

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
September 29, 2017

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for individual pollutants for a number of segments of lakes, rivers, and streams in the Chattahoochee and Flint River Basins.

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:

Chattahoochee River Basin

Lanier Lake, Browns Bridge Road (SR 369) – Chlorophyll *a*
Lanier Lake, Lanier Bridge Road (SR 53 – Chlorophyll *a*
Blue Creek, Headwaters to Yellowjacket Creek – Fecal coliform
Bull Creek, Cooper Creek to Dram Branch – Fecal coliform
Dram Creek, Tributary to Bull Creek, Columbus – Fecal coliform
East Double Branch, Headwaters to Double Branch – Fecal coliform
Lindsey Creek, Headwaters to Bull Creek, Columbus – Fecal coliform
Mill Branch, Headwaters to Bull Creek – Fecal coliform
Roaring Branch, Upstream Columbus Foundaries – Fecal coliform
Tiger Creek, Headwaters to Uptatoi Creek, Columbus – Fecal coliform
Tributary to Bull Creek, Headwaters to Bull Creek – Fecal coliform
Turkey Creek, Tributary to Bull Creek, Columbus – Fecal coliform
Weracoba Creek, Headwaters to Wynnton Road – Fecal coliform
Blue John Creek, Troup Branch to Long Cane Creek – Bio F
Brushy Creek, Headwaters to the Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Cane Creek, Tributary to Chestatee River near Dahlonega – Bio F
Cauley Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Cavenders Creek, Headwaters to Chestatee River – Bio F
Chattahoochee River, Ga. Hwy. 17, Helen to SR255 – Bio F
Crooked Creek, Tributary to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Foe Killer Creek, Headwaters to Big Creek – Bio F
Haw Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Johns Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Level Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Little Tesnatee Creek, Freeman Creek to upstream Hwy. 129 – Bio F
Marsh Creek (aka March Creek), Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
North Fork Peachtree Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio M
Olley Creek, Headwaters to Sweetwater Creek – Bio M
Pataula Creek, Headwaters to Clear Creek – Bio M
Richland Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Rottenwood Creek, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio M

Sand Creek, Headwaters to House Creek – Bio F
Soquee River, Goshen Creek to SR 17, Clarkesville – Bio F
South Fork Peachtree Creek, Headwaters to Peachtree Creek, Atlanta – Bio F, Bio M
Talipahoga Rum Creek, Headwaters to Bradley Lake Tributary – Bio M
Tate Creek, Headwaters to Chestatee River – Bio F
Tributary #1 to the Chattahoochee River, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Tributary #2 to the Chattahoochee River, Headwaters to Chattahoochee River – Bio F
Tributary to Williams Creek, Headwaters to Williams Creek – Bio F
Weracoba Creek, Columbus (upstream of Bull Creek) – Bio M
Williams Creek, Headwaters to Mulberry Creek – Bio F

Flint River Basin

Fishpond Drain, Wash Pond to Lake Seminole – Fecal coliform
Flat Creek, Lake Peachtree to Line Creek, Peachtree City – Fecal coliform
Spring Creek, Headwaters to Flint River near Montezuma – Fecal coliform
Spring Creek, Upson County – Fecal coliform
Beaver Dam Creek, Lake Joy to Flint River – Bio F
Clear Creek, Headwaters to Kinchafoonee Creek – Bio M
Coleoatchee Creek, Headwaters to Copeland Lake Tributary – Bio M
Flint River, Hartsfield Airport to Hwy 138 – Bio M
Ginger Cake Creek, Headwaters to Whitewater Creek - Fayette County – Bio F
Tributary to Powder Creek, Headwaters to Powder Creek – Bio F
Trickum Creek, Headwaters to Line Creek – Bio F
Whitewater Creek, Lake Bennett to Starrs Mill Pond – Bio F
Horsehead Creek, Headwaters to Hogcrawl Creek – Bio M
Little Vine Creek, Headwaters to Beaver Creek – Bio M
Parkers Mill Creek, Headwaters to Angelica Creek – Bio M
Powder Creek, Tributary to Elkins Creek – Bio M
Town Creek, Rigas Road to Muckalee Creek – Bio M
Tributary to Bear Creek, Headwaters to Bear Creek – Bio M
Turkey Creek, Rogers Branch to Pennahatchee Creek - Dissolved Oxygen

A copy of this notice and a copy of each TMDL may 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, 200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 463-1508.

A single copy of each TMDL 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. A copy of each TMDL is also available online at: <http://epd.georgia.gov/documents/proposed-tmdls>

Written comments are welcomed. To insure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., November 24, 2017. 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” somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Dr. Elizabeth Booth, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (404) 463-4929.

After a review of comments, a final decision on each of the proposed revised TMDLs will be made and the proposed revised 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.