

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

AND

NOTICE OF GEORGIA'S PRIORITIZATION OF WATERS UNDER U.S. EPA'S  
LONG-TERM VISION OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) PROGRAM

September 15, 2016

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. The listing was produced by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division in accordance with U. S. Environmental Protection Agency rules and guidelines.

In addition, in December 2013 U.S. EPA released a new Long-Term Vision for Assessment, Restoration, and Protection of waters under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program. This Vision focuses on six elements including 1) Prioritization, 2) Assessment, 3) Protection, 4) Alternatives, 5) Engagement and 6) Integration. In accordance with this Vision, GA EPD has developed a Draft Priority Framework that describes how GA EPD will prioritize waters on the 303(d) list for development of TMDLs or TMDL alternatives. EPD has prepared a List of Priority Waters based on this priority framework.

The draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) list package, a copy of U.S. EPA's Long-Term Vision document, GA EPD's Draft Priority Framework and Georgia's List of Priority waters may be found at [epd.georgia.gov/georgia-305b303d-list-documents](http://epd.georgia.gov/georgia-305b303d-list-documents). In addition, the above documents can be reviewed 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 MLK, Jr. Dr. S.W., Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, GA 30334, (404) 463-1511.

A single copy of the draft 303(d) list package and/or the Long Term Vision, Priority Framework, and list of Priority Waters is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division 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. October 17, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to Susan Salter, Watershed Protection Branch, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, 2 MLK, Jr. Dr. S.W., Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, GA 30334. Comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us). If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "305b/303d List" or "Priority Waters" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

EPD will hold a public meeting regarding the draft 305(b)/303(d) list of waters from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2016 at the Environmental Protection Division Training Center, Atlanta Tradeport, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. The purpose of this meeting will be to answer questions from the public regarding the draft list and to receive comments. Questions and comments regarding the List of Priority Waters will also be taken at the meeting.

For further information regarding the draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) list or the List of Priority Waters, contact Ms. Susan Salter, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (404) 463-4917. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe would be interested in this matter.