

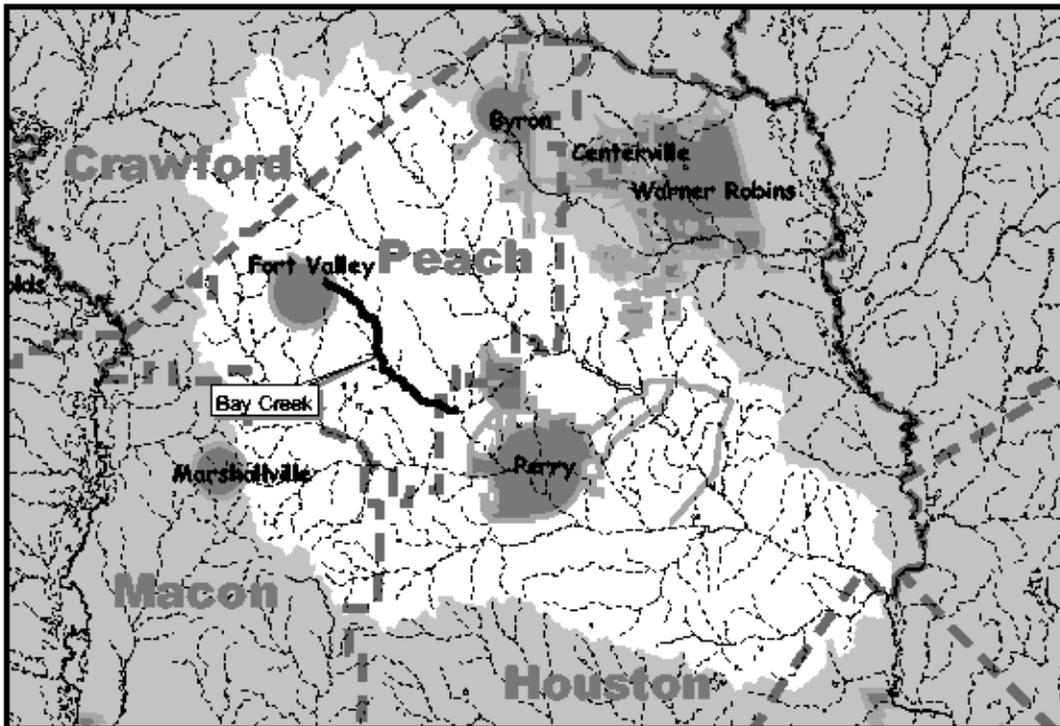
**STATE OF GEORGIA
TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Bay Creek
(Fecal Coliform)**

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TMDL Implementation Plans are platforms for establishing a course of actions to restore the quality of impaired water bodies in a watershed. They are intended as a continuing process that may be revised as new conditions and information warrant. Procedures will be developed to track and evaluate the implementation of the management practices and activities identified in the plans. Once restored, appropriate management practices and activities will be continued to maintain the water bodies. The overall goal of the Plan is to define a set of actions that will help achieve water quality standards in the state of Georgia. This plan was originally prepared as an implementation inventory by the Middle Georgia RDC with a Section 604(b) Grant. TMDL load allocation information has been updated to reflect the approved TMDL.

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Impaired Waterbody*	Impaired Stream Location	River Basin	Miles/Area Impacted	Partially Supporting/ Not Supporting
Bay Creek	Headwaters to Beaver Creek	Ocmulgee	9	Not Supporting

**TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
For
FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
In
BAY CREEK
PEACH, HOUSTON COUNTIES, GEORGIA**

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Bay Creek Fecal Coliform Bacteria TMDL Implementation Plan

BACKGROUND

The stream segment under study is Bay Creek from the headwaters in the City of Fort Valley to Beaver Creek in extreme western Houston County (see attached map) that covers approximately nine miles and includes the counties of Peach and Houston. Bay Creek has water classification of fishing, and its degree of impairment is listed as non-supporting. TMDL load limit and allocation data is not yet available. It will soon be released by the Environmental Protection Agency who is preparing the TMDL.

To assist in its development of this TMDL Implementation Inventory, the Middle Georgia RDC established the Bay Creek Plan Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from agriculture, forestry, local government, the private business sector, Fort Valley State University, and major environmental organizations (see Appendix A). Several meetings of this Plan Advisory Committee were held to review the TMDL process and provide input into the inventory document. In addition, major property owners along Bay Creek were notified of the impending TMDL and were asked to provide input when it becomes available (see Appendix B). They will also be given an active role during the implementation phase of this process.

