

PLAN ELEMENTS
<p>1. What is the overall organizational structure of Georgia’s plan? State framework with regionally generated plans. (11 water planning districts)</p>
<p>2. Please provide a table of contents as an attachment http://www.georgiawatercouncil.org/Files_PDF/water_plan_20080109.pdf Regional WP TOC for Lower Flint Ochlockonee Regional Water Plan http://www.flintochlockonee.org/documents/LFO_Adopted_RWP.pdf</p>
PROCESS
<p>3. How did Georgia actually do planning and how was it funded? With state employees or outside contractors or regional, bottom up efforts? Is funding model sustainable for an ongoing plan? Funded through legislature with EPA Clean Water Act SRF. GA Env Prot Dept led effort, with help from govt policy Institute at Univ of GA—supporting policy work and with consultant. Regional plans done by consultants overseen by GA EPD, but Regional Boards are Gov Appointees. Initial state plan Cost ~\$1Million. Total cost for Regional Plans is ~\$30 Mill. Current state budget has line item for water planning. Ongoing funding is an issue.</p>
<p>4. How did Georgia handle stakeholder engagement, public communication and public involvement? Regionally & with Univ of GA & Consultant assistance. Stakeholder involvement on state level & on regional level. Regional Council members (volunteers) were appointed by Governor.</p>
<p>5. How do models used in the planning process get created? Is it a transparent process? Does the model have legitimacy (do people accept that it is accurate and appropriate to use in planning)? Is the model accessible? Regional plans modeling done by state/consultants—to determine water quantity (sw & gw), quality, info given to regions. “Broad brush” modeling did not include all regional information.</p>
JURISDICTION
<p>6. How did Georgia deal with different classes of water (e.g., Class A and B)? Not applicable.</p>
<p>7. How did Georgia deal with registrations or pre-existing water rights? Were they grandfathered? Did it work/not work? Existing permits were grandfathered. No mention of resolution of grandfathered permits in violation of current instream guidance.</p>
<p>8. How did existing agencies with different jurisdictions and responsibilities work together in the planning effort (local to regional to state, groundwater and surface water management, quality and quantity, environmental, etc.)? How were responsibilities shared? How are they managing conflicts? EPD oversees process and set format for plan; regions handled local issues. Regional council members were 95% male with few minorities. Disconnect with out of state entities with bearing on local issues.</p>
PRIORITIZATION AND VALUES
<p>9. Did Georgia alter the way it managed or allocated water through the planning process? How? Why? Did it work? Regulated riparian state; did not change. No changes to existing statutes. Not clear how this will affect future plans.</p>
<p>10. How do states identify and prioritize some basins over others and what are the criteria for prioritization? No prioritization regarding SW. For GW, Southern aquifers heavily used and prioritized.</p>
OTHER
<p>11. What elements of the plan struck you as being especially interesting and relevant to the Connecticut situation? Website set up by consultant is problem. 2011 Regional Plans are a good first step in water resource planning; however general assumptions need to be addressed for “real” planning. Concerns over EPD using flawed data for permitting decisions.</p>
<p>12. Please list any attachments. GA Water Plan Table of Contents Lower Flint Ochlockonee Regional Plan Table of Contents</p>

GEORGIA STATE WATER PLAN
--Approved in 2008

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Supplemental Document 3	Council Meeting Summaries
Supplemental Document 4	USGS Map of Georgia Aquifer Recharge Areas
Supplemental Document 5	Subarea 4 of the Floridan Aquifer Map
Supplemental Document 6	Existing Regulatory and Local Plan Summary
Supplemental Document 7	2006 Flint River Basin Water Development and Conservation Plan
Supplemental Document 8	Agricultural Water Use Technical Memorandum
Supplemental Document 9	EPD Technical Memorandum - Flow Gap Analysis (May 26, 2010)
Supplemental Document 10	EPD Technical Memorandum: Surface Water Availability Model Results July 2010
Supplemental Document 11	Map of Prioritized Aquifers Modeled in EPD Resource Assessment
Supplemental Document 12	Georgia OPB Population Projections March 2010
Supplemental Document 13	Municipal and Industrial Water and Wastewater Forecasting Memorandum
Supplemental Document 14	Management Practice Selection Technical Memorandum
Supplemental Document 15	Water Conservation Technical Memorandum

¹ All supplemental materials are provided on the Lower Flint-Ochlockonee Council's website:
http://www.flintochlockonee.org/pages/our_plan/index.php



Supplemental Document 16

EPD Technical Memorandum - Summary Future
(2050) Resource Assessment in ACF River Basins
Scenario MidChat_SWFA0001 – Storage Offset
Estimate