

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A LISTING OF WATERBODIES PURSUANT TO
SECTION 303(d) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

February 7, 2024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has completed the compilation of a list of waters in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The listing was produced by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) in accordance with U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) rules and guidelines.

The draft 2024 305(b)/303(d) List package may be found at our [Water Quality in Georgia webpage](#). In addition, the package 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 EPD office closures) at the following location: Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1470-A East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 463-1511.

A single copy of the draft 2024 305(b)/303(d) List package is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. 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. on March 14, 2024. Written comments should be addressed to Susan Salter, Watershed Protection Branch, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1462, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. Comments may be emailed to EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "305b/303d List" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:00 am to answer questions and accept comments on the draft 2024 305(b)/303(d) List package. EPD will host this public meeting via Zoom web conferencing platform. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. To participate in the public meeting, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser or you can join by phone.

Join Online:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96326660409?pwd=aUI2NytSZTR2Q0czbWE5YlVWeHZBUT09>

Join By Phone:

1 470 381 2552 US (Atlanta)

888 788 0099 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 963 2666 0409

Passcode: 587119

In addition to informing the public about the draft 2024 305(b)/303(d) List package, this notice also serves to inform the public about the development of Georgia's new 303(d) Prioritization Framework. In 2022, US EPA released a document entitled "[2022 - 2032 Vision for the Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) Program](#)" (2022-2032 303(d) Vision) to help coordinate and focus efforts to advance the effectiveness of CWA Section 303(d) program implementation. Under the 2022-2032 303(d) Vision Document, states will develop a new Priority Framework that will guide the decision process on what TMDLs, Advance Restoration Plans or Protection Plans will be prioritized for completion by 2032. Every two years, EPD will provide US EPA with a list of Priority waters for which we plan to develop TMDLs or other plans in the next two-year period. The first set of Priority Waters under the 2022-2032 303(d) Vision will be provided to US EPA by September 30, 2024 (for plan development by 2026). The draft revision of EPD's 303(d) Prioritization Framework will be available on EPD's [Water Quality in Georgia webpage](#) in the near future. A separate notice will be sent when the draft document is available and open for public comment.

For further information regarding the draft 2024 305(b)/303(d) List package, contact Ms. Susan Salter, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (470) 524-0731 or at Susan.Salter@dnr.ga.gov. For further information about the new Long-Term Vision process and Georgia's Prioritization Framework, please contact Tyler Parsons at (470) 524-1724 or at Tyler.Parsons@dnr.ga.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe would be interested in this matter.