

**Notice of Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permits –
Coastal Water Company – Westwood Heights / Mill Creek – December 18,
2025**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to issue two Modified Groundwater Withdrawal Permits. These permit actions will merge an existing drinking water permitted water system (Mill Creek) into Westwood Heights’ two groundwater permits as outlined on the following page.

MODIFIED GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMITS

Permittee's Name: Coastal Water Company

Permittee's Address: Savannah, GA 31401

River Basin / County: Savannah / Effingham County

Comment Period Expires: January 19, 2026

Additional Information: The draft permits and all information used to develop the draft permits are available for review. The information includes the application and all relevant supporting materials available to the permitting authority used in the permit review process. Please contact gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov to request to view or schedule an appointment to review the documents, or bill.frechette@dnr.ga.gov for additional information.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permits should submit their comments in writing to the address listed below, or alternatively to epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov. Please include “Groundwater Application for the Coastal Water Company – Westwood Heights / Mill Creek” in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on the comment period expiration date above will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permits.

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A public meeting or hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit.

Permit Modifications:

1. Issue Groundwater Permit No. 051-0010 for water withdrawal of 0.300 MGD/ 0.181 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from four wells in the Upper Floridan aquifer for the purpose of a central water supply.
2. Issue Groundwater Permit No. 051-0013 for water withdrawal of 0.180 MGD/ 0.150 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from one well in the Miocene aquifer for the purpose of a central water supply.

Background:

Coastal Water Company maintains two groundwater permits for the Westwood Heights Subdivision, one permit for the Floridan aquifer (051-0010) and one permit for the Miocene aquifer (051-0013). Coastal Water Company also maintains drinking water permit # GA1370069 covering the Mill Creek subdivision (Floridan aquifer) which does not have a groundwater withdrawal permit.

Coastal Water Company requested to merge the Mill Creek Subdivision with their existing Westwood Heights' groundwater permits. Mill Creek is currently physically connected to Westwood Heights.

There are two permit actions being proposed.

1. Groundwater Permit No. 051-0010 (Floridan aquifer).
Merge Mill Creek subdivision into Coastal Water – Westwood Heights' Floridan aquifer groundwater permit No. 051-0010. This permit action would increase the annual average permit limit by giving an 85,000 gal/day credit for the historical Floridan aquifer connections at Mill Creek already approved and itemized on their drinking water permit since 2008. Mill Creek's sole well (Floridan aquifer) would also be added to the existing Westwood Heights' Floridan aquifer groundwater withdrawal permit. Note: The monthly permit limit would remain as is and is not being increased.
2. Groundwater Permit No. 051-0013 (Miocene aquifer).
Merge Mill Creek subdivision into Coastal Water Company – Westwood Heights' Miocene aquifer groundwater withdrawal permit No. 051-0013 since the two systems are physically connected. There will be no change in the existing number of wells or permit limits.

These permit mergers are consistent with EPD's current coastal policy as found here.

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