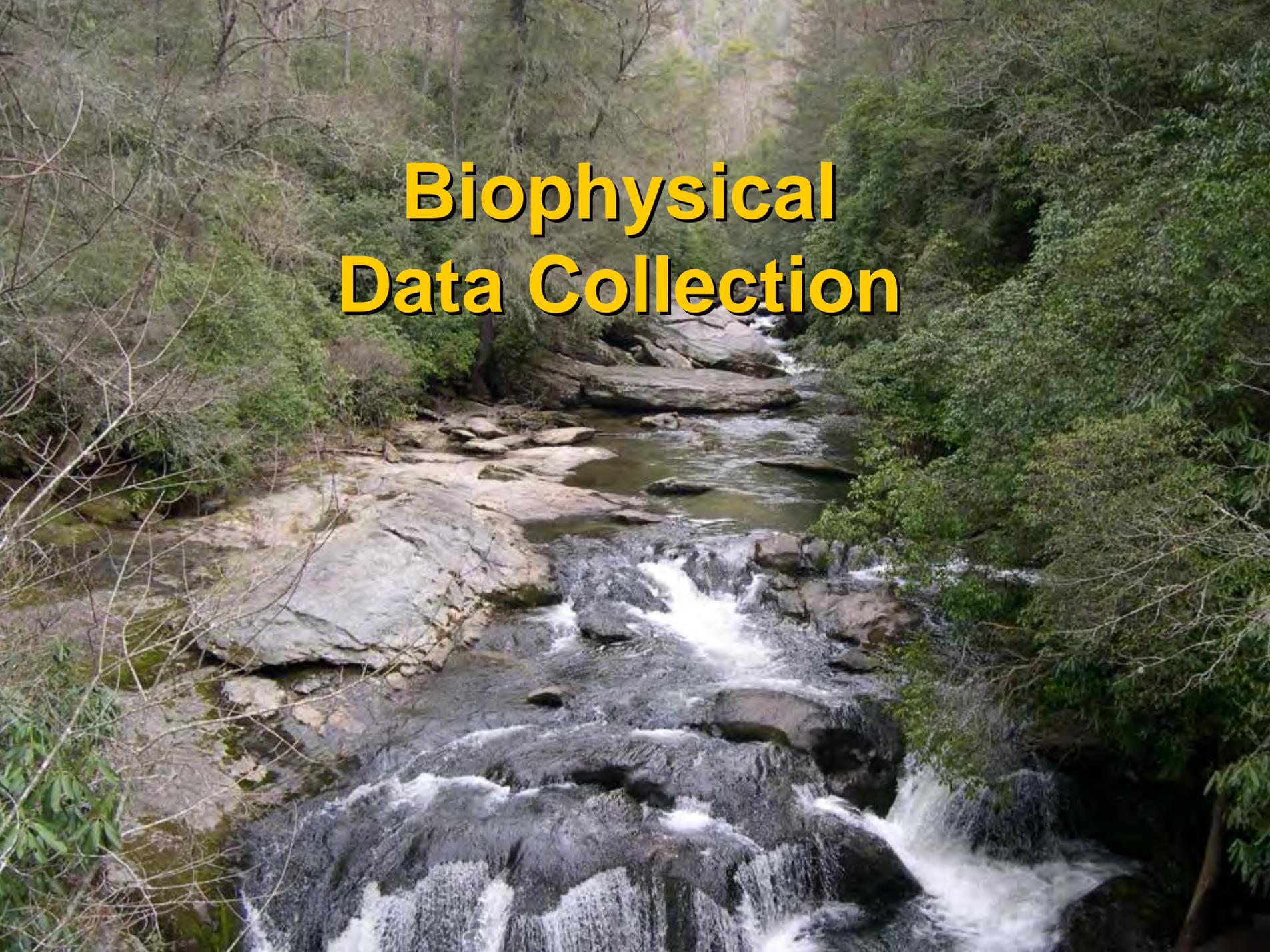
*Phase 1 Social Data  
Collection Activities*

