

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD ADDENDUM
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
March 31, 2021

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed an addendum to an existing, approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for one segment of Williamson Swamp Creek in the Ogeechee River Basin. The original criterion violated in Georgia's 2002 303(d) list 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 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 for Williamson Swamp Creek and other stream segments in the Ogeechee River Basin in 2005, and subsequently revised that original TMDL in 2007. The [2007 DO TMDL](#) contained waste load allocations for existing wastewater treatment facilities, and noted that assimilative capacity may not be fully allocated if waste load allocations did not result in a DO concentration lower than 90 percent of the natural dissolved oxygen concentration during critical conditions.

An addendum documenting additional waste load allocations for wastewater treatment facilities is proposed for the following waters:

Ogeechee River Basin

- Williamson Swamp Creek - Mill Creek to Ogeechee River, Wadley (GAR030602010501)

A copy of the TMDL addendum 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 TMDL addendum 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., **April 30, 2021 (30 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 EPDComments@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.

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