SOURCES CONTRIBUTING TO IMPAIRMENT

Without the benefit of the TMDL document, two possible non-point sources were identified as contributing to the impairment. The first is the failure of septic systems and illicit discharges of raw sewerage. The second is from urban development; stormwater runoff, leaks and overflows from sanitary sewer systems, illicit discharges of sanitary waste, runoff from improper disposal of waste materials, leaking septic systems and domestic animals.

EXISTING REGULATORY/VOLUNTARY ACTIONS

In addition to a host of federal and state laws administered by various agencies, there are a number of important regulatory and voluntary actions currently being implemented to address the two possible non-point sources noted above. They are:

- The NPDES Permit for the Fort Valley WPCP that establishes average flow and fecal coliform loading limits.
- Peach County has adopted a soil and sedimentation control ordinance, a floodplain management ordinance and a zoning ordinance.
- The City of Fort Valley has adopted a soil and sedimentation control ordinance and a zoning ordinance.
- The Peach County Health Department administers septic tank regulations that require the review of septic tank plans on on-site inspections of new septic tanks.

RECOMMENDED REGULATORY AND VOLUNTARY MEASURES

Additional recommended regulatory or other measures that should be implemented to reduce the loads identified in the proposed TMDL are listed below:

- Adoption of Part V Environmental Criteria Ordinances for the City of Fort Valley and Peach County.
- Adherence to BMPs and establishment of BMP criteria regarding buffers/setbacks along all perennial streams.

- Adoption of floodplain and stormwater management regulations for the City of Fort Valley.
- Establishment of Adopt-A-Stream program along Bay Creek.
- Application of DIRT II techniques by the local builder/developer community.
- Organization and implementation of education and outreach programs for the builders/developers and the general public.
- Adoption of ordinance by Peach County giving the Health Department authority to inspect existing septic tanks and to make sure they are in good repair and have been recently cleaned.
- Establishment of regular testing of sanitary sewer mains for leaks and overflows and make repairs where necessary in the City of Fort Valley.
- Establishment of a program by the Peach County Water and Sewerage Authority to extend sewer service to households which are currently on septic tanks where feasible.

SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Below is the schedule for the implementation of the management measures.

Year 1

- Form Stakeholders Group
- Organize Implementation Work and Identify Potential Funding Sources
- Identify Sources of TMDL Parameters
- Develop Management Programs to Control Urban Runoff
- Organize and Implement Education and Outreach Programs
- Monitor and Evaluate Results
- Reassess TMDL Allocations
- Provide Periodic Status Reports on Implementation Process

Years 2-5

- Develop Management Programs to Control Urban Runoff
- Organize and Implement Education and Outreach Programs
- Detect and Eliminate Illicit Discharges
- Monitor and Evaluate Results
- Reassess TMDL Allocations
- Provide Periodic Status Reports on Implementation Process

Year 5

- Evaluate Additional Management Controls Needed
- Begin Process for Phase II

A total of 14 management controls and activities have already been implemented. Thirteen new management controls/activities are proposed in the five-year program.

MONITORING PLAN

In 1999, as part of its regular basin plan monitoring program, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources conducted stream monitoring at its station near the State Highway 96 Bridge, including assessing the presence of fecal coliform. The results of this stream monitoring effort showed that Bay Creek was in violation of water quality standards throughout the year 1999. Stream monitoring testing for fecal coliform is performed on Bay Creek to insure the Fort Valley WPCP is meeting NPDES permit requirements.

Future monitoring will include the following:

- Department of Natural Resources-Environmental Protection Division-Fecal Coliform testing as part of its Basin Planning Program in 2004.
- Fecal Coliform testing as part of the NPDES permit for the Fort Valley WPCP.
- Stormwater turbidity testing for construction sites disturbing five acres or more (one acre beginning in 2003) as part of NPDES Stormwater Permit.
- Contractor and Bay Creek Adopt-A-Stream program conducting fecal coliform stream monitoring during each of next five years with the exception of 2004.

