

# Georgia EPD Watershed Protection Branch

## Notice of Public Meeting for Updates to Designated Use Change Nomination Process and Guidance Document

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a virtual public meeting to discuss updates to EPD's draft document "Guidance for Recommending a Change in Designated Use," released on January 26, 2022. The meeting will be held on **Friday, February 25, 2022, beginning at 10:00 am** on the Zoom web conferencing platform.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public and interested stakeholders the opportunity to discuss and provide input on EPD's proposed changes to the designated use change nomination process and the associated documents. An updated draft of the guidance document and associated nomination forms and data template can be found on the EPD Water Quality Standards web page, under the Designated Uses description in the Water Quality Standards section (<https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/georgia-water-quality-standards>).

The guidance document has been updated based on stakeholder feedback received during the 2019 Triennial Review period. The purpose of the updates is to create a more streamlined, user friendly designated use change nomination process, and to provide clarification on what documentation is required from nominators. This meeting will be an open dialogue format in which participants are encouraged to provide input.

**Zoom Meeting Details:  
February 25, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

Join Online:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/94726735320?pwd=WWdtcnhhU2ppcitiMEcrWTBGdVpBUT09>

Join by Phone:

**470-381- 2552** (Atlanta)

**888-788-0099** (Toll-free)

Meeting ID: **947 2673 5320**

Passcode: **369332**

At the virtual public meeting, anyone may make a statement, or offer comments either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, should be submitted in writing.

**Written comments are also welcomed and must be received by close of business on Friday, March 4, 2022.** Written comments may be emailed to [Gillian.Wason@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Gillian.Wason@dnr.ga.gov) or sent via regular mail to: EPD Watershed Protection Branch, Attention: Gillian Gilbert-Wason, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. For e-mail comments (preferred), please include the words "Designated Use Change Guidance" in the subject line.