

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
August 22, 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 Ochlockonee, Suwannee, Satilla, and St Mary's River Basins. The cause of impairment listed in Georgia's 2022 303(d) list is fecal coliform or "FC".

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:

Ochlockonee River Basin

- Bay Pole Branch – Pond 400 feet upstream of Bay Pole School Road to Bridge Creek (GAR031200020203)
- Unnamed Tributary to Parkers Mill Creek – Pond at headwaters to Parkers Mill Creek (GAR031200020706)
- West Branch Barnetts Creek – Pond 1.2 miles upstream of GA State Highway 93 to Big Branch (GAR031200020504)

Satilla River Basin

- Big Creek – Laura S Walker Lake to South Prong Big Creek (GAR030702010712)
- Mill Creek – Lake Floree to Big Creek (GAR030702010714)
- Otter Creek – UT 0.3 miles upstream New Forest Highway to Tiger Creek (GAR030702010509)
- Satilla Creek – Dorminy Lake to UT 490 feet upstream of Quail Hollow Road (GAR030702010103)
- Satilla River – Rose Creek to White Oak Creek (GAR030702011201)
- Sixty Foot Branch – Headwaters to Otter Creek (GAR030702020504)
- Tributary to Seventeen Mile River – UT 0.15 miles downstream of East Baker Highway to Seventeen Mile River (GAR030702010506)
- Waverly Creek – Headwaters to Quarterman Creek (GAR030702011209)

St Mary's River Basin

- Clay Branch – Headwaters to Spanish Creek (GAR030702040305)
- Long Branch – Headwaters to Spanish Creek (GAR030702040803)

Suwannee River Basin

- Cypress Creek – Hardy Mill Creek to the Withlacoochee River (GAR0301102030104)
- Little Creek – UT 1.7 miles upstream of Perry Road to Okapilco Creek (GAR031102030506)
- Piscola Creek – Headwaters to UT 0.3 miles upstream of Pope Road (GAR031102030705)
- Piscola Creek – UT 0.3 miles upstream of Pope Road to Whitlock Branch (GAR031102030706)
- Reedy Creek – Little Brushy Creek to the Willacoochee River (GAR031102020508)
- Reedy Creek – Headwaters to UT 0.7 miles downstream of DH Alderman Road (GAR031102040404)
- Tatum Creek – Tower Road to Jones Creek (GAR031102010201)
- Tributary to Little Creek – Headwaters to Little Creek (GAR031102030507)

- Tributary to Okapilco Creek – Pond 0.25 miles upstream of Wilder Road to Okapilco Creek (GAR031102030505)
- Willacoochee River – Courthouse Branch to Turkey Branch (GAR031102020608)
- Woodyard Creek – Tributary 400 feet downstream US 84 to Surveyors Creek (GAR031102010108)

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 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 TMDLs for each river basin is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Please direct requests to Ms. Arnettia 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., **October 6, 2022**. 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 TMDLs will be made, and the proposed TMDL 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.