

TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

SAINT MARY'S RIVER BASIN

Overview of North Prong Saint Mary's River Watershed Plan

The North Prong Saint Mary's River watershed (HUC10 #0307020401) is located in the Saint Mary's River basin in Southeast Georgia's Charlton County and serves as the headwaters to Cedar Creek. The local governments involved in improving the North Prong St. Mary's River Watershed are the Charlton and Ware County Commissions. Also involved in the effort are the Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center (SEGa RDC) in Waycross and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Protection Division (GADNR-EPD).

Having been determined to be an impaired water body by the State of Georgia, the North Prong St. Mary's River in Charlton County is classified as *partially supporting* its designation as fishing water and has an impacted area of 19 miles. The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for the North Prong St. Mary's River watershed is a collaborative effort of the GADNR-EPD and the SEGa RDC. A TMDL is the calculation of the maximum amount of a particular pollutant that a water body, river, or stream can receive and still be safe, healthy, and meet Georgia water quality standards.

According to the North Prong St. Mary's River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan, the water body suffers from one impairment, Dissolved Oxygen (DO). To improve the water quality of North Prong St. Mary's River, the TMDL Implementation Plan suggests a 32% reduction in nonpoint source contamination resulting in a decrease of total organic carbon, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus.

Contributors to Impaired Dissolved Oxygen in North Prong Saint Mary's River

There are numerous nonpoint sources of oxygen demanding substances in the North Prong St. Mary's River watershed. These sources include surface storm runoff of agriculture and residential fertilizer as well as animal waste from land application of manure, grazing animals, and wildlife. Also, leaking and overflowing septic systems, unchecked runoff from development sites, and the possible introduction of sediment, nutrients, fuels, fertilizers, and pesticide through silviculture are all contributing to the DO impairment in North Prong St. Mary's River.

In addition to the aforementioned sources, many Southeast Georgia streams, including North Prong St. Mary's River, are slow-flowing, "blackwater" bodies. The dark water coloration is due to adjacent wetland areas having organically rich bottom sediments that flow to the stream, as well as leaf litterfall. These factors also have an effect on DO.

Developing the Plan and Stakeholder Involvement

The SEGaRDC has worked closely with GADNR-EPD to develop the TMDL Implementation Plan for the North Prong St. Mary's River watershed. Each agency has been diligent in making sure that the strategy includes an action plan, education/outreach activities, stakeholders, pollutant sources, and potential funding resources. Stakeholders, including local government officials, landowners, industrial representatives and interest groups, have played a vital role in the plan's preparation. In fact, needed input was received during a meeting on October 7, 2002, with the St. Marys River Management Committee. This diverse group is comprised of both public and private sector representatives whose main concern is saving the St. Mary's River. Stakeholders offer valuable information and data regarding their community and the impaired water bodies and can provide insight and/or implement management measures.

Monitoring Plan

The monitoring plan will determine the effectiveness of the target TMDL and the management measures being implemented to meet water quality standards. Water quality testing is scheduled to begin in 2003 while residential and urban best management practices (BMPs) are

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slated to commence in December of 2004. A program to reduce the illegal dumping of tires is proposed to begin in December 2005, as is a voluntary septic system inspection program. Forestry and agriculture BMPs are in place and are on-going.

Management Practices

The Implementation Plan lists management measures that have been or will be implemented to achieve water quality standards and the load reductions established in the TMDL. The management measures, including regulatory or voluntary actions or other controls by governments or individuals, specifically apply to the Dissolved Oxygen in the North Prong St. Mary's River watershed. The following management practices are included in the TMDL Implementation Plan:

- Septic tank management
- Pet excrement disposal and management program
- Automotive product care disposal and management program
- Lawn and garden poison care disposal and management care program
- Household cleaner care disposal and management program
- Sewer management program
- Spillage control and cleanup program
- Nutrient management program
- Pesticides management program
- Streamside management zones

Projected Attainment Date

The projected date to attain and maintain water quality standards in the North Prong St. Mary's River watershed is 2012, which is within 10 years of the acceptance of the TMDL Implementation Plan by the Environmental Protection Division.

