

SUWANNEE-SATILLA REGION

BACKGROUND

The 2004 Comprehensive State-wide Water Management Planning Act authorized the development of the State Water Plan. The State Water Plan, which was adopted by the General Assembly in 2008, calls for:

- the preparation of regional water plans;
- the establishment of ten regional water planning councils to prepare the plans; and,
- the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) with providing technical assistance to the councils including contractor support, guidance, resource assessments and forecasts.



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, 2009-2011

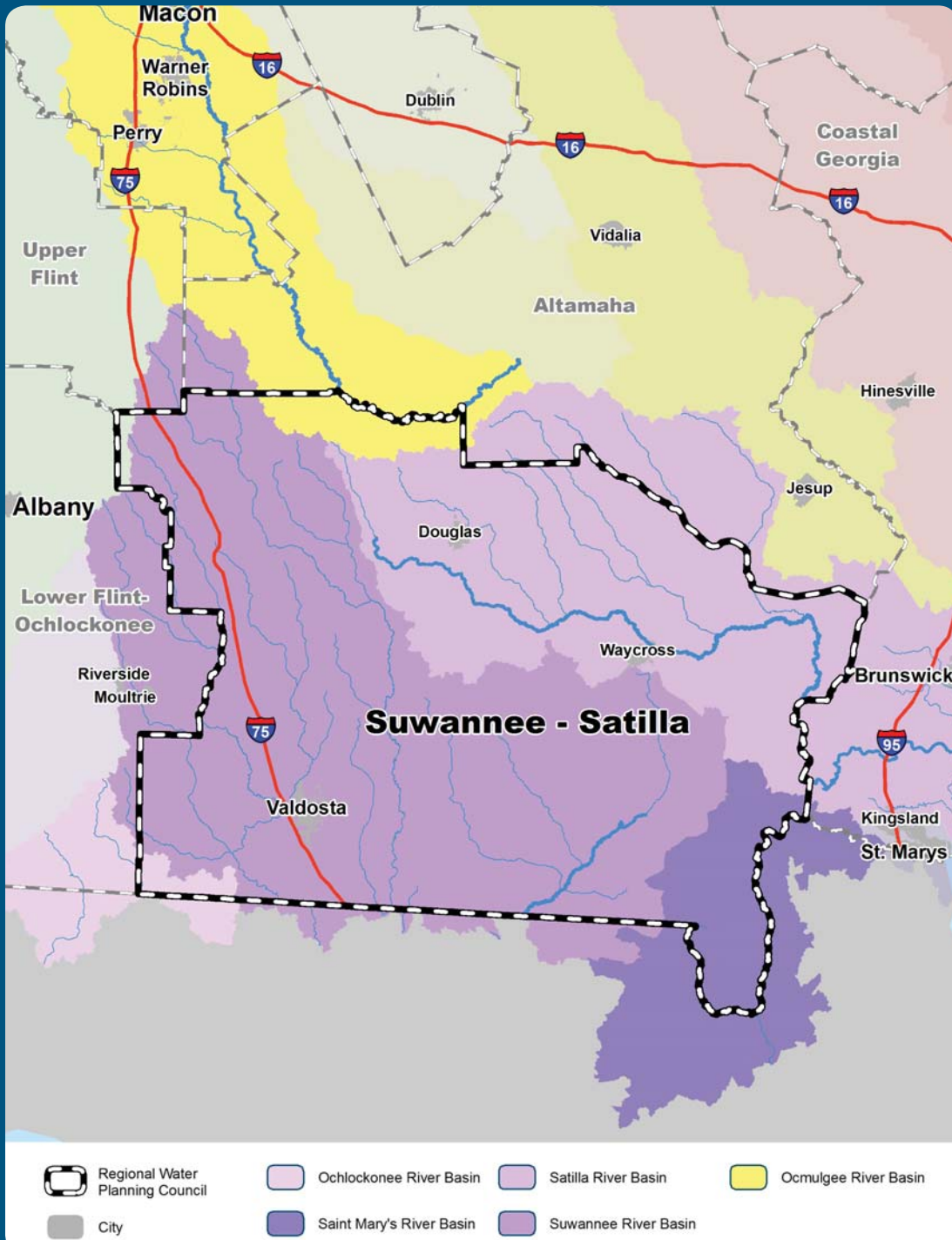
ACTIVITY	STATUS
Council Meetings	5 in 2009 / 4 in 2010 / 2 in 2011
Council Leadership	Darvin Eason, Chair and Grady M. Thompson, Vice Chair
Memorandum of Agreement	Executed with Department of Community Affairs and EPD
Vision and Goals	Adopted
Public Involvement Plan	Adopted
Subcommittees	Vision and Goals, Water and Wastewater Forecasting, Public Involvement Plan, Management Practices, Plan Drafting
Draft Water Resource Assessments	EPD presented, January 2010
Draft Water and Wastewater Demand Forecasts	EPD presented, March-June 2010
Management Practices	Select, evaluate, refine, finalize, June 2010-May 2, 2011
Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan	Submit to EPD, May 2, 2011
Address Public Comments	Review and revise based on public comments received
Final Recommended Regional Water Plan	Submit to EPD Director for adoption, September 30, 2011

KEY WATER RESOURCE ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY THE COUNCIL

1. Gaps in surface water availability during drought conditions in the Suwannee and Satilla river basins
2. Wastewater assimilative capacity to accommodate future municipal and industrial wastewater needs throughout the region
3. Low dissolved oxygen reaches in the Suwannee, Satilla and Saint Mary's river basins and other water quality issues
4. Development of groundwater and surface water resources to meet future needs
5. Protection of recreational and environmental resources in the region



KEY WATER FEATURES OF THE SUWANNEE-SATILLA REGION



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CURRENT WATER DEMAND

TOTAL = 254 MGD

Note: There is no major thermoelectric water demand in the Suwannee-Satilla region.