CRITERIA TO DETERMINE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS

The focus of the stream monitoring program will be determining if the regulatory and voluntary controls and the Best Management Practices that are in place have reduced the percentage of fecal coliform concentration and result in a categorical change in the degree of impairment (from non-supporting to partially supporting, and eventually to supporting).

Monitoring will also be conducted on the number of regulatory/voluntary programs implemented and the application of all necessary BMPs.

Though the segment enters a portion of Houston County, the impairment for Bay Creek is located in Fort Valley/Peach County. At this time, Houston County does not wish to participate in an implementation plan involving impaired waters located in an adjacent county. It is their opinion that it is more important for Houston County to focus on impaired waters located within their jurisdiction.

STATE OF GEORGIA

TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR: Bay Creek (STREAM) Fecal Coliform (PARAMETER) RIVER BASIN: Ocmulgee
 PLAN DATE: 9/15/01

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General Information		Significant Stakeholders			
Obtain this information from the TMDL document or other information. When completed, this document will be a self-contained report independent of the TMDL document.		Identify local governments, agricultural organizations or significant land holders, commercial forestry organizations, businesses and industries, and local organizations including environmental groups with a major interest in this water body. (See Appendices A and B.)			
TMDL ID (to be entered by EPD)	OCM0000004	Name/Organization			
Water body name	Bay Creek	Address			
HUC basin name	Ocmulgee River	City	State	Zip	
HUC number	030701040202	Phone	e-mail		
Primary county	Peach	Name/Organization			
Secondary county	Houston	Address			
Primary RDC	Middle Georgia	City	State	Zip	
Secondary RDC	N/A	Phone	e-mail		
Water body location	Headwaters to Beaver	Name/Organization			
	Creek	Address			
Miles or area impacted	9	City	State	Zip	
Parameter addressed in plan	Fecal Coliform	Phone	e-mail		
Water use classification	Fishing	Name/Organization			
Degree of impairment	Partially supporting use <input type="checkbox"/>	Address			
	Not supporting use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	State	Zip	
Date TMDL approved by EPA	February 2002	Phone	e-mail		
Impairment due to	Point sources <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Organization			
	Nonpoint sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Address			
	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	City	State	Zip	
Point source-Form A; Nonpoint source-Form B; Both-Form A+B+C		Phone	e-mail		

If more, add to comments on last page.

FORM B

SUMMARY OF ALLOCATION MODEL RESULTS FROM TMDL DOCUMENT (existing load, target TMDL, and needed reduction)

EXISTING LOAD	TARGET TMDL	NEEDED REDUCTION
1.42 x 10 ¹³ (counts/30 days)	3.02 x 10 ¹¹ (counts/30 days)	98%

I. IDENTIFY **NONPOINT SOURCE** CATEGORIES AND SUBCATEGORIES OR INDIVIDUAL SOURCES WHICH MUST BE CONTROLLED TO IMPLEMENT LOAD ALLOCATIONS:

List possible major nonpoint sources contributing to impairment including those identified in TMDL document.

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRIBUTION TO IMPAIRMENT	RECOMMENDED LOAD REDUCTION (FROM TMDL)
Leaking Septic Systems	Failure of septic systems and illicit discharges of raw sewerage.	N/A
Urban Development	Stormwater runoff, leaks and overflows from sanitary sewer systems, illicit discharges of sanitary waste, runoff from improper disposal of waste materials, leaking septic systems and domestic animals.	N/A

II. DESCRIBE ANY REGULATORY OR VOLUNTARY ACTIONS INCLUDING MANAGEMENT MEASURES OR OTHER CONTROLS BY GOVERNMENTS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO THE POLLUTANT AND THE WATERBODY FOR WHICH THE TMDL WAS WRITTEN, THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY MECHANISMS, AND THAT WILL HELP ACHIEVE THE LOAD ALLOCATIONS IN THE TMDL:

See the attachment for more instructions.