Conclusion

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. Through this intergovernmental partnership and the collaboration with the private stakeholders, the North Prong St. Mary's River watershed TMDL Implementation Plan is sure to succeed.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
WATERSHED APPROACH
SAINT MARY'S RIVER BASIN**

Local Watershed Governments

SOUTHEAST GEORGIA RDC
Charlton County
Ware County

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This Implementation Plan addresses an action plan, education/outreach activities, stakeholders, pollutant sources, and potential funding resources affecting the sub-basin. In addition, the Plan describes (a) regulatory and voluntary practices/control actions (*management measures*) to reduce target pollutants, (b) milestone schedules to show the development of the management measures (*measurable milestones*), (c) a monitoring plan to determine the efficiency of the management measures and measurable milestones, and (d) criteria to determine whether substantial progress is being made towards reducing pollutants in impaired waterbodies. 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. Following this section is information regarding individual impaired streams.

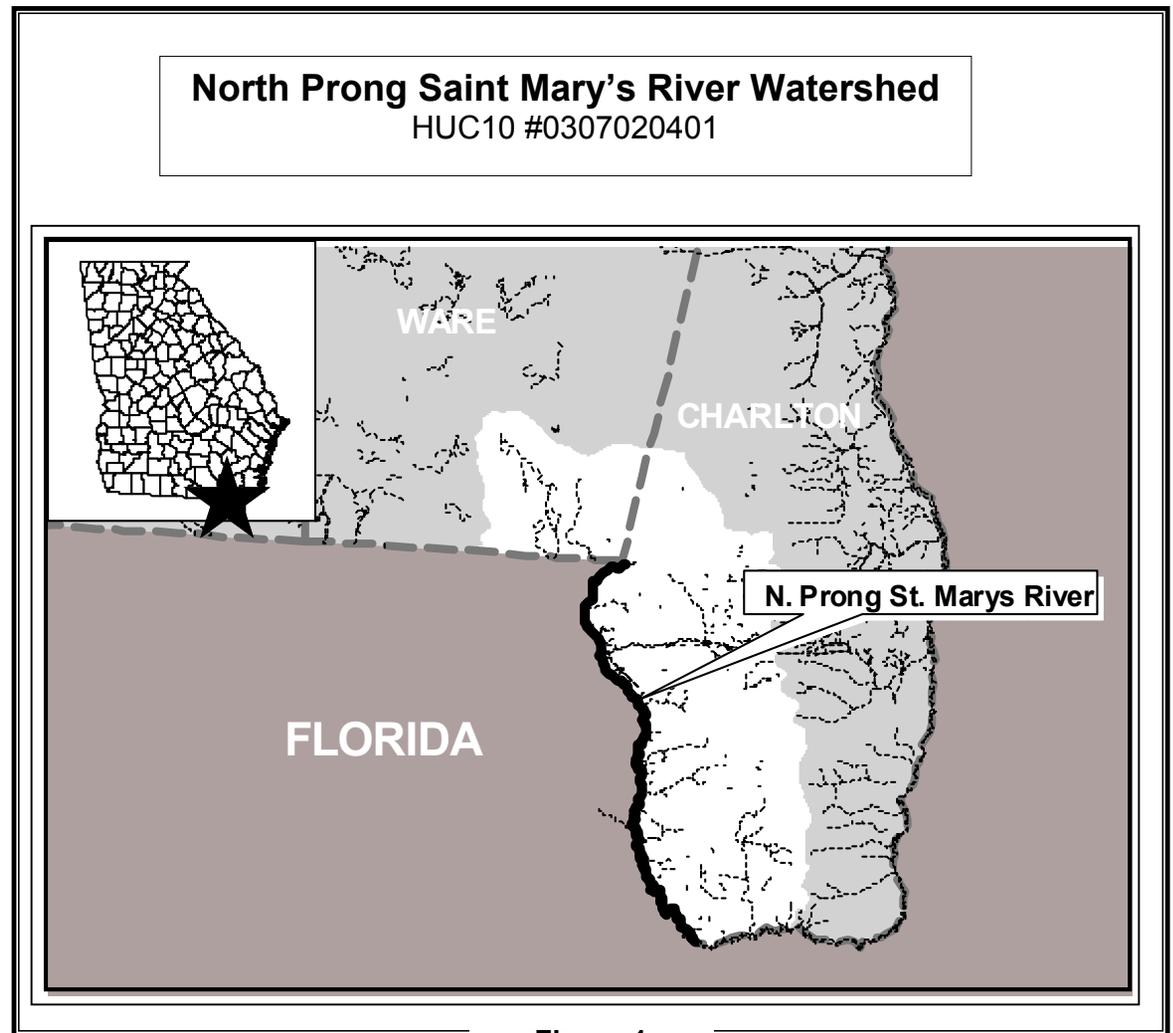


Figure 1

Impaired Waterbody*	Impaired Stream Location	Impairment
1. North Prong Saint Mary's River	Headwaters to Cedar Creek	Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

*These Waterbody Numbers are referenced throughout the Implementation Plan.

Action Plan for N. Prg. St. Mary's River Watershed

Watershed: N. Prg. St. Mary's River
HUC10: #0307020401

POLLUTANT:	SOURCE:	EFFECT:	WHAT CAN I DO?	
			At Home: Community, School	At Work: Business, Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissolved Oxygen (DO) <input type="checkbox"/> Fecal Coliform (FC) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment <input type="checkbox"/> Metals <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Consumption Guidelines (FCG) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List)	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List) (1) Large number of hay-producing fields (2) Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Habitat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List)	<p>Septic Tank Management: a. Prevent soil contamination. b. Prevent waste runoff. c. Routine and regular maintenance of septic system.</p> <p>Pet Excrement Disposal: a. Properly dispose of pet excrement.