

2022 Georgia 305(b)/303(d) Integrated List and Supporting Documentation Response to Public Comments

Comment: The location information for the following assessed stream reaches should be corrected. For the stream reaches GAR031300010213 - Soquee River (Clarkesville to Sutton Mill Creek) and GAR031300010214 - Soquee River (Sutton Mill Creek to the Chattahoochee River) the stream name “Sutton Mill Creek” should be changed to “Beaverdam Creek” in the location descriptions. Sutton Mill Creek is a tributary to Beaverdam Creek, and it is Beaverdam Creek that flows into the Soquee River. In addition, the assessed stream GAR031300010211 - Sutton Mill Creek (Beaverdam Creek to the Soquee River) should be renamed Beaverdam Creek (Sutton Mill Creek to the Soquee River).

Response: EPD is not planning to update the names of the creeks as described above. It is not unusual for different maps to give the same body of water different names. For instance, the USA topo map (Figure 1) shows stream names as described in the comment above (e.g. Sutton Mill Creek is a tributary to Beaverdam Creek, and Beaverdam Creek flows into the Soquee River). However, other maps, like the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) (Figure 2) shows the opposite. It shows that Beaverdam Creek is a tributary to Sutton Mill Creek, and Sutton Mill Creek flows into the Soquee River. In order to be consistent EPD is using the names provided by NHD when assigning names to streams on the 305(b)/303(d) list.

Figure 1: USA Topo Map (shows Sutton Mill Creek flows into Beaverdam Creek and Beaverdam Creek flows into the Soquee River)



Figure 2: National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) (shows Beaverdam Creek flows into Sutton Mill Creek and Sutton Mill Creek flows into the Soquee River)

