

# What we Do and How You can Help

swimmable, fishable, drinkable water



Which River is This?



9,950 square miles

2 states

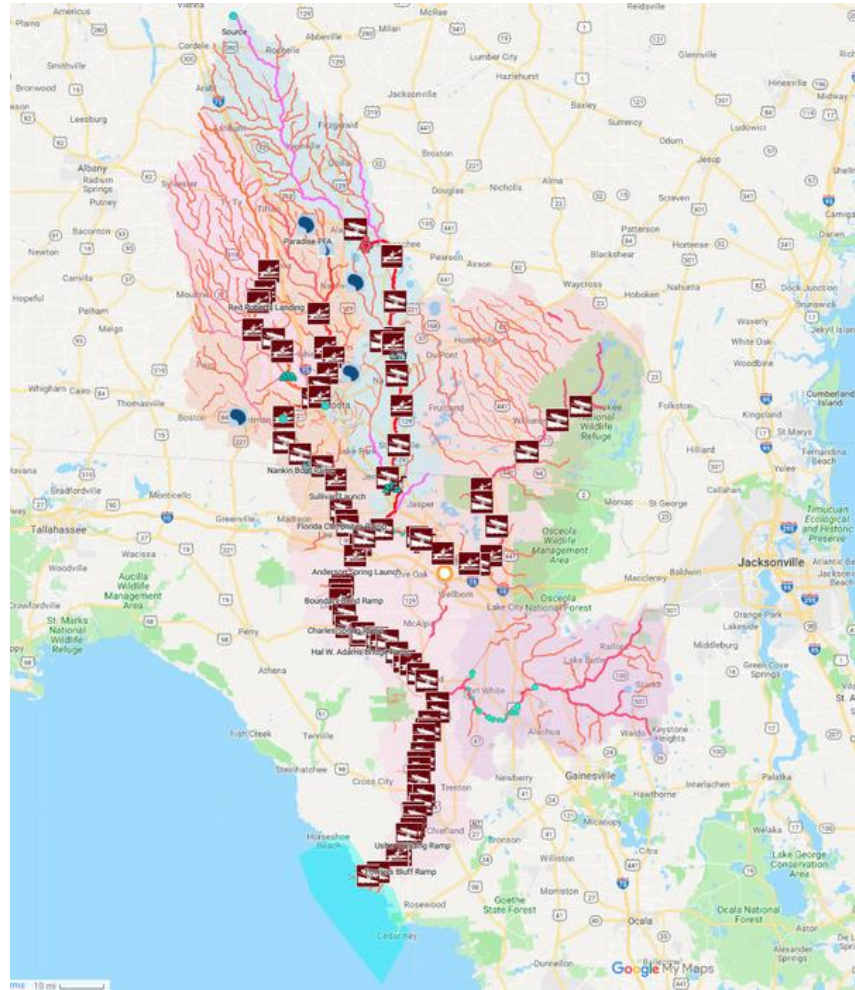
33 counties

4 major rivers

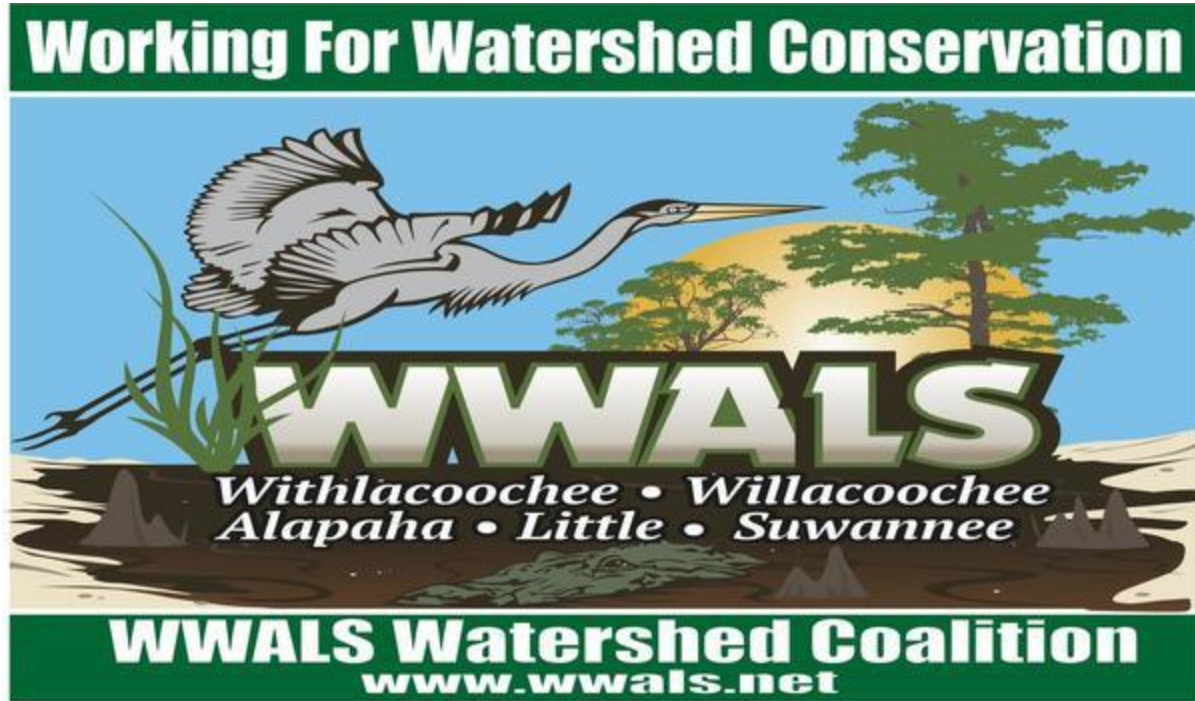
Many smaller rivers, streams

Lakes, swamps

Springs, sinks, etc.



Est. June 8, 2012







## Seventh Annual *BIG Little River Paddle Race*



**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

*Proceeds to benefit Friends of Reed Bingham State Park (FORB) and WWALS Watershed Coalition, the Waterkeeper® Alliance Member for the Little River as Suwannee Riverkeeper®.*

**TIME:** Registration opens 8:00 a.m. and closes at 8:50 a.m. Mass start at 9:30 a.m. Awards @11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Reed Bingham State Park, Adel, GA. Registration and start at Red Roberts Landing. (Take Rountree Bridge/Sparks Exit 41 off I-75; turn right on Rountree Bridge Rd. in front of Horse Creek Winery and go 4.8 miles to Rountree Bridge; boat ramp on east side). Finish is in Reed Bingham S.P. lake, Colquitt Co. side. A 15-minute shuttle is required to get from the take-out to the put-in and will be provided.

**ENTRY FEE:** Pre-registration (before April 1) is \$20 per boat plus a \$5 park entrance fee per vehicle. Late registration (after April 1) and registration on the day of the event is \$30 per boat, plus a \$5 park entrance fee per vehicle. Canoes or kayaks only; no motors, rowboats, or paddleboards allowed. Canoe/kayak rental available at Reed Bingham State Park with advance reservation (separate fee; contact park to arrange). Event will be held rain or shine, but will be delayed or cancelled for severe weather/unsafe conditions. No refunds in case of cancellation. Must be at least 12 years old to paddle solo. Life jackets required to participate (you must supply your own)

**AMENITIES:** Free lunch will be provided at the finish. Overall winner will get a \$100 cash prize, and winners in each category will receive a special award.

# Next WWALS Board Meeting: 2PM Sunday April 14, 2019

South Georgia Regional Library, 2906 Julia Dr, Valdosta, GA 31602