</p> <p>Automotive Care: a. Regular maintenance, check for leaks and the proper disposal of fluids at approved locations.</p> <p>Lawn and Garden Care: a. Proper yard maintenance. b. Proper disposal of organic and non-organic yard by-products. c. Proper precautions and correct usage of chemical and fertilizers.</p> <p>Household Cleaners: a. Proper disposal of household chemicals. b. Correct usage of chemicals.</p> <p>Sewer management: a. Routine visual inspections and report leaks if noted.</p> <p>Spill/Discharge Control and Cleanup: a. Control and cleanup spills according to instruction of manufacturer.</p> <p>Miscellaneous Product Care: a. Control and cleanup spills according to instruction of manufacturer.</p> <p>Trash Pickup: a. Visually inspect containers and report damage or leaks. b. Keep container secure at all times. c. Ensure that trash is picked up on a regular schedule.</p>	<p>Automotive Care: a. Regular maintenance of fleet vehicles, check for leaks and the proper disposal of fluids at approved locations.</p> <p>Lawn and Garden Care: Ensure that contracted lawn services adhere to: a. Proper yard maintenance. b. Proper disposal of organic and non-organic yard by-products. c. Proper precautions and correct usage of chemical and fertilizers.</p> <p>Commercial Chemical Cleaners: a. Proper disposal of commercial chemicals. b. Correct usage of chemicals. c. Inform all employees of MDSS.</p> <p>Sewer management: a. Routine visual inspections and report leaks if noted.</p> <p>Spill/Discharge Control and Cleanup: a. Control and cleanup spills according to instruction of manufacturer.</p> <p>Miscellaneous Product Care: a. Control and cleanup spills according to instruction of manufacturer.</p> <p>Trash Pickup: a. Visually inspect containers and report damage or leaks. b. Keep container secure at all times. c. Ensure that trash is picked up on a regular schedule.</p> <p>Agriculture: Best Management Practices (BMPs) a. Waste storage structure-Utilize and store waste b. Filter Strips-Reduce soil erosion, filter runoff and provide wildlife habitat. c. Nutrient Management-Prevent over-application of nutrients, protect against soil contamination.</p> <p>Forestry: Best Management Practices (BMPs) a. Streamside Management Zones (SMZS) b. Road building-Prevents soil erosion</p>

INFORMATION/EDUCATION/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

An education/outreach component will be used to enhance public understanding of and participation in implementing the TMDL Implementation Plan. List of all previous and planned information/education/outreach activities.

