

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED  
REVISED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD  
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN  
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
July 16, 2021

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed a Revised Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document for several stream segments in the Altamaha River Basin. The original criterion violated in Georgia's 2000 and 2006 303(d) lists was "DO", or dissolved oxygen.

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 (USEPA) 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.

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) originally developed a DO TMDL document covering [23 stream segments in the Altamaha River Basin in 2002](#). EPD developed another DO TMDL for [5 additional stream segments in the Altamaha River Basin in 2007](#). The 2002 and 2007 DO TMDL documents have been combined in a revised Altamaha River DO TMDL document that more accurately represents the permitted point sources that currently discharge to waters of the state in the Altamaha River Basin.

Tables detailing the stream segments included in the Revised Altamaha River Basin DO TMDL are provided below.

A copy of the Revised TMDL is 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 Revised TMDL may be reviewed, by appointment only, during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or office closures) 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 each TMDL 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 4:30 p.m., **August 16, 2021 (31 calendar days)**. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jac Capp, Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Comments may 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).

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

**2000 303(d) Listed Segments for Dissolved Oxygen in the Altamaha River Basin**

<b>STREAM SEGMENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SEGMENT LENGTH (Miles)</b>	<b>DESIGNATED USE</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT UNIT ID</b>
Alex Creek	Mason Cowpen Branch to Altamaha River (Wayne Co.)	3	Fishing	GAR030701060503
Big Cedar Creek	Little Cedar Creek to Ohoopsee River (Johnson Co.)	3	Fishing	GAR030701070102
Cobb Creek	Oconee Creek to Altamaha River (Toombs Co.)	13	Fishing	GAR030701060102
Doctors Creek	U/S Jones Creek (Long Co.)	5	Fishing	GAR030701060405
Jacks Creek	US Hwy 1 to Ohoopsee River (Emanuel Co.)	9	Fishing	GAR030701070303
Jones Creek	Still Creek to Doctor's Creek (Long Co.)	11	Fishing	GAR030701060404
Little Ohoopsee River	Gully Branch to Nealey Creek (Washington Co.)	14	Fishing	GAR030701070201
Little Ohoopsee River	Nealey Creek to Sardis Creek (Johnson Co.)	15	Fishing	GAR030701070202
Little Ohoopsee River	Sardis Creek to Ohoopsee River (Emanuel Co.)	18	Fishing	GAR030701070203
Milligan Creek	Uvalda to Altamaha River (Montgomery /Toombs Co.)	11	Fishing	GAR030701060101
Oconee Creek	Headwaters to Cobb Creek (Montgomery/Toombs Co.)	11	Fishing	GAR030701060103
Ohoopsee River	Neels Creek to Little Ohoopsee River (Johnson/Emanuel Co.)	18	Fishing	GAR030701070103
Ohoopsee River	Little Ohoopsee River to US Hwy 292 (Emanuel/Candler/Tattnell Co.)	23	Fishing	GAR030701070304
Pendleton Creek	Sand Hill Creek to Reedy Creek (Treutlen Co.)	7	Fishing	GAR030701070401
Pendleton Creek	Wildwood Lake to Tiger Creek (Treutlen/Toombs Co.)	12	Fishing	GAR030701070402
Penholoway Creek	Little Creek to Altamaha River (Wayne Co.)	13	Fishing	GAR030701060403
Rocky Creek	GA Hwy 130 to Little Rocky Creek (Toombs Co.)	10	Fishing	GAR030701070505
Rocky Creek	Little Rocky Creek to Ohoopsee River (Toombs/ Tattnell Co.)	11	Fishing	GAR030701070504
Swift Creek	Old Normantown Rd. to Pendleton Creek (Toombs Co.)	5	Fishing	GAR030701070404
Ten Mile Creek	Little Ten Mile Creek to Altamaha River (Appling Co.)	13	Fishing	GAR030701060201
Thomas Creek	D/S CR203 to Ohoopsee River (Tattnell Co)	12	Fishing	GAR030701070506
Tiger Creek	Little Creek to Pendleton Creek (Montgomery/ Toombs Co.)	16	Fishing	GAR030701070403
Yam Grandy Creek	D/S Crooked Creek (Emanuel Co.)	3	Fishing	GAR030701070305

**2006-303(d) Listed Segments for Dissolved Oxygen in the Altamaha River Basin**

<b>STREAM SEGMENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SEGMENT LENGTH (Miles)</b>	<b>DESIGNATED USE</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT UNIT ID</b>
Cypress Creek	Rolands Pond to Ohoopsee River (Johnson Co)	4	Fishing	GAR030701070104
Nealey Creek	Headwaters to Little Ohoopsee River (Washington/Johnson Co)	9	Fishing	GAR030701070206
Ohoopsee River	Dyers Creek to Big Cedar Creek (Washington/Johnson Co)	15	Fishing	GAR030701070101
Ohoopsee River	Big Cedar Creek to Cypress Creek (Johnson Co)	2	Fishing	GAR030701070106
Sardis Creek	Headwaters to little Ohoopsee River (Emanuel Co)	10	Fishing	GAR030701070207