

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED  
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS  
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN  
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

November 30, 2022

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for stream segments in the Altamaha, Ocmulgee, and Oconee River Basins. The cause of impairment listed in Georgia's 2022 303(d) list is fecal coliform or "FC". In the same TMDL river basin documents, previously approved fecal coliform TMDLs (approved in 2002) are being revised for stream segments in the Ocmulgee and Oconee River Basins.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the following waters:

Altamaha River Basin

TMDLs for Segments in the Altamaha River Basin on the 2022 303(d) list of impaired waters

- Altamaha River – Confluence of Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers to Little Alligator Creek (GAR031200020203)
- Big Cedar Creek – Little Cedar Creek (at Donovan Hwy) to Little Cedar Creek (downstream Hwy 57) (GAR030701070110)
- Ohoopsee River – Hwy 292 to Hwy 147 (GAR030701070501)
- Spring Branch – Tributary 0.6 miles upstream of Rogers Road to Beards Creek (GAR030701060309)

Ocmulgee River Basin

TMDLs for Segments in the Ocmulgee River Basin on the 2022 303(d) list of impaired waters

- Bear Creek – Gaithers Branch to Lake Jackson (GAR030701030804)
- Berry Creek – Pond at the headwaters to the Ocmulgee River (GAR030701031316)
- Big Cotton Indian Creek – Little Cotton Indian Creek to the South River (GAR030701030214)
- Cornish Creek – Headwaters to Upper Williams Lake (GAR030701030717)
- Echeconnee Creek – Rock Quarry Road to Knoxville Road (GAR030701031505)
- Garner Creek – Headwaters to Yellow River (GAR030701030326)
- Gum Creek – Tributary 0.25 miles upstream Hightower Trail to tributary 0.16 miles upstream Dial Mill Road (GAR030701030521)
- Island Shoal Creek – Headwaters to Mackey Creek (GAR030701030607)
- Little Ocmulgee River – Little Ocmulgee State Park Lake to Wilcox Creek (GAR030701050406)
- Mountain Creek – Tributary at Ammons Bridge Road to tributary 0.7 miles downstream Monroe Jersey Road SE (GAR030701030719)
- Pughs Creek – Tributary to Yellow River (GAR030701030324)
- Rocky Creek – Headwaters to Lake Jackson (GAR030701030802)
- Tributary to Hurricane Creek – Headwaters to Hurricane Creek (GAR030701031317)

- Tributary to Thompson Creek – Headwaters to Thompson Creek (GAR030701031116)

Revised TMDLs for Segments in the Ocmulgee River Basin with previously approved TMDLs

- Boar Tusk Creek – Headwaters to Yellow River (GAR030701030424)
- Ocmulgee River – Beaverdam Creek to Walnut Creek (GAR030701031617)
- Ocmulgee River – Tobesofkee Creek to Echeconnee Creek (GAR030701031615)
- Yellow Water Creek – 1 mile DS Stark Road (Rd S763), Jackson to Ocmulgee River (GAR030701031016)
- Jackson Lake – Dam Pool (formerly Newton, Butts, Jasper Counties) (GAR030701030904)

Oconee River Basin

TMDLs for Segments in the Oconee River Basin on the 2022 303(d) list of impaired waters

- Calls Creek – Headwaters to Lampkin Branch (GAR030701010317)
- Kimbro Creek – Headwaters to Hightower Creek (GAR030701011210)
- Little Bear Creek – Headwaters to Bear Creek (GAR030701010318)
- Little Sandy Creek – Ivy Branch to Turkey Creek (GAR030701010911)
- Oconee River – Tukey Creek to Red Bluff Creek (GAR030701021201)
- Pearson Creek – Tributary 0.3 miles upstream Post Road/College Street to Popes Branch (GAR030701011617)
- Pearson Creek – Headwaters to Tributary 0.3 miles upstream Post Road/College Street (GAR030701011619)
- Rose Creek – Headwaters to the Oconee River (GAR030701010603)
- Rum Creek – Hobbs Lake to the Oconee River (GAR030701020803)
- Tributary to Limestone Creek – Headwaters to Limestone Creek (GAR030701021405)
- Tributary to Pittman Branch – Headwaters to Pittman Branch (GAR030701011615)
- Tributary to White Oak Creek – Monticello White Oak WPCP to White Oak Creek (GAR030701011620)
- Tributary to White Oak Creek – Headwaters to Monticello White Oak WPCP (GAR030701011621)
- Turkey Creek – Headwaters to Rooty Creek (GAR030701011812)
- Whitten Creek – Hancock County (GAR030701011209)

Revised TMDLs for Segments in the Oconee River Basin

- Anne Court Branch – Headwaters to Middle Oconee River, Athens (GAR030701010301)
- Greenbrier Creek – Salem Scull Shoals Road to Lake Oconee (GAR030701010704)
- Town Creek – Peavy Branch to Oconee River (GAR030701020206)
- Tributary 2 to Allen Creek – Gainesville - Downstream Old Landfill (GAR030701010108)
- Tributary 5 to Allen Creek – Gainesville (GAR030701010115)
- Tributary 7 to Allen Creek – Gainesville (GAR030701010101)
- Tributary 8 to Allen Creek – Gainesville (GAR030701010102)

A copy of the TMDLs are available online on the EPD TMDL webpage, under the Proposed TMDL section: <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/total-maximum-daily-loadings>

In addition, a copy of this notice and a copy of the TMDL documents may be reviewed during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or office closures) by appointment only, at the following location:

Environmental Protection Division  
Watershed Protection Branch File Room  
200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334  
(404) 463-1511.

A single copy of the TMDL document for each river basin is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Please direct requests to Ms. Arnetia Murphy at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 5:00 p.m., **January 4, 2023**. Written comments should be addressed to:

Ms. Anna Truszczynski  
Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1470  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Comments may also be emailed to [EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov). If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "TMDL Comments" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Tyler Parsons, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit Manager, [tyler.parsons@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:tyler.parsons@dnr.ga.gov) or (404) 463-1511.

After a review of comments, a final revision to the proposed TMDL documents will be made, and the finalized TMDL documents will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.