Responsible Organization Or Entity	Description	Impacted Waterbodies*	Target Audience	Anticipated Dates (MM/YY)
Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center, Fred Carpenter	Ordinance/Regulation Review for the City of Folkston, Homeland and Charlton County	1	Local Governments	Ongoing
EPD Coastal District, Frank VanArsdale	Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Industry	1	Business Community	Ongoing
EPD Coastal District, Frank VanArsdale	BMPs for Water Quality	1	Business Community	Ongoing
Georgia Forestry Commission, Stan Moore	Best Management Practices for Forestry	1	Forestry Industry/Private Land Owner	Ongoing
NRCS, 7 Rivers RC&D, Luther Jones	Best Management Practices for Agricultural BMPs for Agricultural	1	Agricultural Industry	Ongoing
University of Georgia Extension Agent, Terry Thigpen	BMPs for Agricultural	1	Agricultural Industry	12/2003
Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center (RDC), DNR/EPD	Southeast Georgia RDC is assisting local governments with a Water Committee. The Committee has been operational for 9 months. One project that the committee would like to undertake is educational videotape for Residential and Urban BMPs. The committee believes that the key to quality water is behavior modification through education. This will be collaborative effort between DNR/EPD, Southeast Georgia RDC, Water Committee and Local Governments.	1	Local Governments and Citizens	12/2004

Saint Mary's Watershed Committee, George Varn	Organization to Protect the Saint Marys River Basin.	1	Individuals, local governments representatives and state governments.	Ongoing
Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center	Comprehensive Plan Update. Will assist local government in addressing Land Use Issues and growth in Charlton County.	1	Local Governments and Citizens Action Committees	12/2003-06/2004
Adopt-A-Stream, Dr. Joe Richardson	Will Assist Dr. Joe Richardson in the introduction of the Adopt-A-Stream program into Charlton County. Dr. Joe Richardson is a Marine Biology Professor at Armstrong State College.	1	Citizens	03/2003
Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center, Fred Carpenter	Southeast Georgia RDC will, with the assistance of Julie Vann, Costal Conservation Resources, and NRCS, seek funds to assist Charlton County in the development of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)	1	Local Government	1/2003

STAKEHOLDERS

EPD encourages public involvement and the active participation of stakeholders in the process of improving water quality. Stakeholders can provide valuable information and data regarding their community and the impaired water bodies and can provide insight and/or implement management measures.

List of local governments, agricultural organizations or significant landholders, commercial forestry organizations, businesses and industries, and local organizations including environmental groups and individuals with a major interest in this watershed.

Name/Organization	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	E-Mail
George W. Varn, Jr., Varn Lumber	P.O. Box 128	Hoboken	GA	31542	912-458-2187	N/A
Dean Woehrle St. Marys River Management Committee	P.O. Box 5007	Callahan	FL	32011	904-910-2531	N/A
Dixie M. McGurn, Mayor, City of Folkston	103 North First St.	Folkston	GA	31537	912-496-2563	N/A
Theron Aldridge, Public Works Supervisor City of Folkston	103 North First St.	Folkston	GA	31537	912-496-2563	N/A
Austin Hickox, Mayor, City of Homeland	607 PA Ave.	Homeland	GA	31537	912-496-7332	N/A
Jerry Daulbaugh, Water Dept. Superintendent City of Homeland	607 PA Ave.	Homeland	GA	31537	912-496-7332	N/A
Jessie Smith, Chairman, Charlton County	100 S. Third St.	Folkston	GA	31537	912-496-2549	N/A
Steve Nance, County Admin., Charlton County	100 S. Third St.	Folkston	GA	31537	912-496-2549	N/A
Dr. Joe Richardson, Marine Sciences Program, Savannah State	P.O. Box 20583	Savannah	GA	31404	912-356-2809	Richards@savstate.edu
Stan Moore, Georgia Forestry Commission	2764 E. Baker Hwy	Douglas	GA		912-389-4045	smoore@GFC.STATE.GA.US
Gowen Timber Co. Inc.	108 Okefenokee Dr.	Folkston	GA	31537	912-462-2571	N/A
Toledo Manufacturing Co.	109 N. Third	Folkston	GA	31537	912-462-2571	N/A
International Paper	3131 Brown Dr.	Waycross	GA	31503	912-283-2717	N/A
Trish Gramajo, Land Protection Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy	45W Bay ST., Suite 202	Jacksonville	FLA	32202	904-598-0004	www.nature.org
Bill Wikoff, International Paper	6508 New Jesup Highway	Brunswick	GA	31523	912-265-1378	Bill.Wikoff@ipaper.com
Fredrick E. Carpenter, Southeast Georgia RDC	1725 South Georgia Parkway, West	Waycross	GA	31503	912-285-6097	fecseagardc@accesatc.net

