

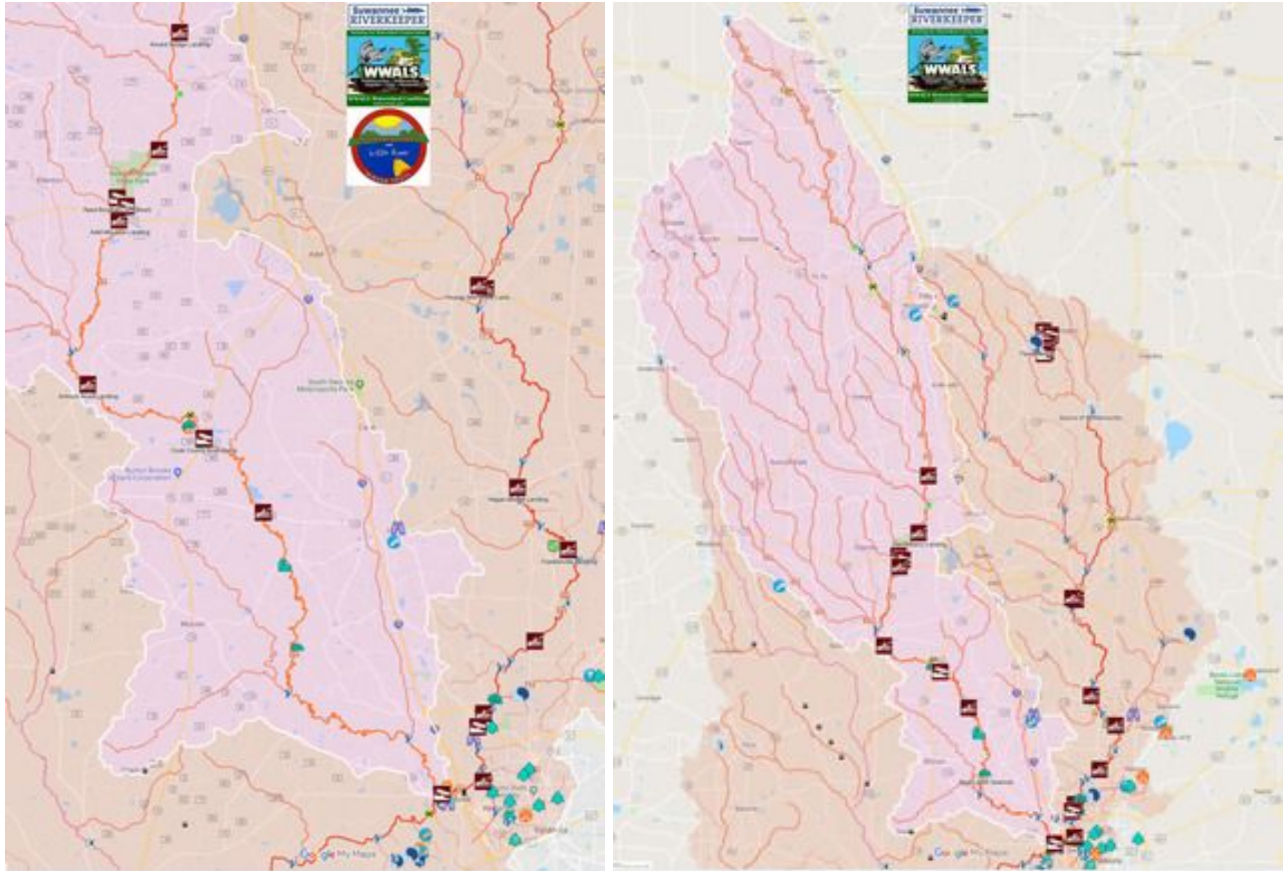
## Little River, changing its Designated Use to Recreational

- *Name and length of the waterbody.*

The Little River runs 105 miles, all in Georgia, from its source near Ashburn to its confluence with the Little River just west of Valdosta. At least the 59 miles on the Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail (WLRWT), from Kinard Bridge Landing west of Lenox to the Little River Confluence with the Withlacoochee River just downstream from Troupville Boat Ramp west of Valdosta, should be reclassified as Recreational. Better would be to reclassify the whole river.