## **Board Members:**

- John S. Quarterman (President, Chair, PR & Issues Committees, & Suwannee Riverkeeper®)\*,
- Tom Potter (Senior Vice President and Chair of Science Committee)\*
- Gretchen Quarterman (Treasurer, Chair, Membership & Grant-Writing Comm.s, Executive Director)\*
- Garry Gentry (Secretary)
- Shirley Kokidko (Assistant Secretary for pointing the video camera)\*
- Bret Wagenhorst (Board delegate to Advisory Committee)
- Eileen Box (Chair of Events Committee)
- Dan Phillips (Chair of Water Trails Committee)
- Bobby McKenzie (Chair of Testing Committee)
- Ronnie Thomas (Chair of Outings Committee)

# A Waterkeeper® Member

8 June 2012: WWALS incorporated

3 June 2015: Waterkeeper® Alliance Affiliate

20 Dec 2016: Waterkeeper® Alliance **Member**

Trademark

Recognition

Communications

Annual conference

Territory

Now the Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®



WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE  
**MEMBER**



## Second Annual **Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®**

### Songwriting Contest

1-5 PM, Saturday, August 24, 2019

**Why:** There should be more songs about the Suwannee River, or the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee River, the Okefenokee Swamp, or springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds.....

**Song Submissions:** Starting Monday April 1, 2019

**Deadline:** Friday, July 12, 2019

**Finalists:** will be announced Saturday August 10, 2019

**The Contest:** 1-5PM, Saturday, August 24, 2019

**Who:** Master of Ceremonies radio personality **Chris Beckham**.  
2018 First Prize Winner **Laura D'Alisera** will play.