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WATER BODIES/STREAMS COVERED IN THIS PLAN

These impaired streams are located in the same sub-basin identified by a HUC10 code. Most of the information contained in this section comes from the 303(d) list and has been completed by employees of the EPD Water Protection Branch. Data that placed the streams on the 303(d) list will be provided upon request.

Waterbody Name #1	Location	Miles/Area Impacted	Use Classification	Partially Supporting/ Not Supporting (PS/NS)
North Prong Saint Mary's River	Headwaters to Cedar Creek	19 miles	Fishing	PS
Primary County	Secondary County	Second RDC	Source (Point/ Nonpoint)	
Charlton	Ware		Nonpoint	
Pollutants	Water Quality Standards	Required Load Reduction	TMDL ID	Date TMDL Established
Contributing to DO	DO: 5 mg/L (daily)-4 mg/L (minimum) Natural Water Quality Standard DO: 2.781mg/L (minimum)	Nonpoint: 32% TOC, TN, TP		December 2001

TOC=Total Organic Carbon (lb/yr), TN=Total Nitrogen (lb/yr), TP=Total Phosphorus (lb/yr)

POLLUTANT SOURCES

It is important to recognize the potential source(s) causing water quality impairment. Each source must be controlled to comply with target TMDL/Load Allocations for each pollutant. Included is a description of how the sources contribute to the impairment and the waterbody that is impaired.

List of major nonpoint source categories and sub-categories or individual sources (Urban Runoff, Agriculture, Forestry, Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant)

Pollutant	Sources of Pollutants	Description of Contribution To Impairment	Impacted Waterbodies*
Dissolved Oxygen	Leaking Septic Systems	Effluent leakage due to overflowing sewage systems and leaking collection lines.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Land Disturbing Activities	Unchecked runoff from developing/developed sites: (1) Improper disposal of waste materials and (2) Introduction of sediments into waterways. (Sediments change the mechanics of the waterway by reducing flow rates)	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Agricultural/Silvicultural/Residential Chemical/Fertilizer Applications of Chemicals by aerial and broadcast means.	Agricultural/Silvicultural/Residential chemicals/fertilizer (Nitrates and Phosphates) runoff increases the natural eutrophication rates in streams and creeks, and contributes to DO by producing a carbonaceous chemical reacting with O ² .	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Pet Excrement	Pet excrement is deposited on the ground in residential areas. During routine lawn maintenance (watering) or during periods of precipitation the excrement is washed away into nearby waterways.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Organic Materials from Lawns, Hay-producing Activities, Silvicultural and County Right-of-Ways.	Yard trimmings, leaves, branches and chipping materials that are not properly secured or disposed are washed away into nearby waterways.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Laundry Care Products	Detergents are emptied into the septic system, unto ground, or deposited into unapproved drainage/septic systems. During periods of precipitation these chemicals are washed away into nearby waterways.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Spillage of Raw Sewage	Spills that are not properly contained and/or decontaminated correctly are left on surface(s) to be washed away during periods of precipitation.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Improper Methods of Trash Collection and Disposal	Spillage and incorrect disposal techniques place substances on surfaces to be washed into waterways during precipitation.	1

