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Release digital map of rivers, greens tell CM

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Coimbatore: The federation of environmental organizations in the district submitted a set of requests to chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami during a meeting that took place in the city on Friday. They requested the state government to announce catchment areas of major rivers in the region as protected zones and to release the digital map of rivers in the state.

The federation comprises several organizations that work to protect the environment, including Kovai Kulangal Pathukappu Amaipu, Residents Awareness Association of Coimbatore, Siruthuli, CUBE, C4TN and Kurichi Kulam Pathukappu Iyyakam.

A statement from the federation said that the state government should take steps to preserve the ancient documents related to water bodies and release the digital map of rivers in the state for public. "Steps should be taken to form a committee under the leadership of the collector and it should include all stakeholders. The committee should meet every month to find solutions related to topics like development of water bodies, enriching the biodiversity, expanding green space, smart city, solid waste management, rain water harvesting, man animal conflict related problems," the statement said.

Holding the government responsible for taking tree census in all ward, the statement said that steps should be taken to increase green space. "Steps should be taken to release water from the Parambikulam-Aliyar canal to Kothavadi tank and areas like Arasur, Vellanaipatti and Kaniyur should be included in second scheme of Athikadavu-Avinashi scheme."