Existing or required regulatory actions

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY	NAME OF REGULATION/ORDINANCE	DESCRIPTION	ENACTED OR PROJECTED DATE (mm/yy)	STATUS
Fort Valley WPCP	NPDES Permit GA0031046	Establish average flow and FC loading limits.	N/A	In effect
Peach County	Soil and Sedimentation Control Ordinance	Provides review of soil and sedimentation control plans for certain disturbing activities.	8/95, amended	In effect
Peach County	Floodplain Management Ordinance	Regulates development in the 100-year floodplain.	3/90	In effect
City of Fort Valley	Soil and Sedimentation Control Ordinance	Provides review of soil and sedimentation control plans for certain disturbing activities.	1982	In effect
Peach County/Fort Valley	Zoning Ordinance	Regulates use, lot size, yard setbacks, etc. for the protection of the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Fort Valley and Peach County	8/86	In effect
EPA/Army Corps of Engineers	Clean Water Act/Section 404	Requires permit for dredge and fill activities in lakes, rivers and perennial and intermittent streams, wetlands, sloughs, and natural ponds.	1972/6-88	In effect
Georgia DNR/EPD	Georgia Water Quality Act	Makes it unlawful to discharge excessive pollutants (sediments, nutrients, pesticides, animal waste, etc.) into waters of the state in amounts harmful to the public health.	1964	In effect
Georgia DNR	Georgia Planning Act	Authorizes Georgia DNR to develop standards to protect wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, water supply watersheds, protected river	1991	In effect

		corridors and mountains.		
Georgia DNR/EPD	General Stormwater NPDES	Requires NPDES permit for construction sites disturbing 5 acres or more; one acre beginning 2003.	N/A	In effect
Peach County Health Department	New Septic Tank Installation	Requires the review plans for new septic installation to insure state and local regulations are met. On-site inspections of new septic tanks to insure proper installation.	N/A	In effect

Existing voluntary actions

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY	NAME OF ACTION	DESCRIPTION	ENACTED OR PROJECTED DATE (mm/yy)	STATUS
None				

Additional recommended regulatory or other measures which should be implemented to reduce the loads of the TMDL parameter

ENTITY/ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE	NAME OF PROPOSED REGULATION/ORDINANCE/ OTHER	DESCRIPTION	ENACTED OR PROJECTED DATE (mm/yy)	STATUS
City of Fort Valley	Part V Environmental Criteria Ordinances (wetlands and groundwater recharge)	Protect wetlands and groundwater recharge areas.	2/02	Proposed
Peach County	Part V Environmental Criteria Ordinance (wetlands, groundwater recharge river corridor)	Protect wetlands, groundwater recharge areas and river corridor.	2/02	Proposed
City of Fort Valley/ Peach County	Buffers/setbacks along all perennial streams	Adhere to BMPs and establish BMP criteria.	10/02	Proposed
City of Fort Valley	Floodplain Protection Regulations	Regulate development in the 100-year floodplain.	10/02	Proposed
City of Fort Valley	Stormwater Management Regulations	Require plans to control stormwater runoff from disturbed site.	10/02	Proposed
Georgia DNR - EPD	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Program	Enlist and train volunteers to conduct visual surveys, biological monitoring, and chemical testing and clean-	6/02	Proposed

		up on impaired streams.		
Builders/Developers	DIRT II Techniques	Model and manage stormwater runoff from construction sites within Bay Creek watershed that are located within 100 feet of Bay Creek and its tributaries.	1/03	Proposed
City of Fort Valley and Peach County	Builder/Developer Education	Hold workshops and other forums to discuss the General Stormwater NPDES Permit for construction activities, DIRT II techniques, and other innovative techniques to protect sensitive natural resources.	10/02	Proposed
City of Fort Valley and Peach County	Public Education	(1) Develop videotape series that identifies significant natural resources in Peach County, identifies the vulnerability of these resources to land development and other activities, and identifies ways the public can participate in protecting and preserving these resources, including repairing leaky septic tanks, properly maintaining septic tanks, and controlling domestic pets; (2) work with Peach County's Board of Education to develop and implement a curriculum that focuses on Peach County's natural resources and the students' role in protecting them; (3) establish a Speakers' Bureau of noted local/state officials who could speak to various groups on the state of Peach County's natural resources and ways the public can help protect and preserve them.	10/01	Proposed
Peach County	Mandatory Inspection of Septic Tanks	Adopt ordinance giving Health Department authority to inspect existing septic tanks to make sure they are in good repair and have been recently cleaned. Require residents to clean septic tanks on a regular basis.	10/03	Proposed
City of Fort Valley	Inspections and Repair of Sewer Mains	Regular testing of sanitary sewer mains for leaks and overflows and make repairs where necessary.	10/01	Proposed
Peach County Water and Sewerage Authority	Eliminate Septic Tanks	Extend sewer service to households that are currently on septic tanks where feasible.	Begin 10/02	Proposed

III. SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT MEASURES OR OTHER CONTROL ACTIONS:

These must be implemented as expeditiously as practicable within five years of when the implementation plan is accepted by EPA.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION	YEAR 1 10/01-02	YEAR 2 10/02/03	YEAR 3 10/03-04	YEAR 4 10/04-05	YEAR 5 10/05-06
Form stakeholders group	X				
Organize implementation work with stakeholders and local officials to identify remedial measures and potential funding sources	X				
Identify sources of TMDL parameter	X				
Develop management programs to control runoff including identification and implementation of BMPs (Phase I):					
Urban	X	X	X	X	X
Organize and implement education and outreach programs	X	X	X	X	X
Detect and eliminate illicit discharges		X	X	X	X
Evaluate additional management controls needed					X
Monitor and evaluate results	X	X	X	X	X
Reassess TMDL allocations	X	X	X	X	X
Provide periodic status reports on implementation of remedial activities	X	X	X	X	X
If needed, begin process for Phase II (next 5 years) and subsequent phases					X

IV. PROJECTED ATTAINMENT DATE AND BASIS FOR THAT PROJECTION:

The projected attainment date is 10 years from acceptance of the implementation plan by EPA.

V. MEASURABLE MILESTONES:

- Number of management controls and activities already implemented 14
- Number of management controls and activities proposed in five-year work program 13
- Number of management controls and activities actually implemented in five-year work period _____ (to be completed after 5 years)
- Stream sampled to identify areas of concern See monitoring plan
- Other _____ _____

- Other _____

VI. MONITORING PLAN:

Monitoring data that placed stream on 303(d) list will be provided if requested.

Describe previous or current sampling activities or other surveys to detect sources or to measure effectiveness of management measures or other controls.

ORGANIZATION	TIME FRAME	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE	STATUS
DNR – EPD	1999	Fecal Coliform	Assess the presence or absence of fecal coliform.	Violation in 1999.
City of Fort Valley WPCP	On-going	Fecal Coliform	To insure effluent meet NPDES permit requirements	In compliance.

Describe any planned or proposed sampling activities or other surveys. (Scheduled EPD sampling can be found in the Basin Planning document.)

ORGANIZATION	TIME FRAME	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE	STATUS
DNR-EPD	2004	Fecal Coliform	Basin Planning	On-going
City of Fort Valley WPCP	On-going	Fecal Coliform	To meet NPDES permit	On-going
Construction sites disturbing 5 acres or more	On-going	Stormwater Turbidity	To meet NPDES permit	On-going
Construction sites disturbing 1 acre or more	Begin 2003	Stormwater Turbidity	To meet NPDES permit.	Proposed
University of Georgia and/or other subcontractors	6/02, 6/03, 6/05, 6/06	Fecal Coliform	Impacts of regulatory/voluntary actions.	Proposed
Adopt-A-Stream – Georgia DNR - EPD	6/02, 6/03, 6/05, 6/06	Assist subcontractors with Fecal Coliform testing.	Impacts of regulatory/voluntary actions.	Proposed

VII. CRITERIA TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE:

- % concentration or load change (monitoring program)
- Categorical change in classification of the stream (delisting the stream is the goal)

- Regulatory controls or activities installed (ordinances, laws)
- Best management practices installed (agricultural, forestry, urban)
 1. Monitoring Programs – The stream monitoring subcontractor along with the Adopt-A-Stream Program, in coordination with DNR – Water Protection Branch, will conduct fecal coliform testing on Bay Creek annually except for 2004. In 2004, the Georgia DNR will conduct stream monitoring for fecal coliform as part of its Basin Planning Program. The focus of this monitoring program should be determining if the regulatory and voluntary controls and Best Management Practices that are in place are making a difference in bringing Bay Creek into compliance with fecal coliform standards.
 2. Regulatory Controls or Activities Installed (ordinances, laws, education programs) – Monitor the number of regulatory and voluntary programs implemented during the five-year period.
 3. Best Management Practices Installed (urban development) – Ensure all necessary BMPs are being implemented in the Bay Creek drainage watershed.

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