Pollutant	Sources of Pollutants	Description of Contribution To Impairment	Impacted Waterbodies*
Dissolved Oxygen	Improper Methods of Collection and Disposal of Petroleum Products and Materials related to the repair of Gasoline and Diesel Equipment	Fluids, materials associated with mechanical repairs and chemical absorbent materials that are not properly disposed of are placed on surfaces to be washed into drainage system(s) or dumped illegal into drainage systems.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Organic Materials from Agricultural and Silvicultural Developments and Operations	Runoff from hay fields, row crop production, leaves, branches and chipping materials that are not properly secured or disposed are washed away into nearby drainage systems and/or waterways.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Wetlands	Wetland areas often contribute to high organic (leaf litterfall, decomposing plants) loading, slow flows (due to minimum topographical relief) and elevated temperatures in a surface water system that result in conditions where the dissolved oxygen is naturally lower and cannot meet the numeric criteria without reductions in the natural nutrient and carbon loads. Usually reduction in natural forest or wetlands contributions is not feasible, practicable or desirable through conventional best management practices.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Lateral Leaf Litter	Decreases in Oxygen due to decomposition of organic materials	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Direct Leaf Litter	Direct introduction of leafs falling into waterways from overhanging branches, limbs and trees. These leaves settle at the bottom and require further breakdown by aerobic microorganisms.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Broadcasting of Organic Materials	Introduced into waterways by runoff and wind. Organic materials need aerobic microorganisms to further breakdown the materials lending to decreased oxygen in the impacted waterway.	1
Dissolved Oxygen	Urban Development	Unchecked Runoff through storm water sewers and improper disposal of waste materials.	1

Pollutant	Sources of Pollutants	Description of Contribution To Impairment	Impacted Waterbodies*
Dissolved Oxygen	Forested Woodlands and Terrain	Heavily forest and wetlands often contribute to high organic (leaf litterfall, decomposing plants) loading and slow flows (due to minimum topographical relief) in a surface water system that result in conditions where the dissolved oxygen is naturally lower and cannot meet the numeric criteria without reductions in the natural nutrient and carbon loads. Usually reduction in natural forest or wetlands is not feasible, practicable or desirable through conventional best management practices.	1

MANAGEMENT MEASURES, MEASURABLE MILESTONES AND SCHEDULE

(i.e. Local codes and ordinances, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Storm Water Management, Local water resource monitoring)

The following table lists management measures that have been or will be implemented to achieve water quality standards and the load reductions established in the TMDL. The management measures, including regulatory or voluntary actions or other controls by governments or individuals, specifically apply to the pollutant and the waterbody for which the TMDL was written. A description is provided of how these management measures are/will be accomplished through reliable and effective delivery mechanisms, and how these management measures are/will help achieve the target TMDL. Included is the source of the pollutant, anticipated/past effectiveness of the management measure (very effective, somewhat effective, not effective), the current status (i.e. enforced, in-progress, planning), and measurable milestones and schedule. Milestones are used to measure progress in attaining water quality standards and to determine whether management measures are being implemented.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
CAFO Regulations Land Application System Permits	Georgia DNR EPD General NPDES Permits	Permitting requirements for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Land Application Systems with liquid manure	2002	Pending	Regulatory
Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness		
DO	Containment lagoons, LAS sprays	1	Effective		
Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments		
	Start	End			
Compliance with regulations to control water pollution including identification and implementation of Best Management Practices	2002	Continuous	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan		

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Georgia Water Quality Control Act Georgia Groundwater Use Act Georgia Erosion & Sedimentation Act Georgia Comprehensive Planning Act Georgia River Basin Management Planning Act	Georgia DNR EPD	Laws authorizing Georgia EPD to control water pollution, eliminate phosphate detergents and regulate sludge disposal; to require permits for agricultural ground and surface water withdrawals; to prohibit siltation of state waters by land disturbing activities and require undisturbed buffers along state waters; to require land-use plans that include controls to protect drinking water supply sources and wetlands; to require river basin management plans on a rotation schedule for all major river basins.	11/64	Enforced	Regulatory