- *Location of the reach, shown on a map.*

See also <http://wwals.net/maps/withlacoochee-river-water-trail/>



- *Any 305(b)/303(d) impairment(s) &/or TMDL(s).*
  - See TMDLs for tributaries including Ty Ty Creek. <https://epd.georgia.gov/suwannee-river-basin-tmdl-reports>
  - Numerous Fecal coliform and E. coli incursions in recent years; see the daily GA-EPD Sewage Spills Report <http://wwals.net/2018/12/21/ga-epd-posts-spills-online-2018-12-21/> as collected here: <http://wwals.net/issues/vww/ga-spills/>
  - See also Valdosta water quality test results demonstrating Fecal coliform and E. coli getting into the Little River when there are no reported spills. <http://wwals.net/issues/testing/#results>
- *Current users of the waterbody, including but not limited to*
  - *businesses or industries,*
    - [NWXPeditions](#), Pavo, Georgia, near the Little River in Brooks County, “No Worries Expeditions will take u canoeing and camping on the rivers of S Georgia and N Florida. We custom design the canoe trip of your dreams.” <https://www.facebook.com/NWXExpeditions/>
    - Valdosta, the biggest city in the Suwannee River Basin, is located just east of the confluence of the Little River with the Withlacoochee River, and Tifton, the second biggest city, is just east of the Little River.. Hahira is located between the Little River and the Withlacoochee River.
    - WWALS holds frequent paddle outings on the Little River; see <http://wwals.net/events-2/outings-events/>
    - See also attached letter from Georgia Beer Co.
  - *parks within the waterbody and watershed,*
    - Reed Bingham State Park (GA DNR) <https://gastateparks.org/ReedBingham>

- Troupville Boat Ramp Park on the Little River in a 49.36-acre park off of GA 133 just west of Valdosta (GA DNR and Valdosta-Lowndes Parks & Recreational Authority or VLPRA).  
<http://vlpra.com/231/Little-River-Boat-Ramp>
  - and any “blue trails” on the water for water-craft recreation activities.

The WWALS Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail has nineteen landings in Georgia (see Withlacoochee River), of which nine are on the Little River, including two on Reed Bingham State Park Lake.  
<http://wwals.net/maps/withlacoochee-river-water-trail/>

The Sixth Annual BIG Little River Paddle Race in 2018 drew 49 paddlers in 43 boats, 29 male, 20 female, from 4 to 69 years old, from 10 watersheds, 15 counties, and two states (Georgia and Florida).  
<http://wwals.net/?p=43850>

- *Letters of support from:*

- *dischargers, domestic &/or industrial, to the reach.*

See next bullet item (stakeholders) for Adel, Cook County, Tifton, Hahira, Valdosta, Lowndes County, and others.

- *municipalities, county Board of Commissioners, other affected governmental bodies, and other stakeholders who live in the watershed.*

- All those who adopted resolutions supporting the Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail, including Adel, Brooks County, Hahira, and Valdosta, or otherwise endorsed it; see Withlacoochee River.
      - The Final adopted 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update for Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton, and Ty Ty says “Greater Tift County’s natural resources should be marketed by the Tourism Department to increase economic and tourism opportunities in the community. Assets of the community are the Little River Corridor, the New River Corridor, Southside Branch and Westside Branch Rivershed, and Ty Ty Creek.... 1.2 Sustainable areas need to be set aside for 2 boat paddle trails. Policy 1.2.1: Encourage public and private participation and partnerships between all communities in Tift County and including the State to work on opportunities for river access.”  
<https://www.sgrc.us/documents/localgovernmentservices/comprehensiveplans/0ff1e13346601ed599dc6c6f356003fb.pdf>
      - The [Adopted 2015 Joint Cook County and Cities of Adel, Cecil, Lenox, and Sparks Comprehensive Plan Update](#) says “Continue to assist the State and public/private groups in the protection of Reed Bingham State Park and other conservation areas, through in-kind services including but not limited to the river cleanup crew, publishing event notices, and Friends of Reed Bingham participation.”  
<https://www.sgrc.us/documents/localgovernmentservices/comprehensiveplans/271aa30b87b2b45a73b3ae4f27818629.pdf>
      - The 2016 Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan lists the Little River among “Important parts of the local economy which should be better promoted and utilized”.  
<https://www.lowndescounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/1512/2016-Greater-Lowndes-Comprehensive-Plan-PDF>

- *Investments, both completed and pending, for improved use of the waterbody such as boat ramps, parks, trails, or drinking water systems. Include the amount of the investment, as well as who funded the project(s) and for what purpose.*

GA DNR has four boat ramps on the Little River: Reed Bingham State Park Boat Ramp (West in Colquitt County and East in Cook County), Cook County Boat Ramp, and Troupville Boat Ramp in Lowndes County. Cook County also has Kinard Bridge Landing near Lenox, upstream from RBSP, and Antioch Road Landing between RBSP and Cook County Boat Ramp. Colquitt County also has Adel-Moultrie Landing on GA 37 just downstream from the RBSP Lake Dam.

Lowndes County has promised to make and plant road signs at all river landings in Lowndes County, which on the Little River are Folsom Bridge Landing at GA 122 and Troupville Boat Ramp (GA DNR & VLPRA). Valdosta through VLPRA funded significant improvements to the access road to Troupville Boat Ramp.  
VLPRA: Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreational Authority.