



Receiving the donation from Georgia Power are, from left, preserve board members Gay Dellinger and Dee Bishop, Georgia Power representatives Tim Crump and Tim Banks, preserve director Jan Barnes and board member Tammy Livingood.

SPECIAL

## Georgia Power commits to Pettit Environmental Preserve

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The management team at Georgia Power's Plant Bowen has broadened its support of the Margaret and Luke Pettit Environmental Preserve by making a five-year commitment totaling \$15,000.

"We have supported The Pettit Preserve since its inception and are proud to make this five-year commitment to help further their objectives," said Plant Manager Tim Banks. "The Pettit Preserve's mission and focus on environmental education is vitally important to the younger generations who are inheriting a world that needs to learn and practice environmental stewardship."

"Plant Bowen is committed to this mission as well. Our employees regularly visit local schools to present environmental programs in the classroom as part of our Environmental Teachers Corp program," Banks said.

Jan Barnes, director of the

Pettit Preserve, said she hopes the support of Plant Bowen will be the cornerstone for other corporate citizens to build upon.

"Prominent local companies are much more than a source of funding, they are an integral part of our community, and their active involvement in programs such as the Environmental Teachers Corp and The Pettit Preserve makes our community stronger and more vibrant," Barnes said. "One of the great things about Cartersville and Bartow County is the variety of community programs dedicated to educating and supporting our youth beyond the school walls."

The funds from Plant Bowen will be put to immediate use to complete improvements to existing structures and to fund further plans to create an outdoor learning center. The Pettit Preserve has made significant strides over the past two years and it

would not have been possible without the active support of corporate citizens like Georgia Power's Plant Bowen.

The Pettit Preserve consists of 67 acres, an 18-acre lake, streams, waterfalls, and a varied assortment of wildlife, both plants and animals. It is conveniently located in western Bartow County. The preserve hosts groups such as 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and pre-school classes with the intent to extend the educational programs to our local schools. The preserve would like to invite the members of the community to become VIP's—Volunteers in the Preserve. Contact Jan Barnes at [jab9541@bell-south.net](mailto:jab9541@bell-south.net) to arrange a visit to The Preserve or to become a corporate sponsor.

Georgia Power's Plant Bowen is a prominent and active member of the local community. Contact Elise Berman 404-506-7505.