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Ungoverned point source discharge and nonpoint source runoff pollution loads.	1	Effective

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Compliance with regulations to control water pollution including identification and implementation of Best Management Practices	11/64	Continuous	N/A

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Septic Tank Management	Individual	Routine septic system maintenance prevents soil contamination, waste runoff and improves soil and water quality.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
Dissolved Oxygen	Effluent from malfunctioning septic systems	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Pet Excrement Disposal and Management Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to correctly dispose of pet excrement.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
Dissolved Oxygen	Pet Excrement	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Power Equipment, Commercial, Industrial, and Personal, Product Care Disposal and Management Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to properly dispose of materials that are related to the repair and routine maintenance of power equipment.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Car washes, mechanical repair and maintenance shops, and individual home auto maintenance and/or repair.	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Lawn and Garden Poison Care Disposal and Management Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to properly dispose of lawn and garden chemicals.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Lawn, Agricultural & Garden Herbicides and Pesticides.	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Household Cleaner Care Disposal and Management Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to properly dispose of household chemicals.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Household Chemicals	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Sewer Management Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to routinely inspect sewage system on property.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Leaking Sewage Lines	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Spillage Control and Cleanup Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to cleanup, control and/or to report spills.	12/2004	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Surface Spills or Uncontrolled Discharges	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	12/2004	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Nutrient Management Program	NRCS, Seven Rivers RC&D, and University of Georgia Extension Agent	Encourages and educates farmers on the correct usage and amount of fertilizers to maintain high yield and to lessen the impact of nitrates and phosphates to waterways. Reduces NP sources of pollution.	01/1991	In-progress	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Nitrates and Phosphates	1	Effective

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	01/1991	Continuous	NRCS and University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to remain effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Pesticides Management Program	NRCS, Seven Rivers RC&D, and University of Georgia Extension Agent	Encourages and educates farmers on the correct usage and amount of fertilizers to maintain high yield and to lessen the impact of nitrates and phosphates to waterways. Reduces NP sources of pollution.	01/1991	In-progress	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
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DO	Pesticides	1	Effective
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Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	

Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	01/1991	Continuous	NRCS and University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to remain effective.
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Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Streamside Management Zones	NRCS and Georgia Forestry Commission	Educates foresters to identify sensitive areas and applicable BMPs to be used during stream crossing , harvesting, site preparation, reforestation, and herbicide applications. Reduces NP sources of pollution by reducing the amount of leaf litter, wood products and chemicals introduce into the waterways.	01/1991	In-progress	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Leaf litter, wood products and oxygen dissolving chemical.	1	Effective

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	01/1991	Continuous	NRCS and GFC must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to remain effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Domesticated and Commercial Animal/Livestock Excrement Disposal and Management Program	Individual	Encourages individuals to correctly dispose and manage excrement from animals/livestock excrement.	2006	Planning	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Domesticated animals and Commercial Livestock Production	1	Effective if BMP is implemented

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	2006	Continuous	University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to become effective.

Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status (In-progress, Planning, Enforced)	Regulatory/ Voluntary
Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs)	NRCS (7 Rivers RC&D) and University of Georgia Extension Service	Leads effort in agricultural water Quality program, develops agricultural BMPs educational and monitoring efforts.	1987	In-progress	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Animal facility runoff, pesticide/herbicide management, irrigation runoff management and manure applications.	1	Effective

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway.	1987	Continuous	NRCS and University of Georgia Extension Agent must provide educational opportunities if BMP is to remain effective.

