

#### **NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS:**

**DeKalb County is a beautiful place in which to live and the small areas located within or near a floodplain are very important to the overall drainage of the County. The undisturbed wetlands provide a wide range of benefits to human and natural systems. Water quality is improved through the wetlands ability to filter nutrients and impurities from runoff and process organic wastes. These areas provide breeding and feeding grounds for fish and wildlife, create and enhance waterfowl habitats, support a high rate of plant growth, and maintain bio-diversity and the integrity of the ecosystem. Floodplains provide greenspace for the protection of streams from development and the forces of erosion.**