

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
December 1, 2020

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for several stream segments in the Ogeechee and Savannah River Basins. The cause of impairment listed in Georgia's 303(d) list is "Bio F". Biotic communities, specifically fish communities, were monitored and found to be impaired. The pollutant listed in these TMDL documents is sediment.

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:

Ogeechee River Basin

Cause: Bio F (Fish Community Impacted)

- Dry Creek - Unnamed tributary approximately 1.8 miles upstream Dry Creek Road to the Ogeechee River (GAR030602010105)
- Little Lotts Creek - Unnamed tributary @ Burkhalter Road to Lotts Creek (GAR030602030313)
- Rocky Creek - Sand Branch to tributary 0.25 miles downstream Kennedy Road (GAR030602010507)
- Steel Creek - Headwaters to Williamson Swamp Creek (GAR030602010506)
- Tenmile Creek - Bad Prong to tributary at Dutch Ford Road (GAR030602030415)
- Wolfe Creek - Headwaters to Canoochee River (GAR030602030413)

Savannah River Basin

Cause: Bio F (Fish Community Impacted)

- Armstrong Branch - Headwaters to Fishing Creek (GAR030601030703)
- Beaverdam Creek - Mill Shoal Creek to South Fork Broad River (GAR030601040406)
- Brush Creek - Reservoir U to Bigger Creek (GAR030601040407)
- Buffalo Creek - Milner Brook to Long Creek (GAR030601040505)
- Dry Fork Creek - Headwaters to Beaverdam Creek (GAR030601040509)
- Goosepond Creek - Headwaters to the Broad River (GAR030601040607)
- Gum Log Branch - Unnamed pond 0.4 miles upstream Hoke Dickerson Road to Cold Water Creek (GAR030601030414)
- Gum Log Creek - Unnamed tributary 0.6 miles upstream Gum Log Creek Road to Lake Hartwell (GAR030601020508)
- Hobb Branch - Headwaters to Kettle Creek (GAR030601050110)
- Holbrook Creek - Headwaters to Garrison Creek (GAR030601040214)
- Kettle Creek - Hatchet Branch to Hobb Branch (GAR030601050112)
- Lloyd Creek - Headwaters to Tributary 0.6 miles downstream Hephzibah Church Road (GAR030601050403)
- North Fork Little River - Pond 1.2 miles upstream McWhorter Road to Raiden Creek (GAR030601050104)
- Payne Creek - Headwaters to Middle Fork Broad River (GAR030601040117)
- Powder Creek - Headwaters to Little River (GAR030601050107)
- Raiden Creek - Headwaters to North Fork Little River (GAR030601050105)
- Stephens Creek - Tributary 470 feet upstream of Center Hill School Road NW to South Fork Little River (GAR030601050114)

- Tributary #1 to Nails Creek - Headwaters to Nails Creek (GAR030601040211)
- Tributary to Suls Fork - Headwaters to Suls Fork (GAR030601050111)
- Tributary to Van Creek - Headwaters to Richard B. Russell Lake (GAR030601030410)
- Whiten Creek - Headwaters to Hunters Creek (GAR030601040116)

A copy of the TMDL is also 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, 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. 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 4:00 p.m., **January 14, 2021 (30 business days)**. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jac Capp, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, 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 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.