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Regulation/Ordinance or Management Measure	Responsible Government, Organization or Entity	Description	Enacted/ Projected Date	Status	Regulatory/ Voluntary
BMP Monitoring	GFC	Within watershed will conduct monthly aerial BMP evaluations to identify recent forestry practices and conduct BMP audit	01/2003	Current	Voluntary

Pollutant(s) Affected	Sources of Pollutant(s)	Impacted Waterbodies*	Anticipated or Past Effectiveness
DO	Silviculture Activities	1	Effective

Measurable Milestones	Schedule		Comments
	Start	End	

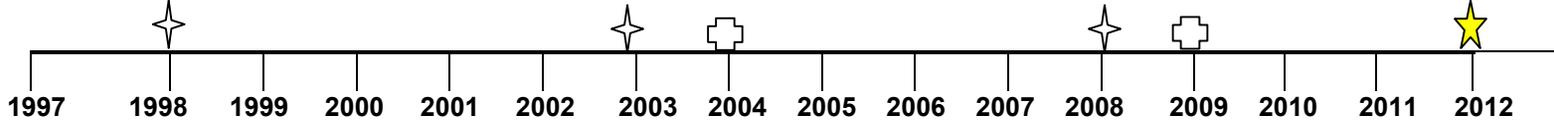
Reduction in the measurable amount of pollutants that contribute impaired Dissolved Oxygen in impacted waterway. 01/2003 Continuous N/A

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES The identification and discussion of dedicated funding is important in determining the economic feasibility of the above-mentioned management measures.

Funding Source	Responsible Authority	Status	Anticipated Funding Amount	Impacted Waterbodies*
Section 319 (h) of the Clean Water Act	EPA/State of Georgia	Must Apply	N/A	1
Small Business Technical Assistance Program	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD)	Must Request Assistance	Undetermined-Free Technical Assistance	1
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)	NRCS	Must Apply	N/A	1
Unified Watershed Assessment program	NRCS	Must Apply	N/A	1
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Plan	NRCS	Must Apply	N/A	1
Section 604(b) Grants	GA DNR	Must Apply	N/A	1

PROJECTED ATTAINMENT DATE

The projected date to attain and maintain water quality standards in this watershed is 10 years from acceptance of the TMDL Implementation Plan by EPD.



- EPD Monitoring 
- Evaluate TMDL & Attainment Date 
- Project Attainment 

MONITORING PLAN

The purpose of this monitoring plan is to determine the effectiveness of the target TMDL and the management measures being implemented to meet water quality standards. List of previous, current or planned/proposed sampling activities or other surveys. Monitoring data that placed stream on 303(d) list will be provided if requested.

Name Of Regulation / Ordinance Or Management Measure	Organization	Impacted Waterbodies*	Pollutants	Purpose/Description	Time Frame		Status (Previous, Current, Proposed)
					Start	End	
Water Quality Testing	GA EPD/USGS	1	DO	Assessment of Water Quality	2003	2003	Proposed
Septic System Inspection	Environmental Protection Division and Southeast Health Unit	1	DO	This voluntary inspection program will identify malfunctioning septic systems and encourage routine maintenance of septic systems.	12/2005	Continuous	Proposed
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	Georgia DNR EPD	1	DO	Component of general CAFO/LAS permits to identify and describe practices that are to be implemented to assure compliance with the limitations and conditions of the permit.	2002	Continuous	Current
BMP Monitoring	GFC	1	DO	Within watershed will conduct monthly aerial BMP evaluations to identify recent forestry practices and conduct BMP audit.	01/2003	Continuous	Current
TMDL Evaluation	GA EPD/USGS	1	DO	Monitoring data for Georgia 305(b)/303(d) List	1998	1998	Previous
Tire Program	Coastal District EPD	1	DO	Reduces illegal dumping of tire, provides opportunities for increased code enforcement, improves water quality.	12/2005	Continuous	Proposed

CRITERIA TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

The following set of criteria will be used to determine whether any substantial progress is being made towards reducing pollutants in impaired waterbodies and attaining water quality standards. Discussion on each criteria is recorded in the space provided. Additional relevant criteria are presented in comments.

- Percent of concentration or load change (monitoring program) _____

If monitoring results show that it is unlikely that the TMDL will be adequate to meet water quality standards, revision of the TMDL may be necessary.

- 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) _____

COMMENTS

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Action Plan				
Education/Outreach Activities				
Stakeholders				
Pollutant Sources Identified				
Description of Management Measures				
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