# Presentation Agenda

## Phase 1 Data Collection Efforts

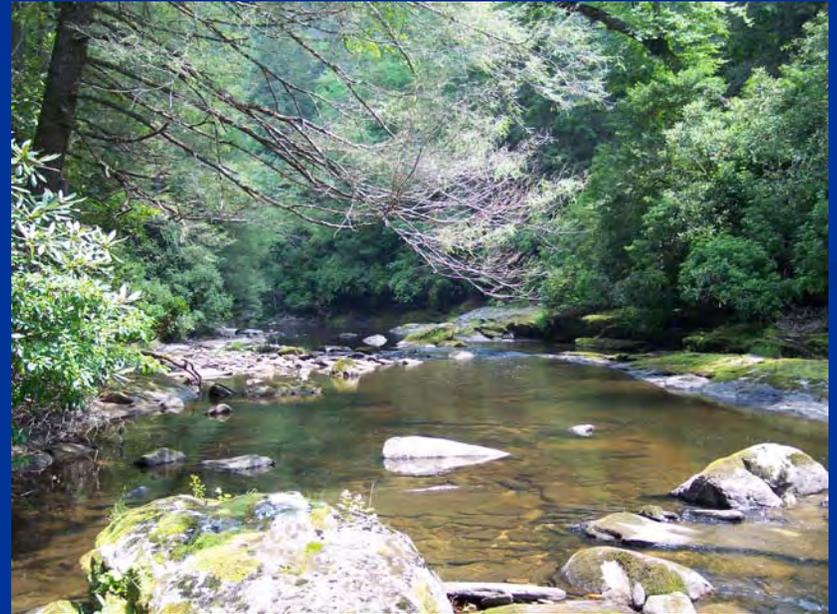
1. Biophysical Data Collection
2. Literature Review
3. Expert Panels
4. Public Data Collection

# Biophysical Data Collection

A scenic view of a rocky stream flowing through a dense forest. The water is clear and cascades over several large, flat rock formations, creating small waterfalls and rapids. The surrounding vegetation is lush and green, with many trees and bushes visible. The overall atmosphere is natural and serene.

# Biophysical Data Collection

- Document baseline conditions
- Site assessment, i.e., litter, erosion, etc.



# Literature Review and Comparable Rivers Analyses



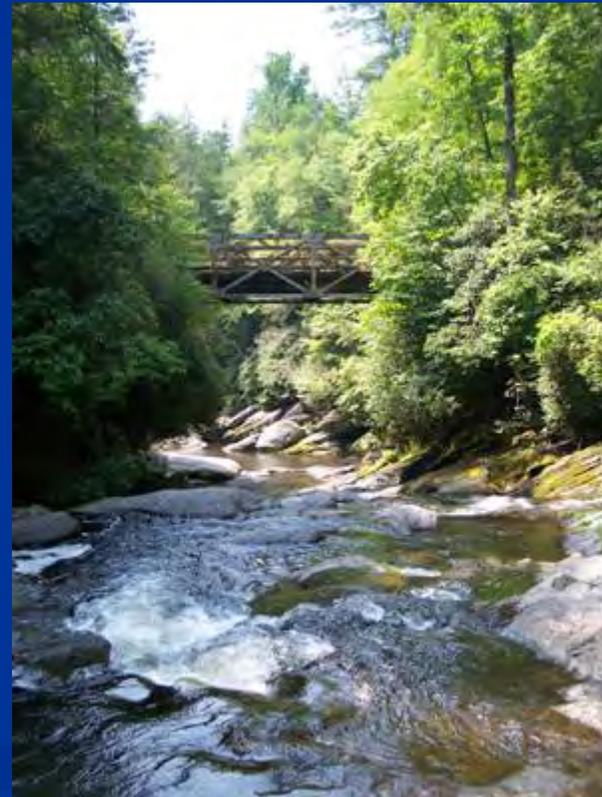
# Literature Review

- Incorporate a Variety of Topics
- Existing Literature/Data Sources
- Schedule – ongoing until Fall 2006
- Product – Summary Report



# Literature Review - Topics

- **History of Chattooga Recreation Decisions**
- **Capacity Decisions from other Rivers**



# Literature Review - Topics

- **Visitor Use/Impact Relationships**
- **Social Impact Standards**
- **River Flow Preferences**
- **Trail/Site Impact Findings**
- **Recreation/Wildlife Impact Findings**

# Expert Panels



# Expert Panels - Angler and Boater

- Angler and Boater Panels
- Purpose – Obtain Expert Assessment of the Upper River Corridor
- Schedule – 2-3 trips  
Fall 2006 through  
Winter 2007



# Expert Panel Study Objectives

- Describe angling and whitewater boating resources on the upper Chattooga segments and compare them with lower Chattooga segments.
- Estimate acceptable and optimal flow ranges for different types of fishing and whitewater boating opportunities.
- Identify key access points.

# Expert Panel Study Objectives

- **Qualitatively describe safety concerns related to flows and access.**
- **Estimate likely demand for different opportunities at different flows.**
- **Review flow information needs and the ability of existing gages to predict flows.**
- **Compare flow preferences with the preferences of other recreational users.**

# Expert Panels - Process



- Panel Selection
- Review of Initial Trip Materials
- Initial Assessment Trip
- Compile and Assess Data
- Additional Assessment Trip, if Needed
- Summary Report

# Expert Panels – Panel Selection

- **Nomination Process**
- **Targeting 6 to 8 Members on Each Panel**
- **Desired Qualifications**
  - **Skill Level**
  - **Safety Conscious**
  - **Experience in Similar Studies**
  - **On-Call Availability**
  - **Experience on the Chattooga River**
  - **Diversity/Professionalism**
- **Selection Process**

# Expert Panels – Initial Trip Materials



- **Trip Logistics**
- **Safety Plans and Procedures**
- **Discussion Group Process**

