

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

April 13, 2023

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 Coosa, Tallapoosa, and Tennessee River Basins. The cause of impairment listed in Georgia's [2022 303\(d\) list](#) is fecal coliform or "FC". In the same river basin TMDL documents, previously approved fecal coliform TMDLs (approved in 1998) are being revised for to ensure that all previously issued fecal coliform TMDL calculations conform to the loading curve approach for bacteria TMDL development currently used by GA EPD.

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 list of waterbodies starting on page 2 of this notice.

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. Arnetta 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., **May 31, 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. 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 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.

Coosa River Basin

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

- Alpine Creek - Unnamed Tributary at Peach Orchard Road to Stateline - GAR031501050514
- Bow Creek - Headwaters to Oostanaula River - GAR031501030207
- Crane Eater Creek - Headwaters to Coosawattee River - GAR031501020806
- Dead Mans Branch - Headwaters to Polecat Creek - GAR031501010513
- East Armuchee Creek - Dry Creek to West Armuchee Creek (formerly Furnace Creek to West Armuchee Creek) - GAR031501030512
- Etowah River - Amicalola Creek to Yellow Creek - GAR031501040312
- Etowah River - Yellow Creek to Brewton Creek* - GAR031501040313 (*erroneously described as Yellow “River” to Brewton Creek on 2022 303(d) list)
- Euharlee Creek - Simpson Creek to Tributary 0.2 miles downstream of U.S. 278 - GAR031501041410
- Flat Creek - Headwaters to S.R. 382 - GAR031501020409
- Fuller Branch - Brannon Lake to Salacoa Creek - GAR031501020611
- Ketchum Branch - Headwaters to Coahula Creek - GAR031501010314
- Lick Creek - Redbud Creek to Salacoa Creek - GAR031501020605
- Mill Creek - North Fork Mill Creek to Haig Mill Creek - GAR031501010316
- Moore Creek - Headwaters to Shoal Creek - GAR031501040703
- Ninety-nine Branch - Headwaters to Salacoa Creek - GAR031501020609
- Pettit Creek - Aubrey Lake to Satterfield Branch - GAR031501041311
- Pin Hook Creek - Pickens Co. Line to Salacoa Creek - GAR031501020601
- Redbud Creek - Headwaters to Defoor Walters Lake - GAR031501020610
- Robbins Creek - Headwaters to Oostanaula River - GAR031501030211
- Simpson Creek - Headwaters to Hutchings Creek - GAR031501041407
- Tanyard Branch - Tributary 200 feet upstream of U.S. 278 to Big Cedar Creek/Cedar Creek - GAR031501050118
- Town Creek - Moss Lake to the Oostanaula River - GAR031501030212

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

- Chappel Creek - Tributary 200 feet downstream of US 27 to the Chattooga River/Trion - GAR031501050402
- Chastain Branch - Tributary to Noonday Creek - GAR031501040805
- Conasauga River - Hwy 286 to Holly Creek - GAR031501010502
- Conasauga River - Holly Creek to Thomason Creek - GAR031501010511
- Cox Creek - Headwaters to Ellijay River - GAR031501020202
- Kellogg Creek - Lake Allatoona Tributary - GAR031501041001
- Lavender Creek - Headwaters to Armuchee Creek - GAR031501030502
- Rowland Springs Branch - Lake Allatoona Tributary - GAR031501041003

- Shoal Creek - Hwy 140 to Lake Allatoona - GAR031501040701
- Stamp Creek - Headwaters to Lake Allatoona - GAR031501041004

Tallapoosa River Basin

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

- Mud Branch - Tributary at Villa Rica Tallapoosa West WPCP to Little Tallapoosa River - GAR031501080509
- Tributary to Buck Creek - 1 mile downstream of Headwaters to Buck Creek - GAR031501080507

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

- Baxter Creek* - Headwaters to Tributary 0.4 miles downstream Shedd Road, Bremen - GAR031501080101 (*previously named Tributary to Baxter Creek)

Tennessee River Basin

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

- Black Branch - Van Cleve St., Ft. Oglethorpe to Spring Creek - GAR060200010925
- Kelly Creek - 0.05 miles downstream Dills Lane to the Little Tennessee River - GAR060102020108
- West Chickamauga Creek - Blue Springs Branch to Hwy 2 - GAR060200010934

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

- Brasstown Creek - Yewell Branch to State Line - GAR060200020306
- Brasstown Creek - Little Bald Cove to Yewell Branch - GAR060200020307
- Corn Creek - Tributary to Brasstown Creek, Young Harris - GAR060200020301
- Mill Creek - Pheasant Branch to Hiwassee River - GAR060200020102
- Yewell Branch - Darr Cove to Brasstown Creek - GAR060200020302