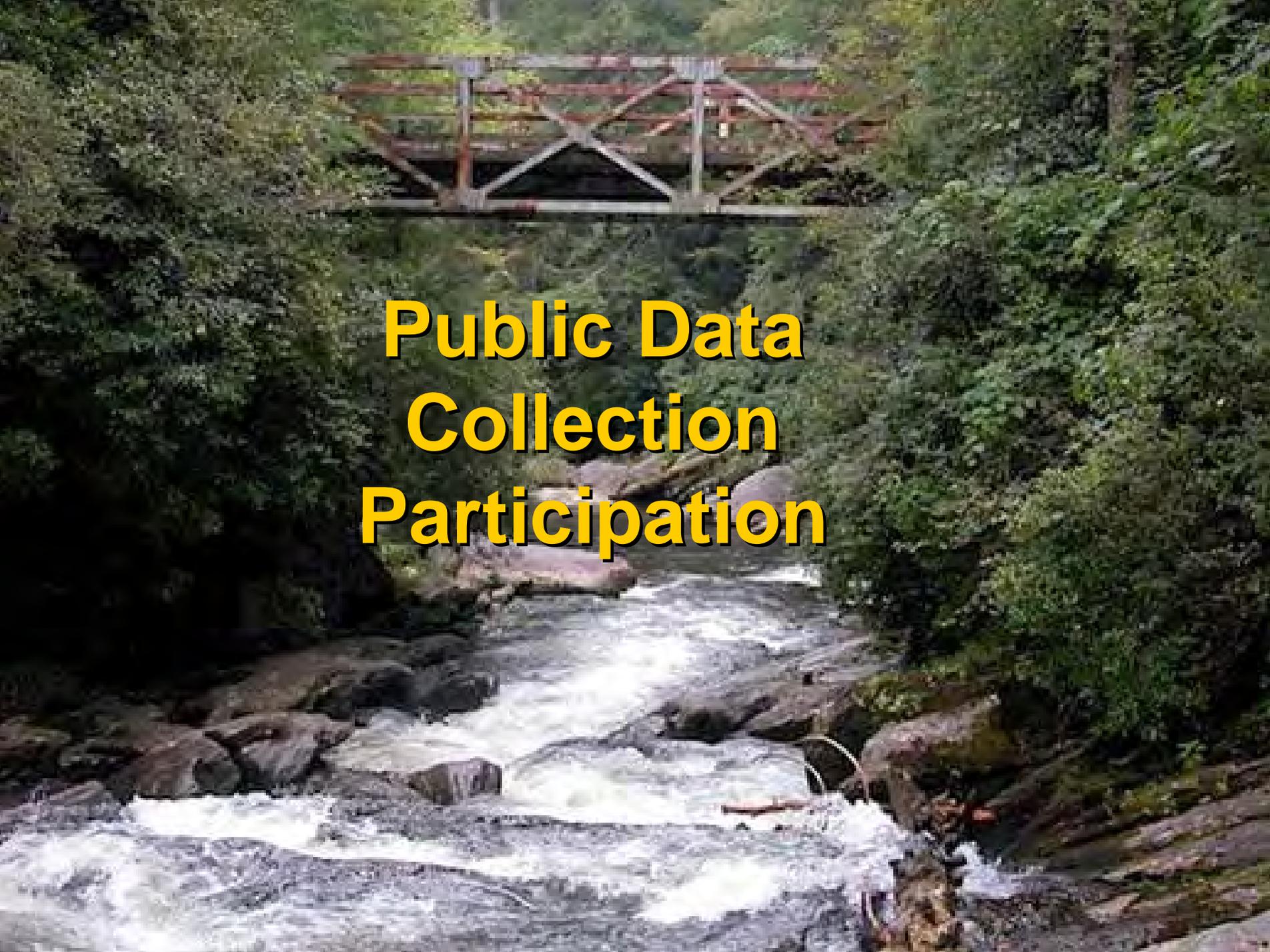
# Expert Panels – Assessment Trip

- Flow Trigger and Mobilization
- Trip Logistics – Anglers/Boaters
- Trip Documentation – Photo/Video
- Individual Assessment
- Panel Discussion
- Combined Panel Discussion

# Expert Panels – Data Assessment



- **Individual Assessment**
- **Panel Group Discussions**
- **Video/Photo Documentation**
- **Summary Report**

A scenic view of a river flowing through a dense forest. The river is turbulent, with white water rapids cascading over dark, mossy rocks. In the background, a wooden bridge with a lattice structure spans across the river. The surrounding forest is lush and green, with sunlight filtering through the trees.

# Public Data Collection Participation

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- Literature Review
- Expert Panel
- Existing Use Observations



# Public Participation – Data Collection

- **Assist in Collecting Vehicle/People Count Information**
- **Data Collection Forms**
- **Schedule – Begin August 2006 through August 2007**
- **Product – Supply Information on Site Use**

# Open House Stations