**Where:** The Salty Snapper, 1405 Gornto Rd, Valdosta, GA

**Tickets:** \$10 per person [online](#), or \$12 at the door.

**What:** Food, bar, silent auction, kayak raffle, finalists play, prizes awarded, sponsors acknowledged.

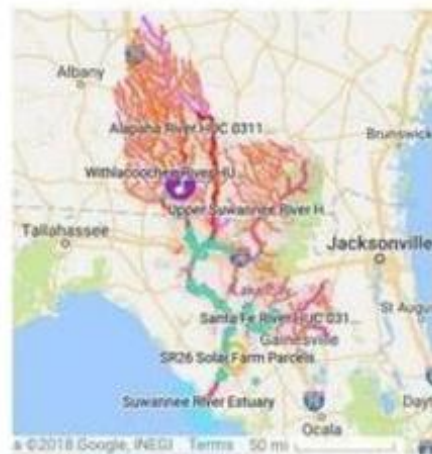
**Prizes:** **\$300 First Prize**. Finalists must be present to win.

*\$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin,*

*\$50 winner from elsewhere, and one winner per musical genre.*

*New: one or more youth winners under 18 years old.*

WWALS will pay mileage for finalists and judges for 50 to 125 miles from the venue.





# Spook Bridge and The Langdale Company



# Paddle Georgia, June 15-21, 2019

7 days on the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers

About 300 people

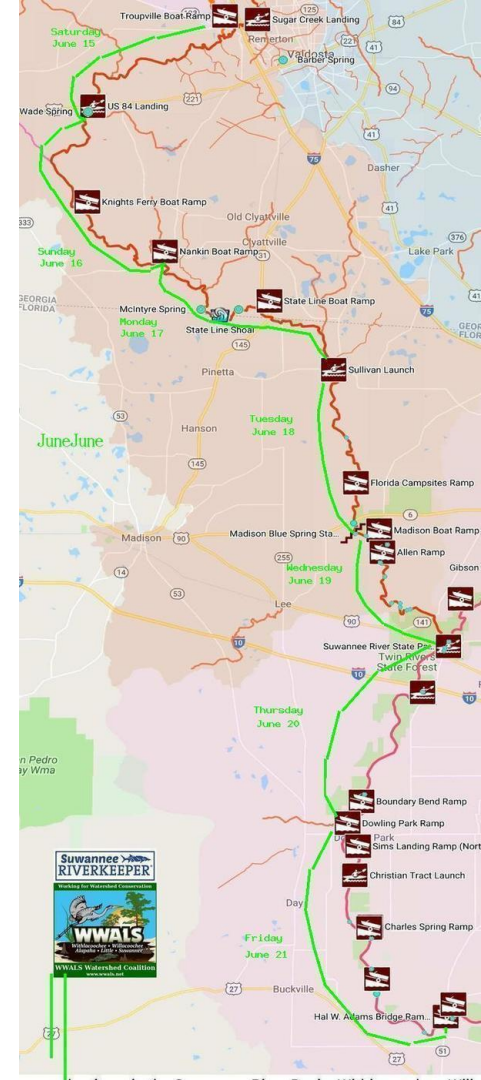
First time ever paddling into a different state

WWALS is helping with trip naturalists and

Final Feast at Advent Christian Village Friday, June 21

2018 Suwannee Riverkeeper Songwriting Contest

Winner Laura D'Alisera will play



# Daily GA-EPD Sewage Spills Reports: How that happened, What's in them, And what to do about them

1	BEGIN_DATE	END_DATE	FACILITY_NAME	COUNTY	CITY	OVERFLOW_LOCATION	QUANTITY	NOTES	OVERFLOW_TYPE
2	2018-12-03	2018-12-03	Lowndes County (South Regio	Lowndes	Valdosta	Madison Highway near Exit 1	35000	Phone call received 2018-12-0	Raw Sewage
3	2018-12-02	2018-12-02	Quitman, City of (Quitman WP	Brooks	Quitman	Quitman	2		Raw Sewage
4	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	Lee Street and E Jane	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
5	2018-12-02	2018-12-03	Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	1101 Ponderosa	13125	Spill stopped and tentative vol	Raw Sewage
6	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	1208 Wainwright	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
7	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	William Street and College Str	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
8	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	1403 Lola	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
9	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	817 Gornto	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
10	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	Mack Drive Station	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
11	2018-12-02	2018-12-03	Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	1810 E Park Avenue	15575	Spill stopped and tentative vol	Raw Sewage
12	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	1305 Lee Street	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
13	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	Troup and E Ann	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
14	2018-12-02	2018-12-03	Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	North Forrest and Brookwood	45300	Spill stopped and tentative vol	Raw Sewage
15	2018-12-02	2018-12-03	Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	1201 Ponderosa	52500	Spill stopped and tentative vol	Raw Sewage
16	2018-12-02	2018-12-04	Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	Bay Street and Hines	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD.	Raw Sewage
17	2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch	Lowndes	Valdosta	Withlacoochee Wastewater Pl	0	Spill ongoing; volume TBD	Raw Sewage



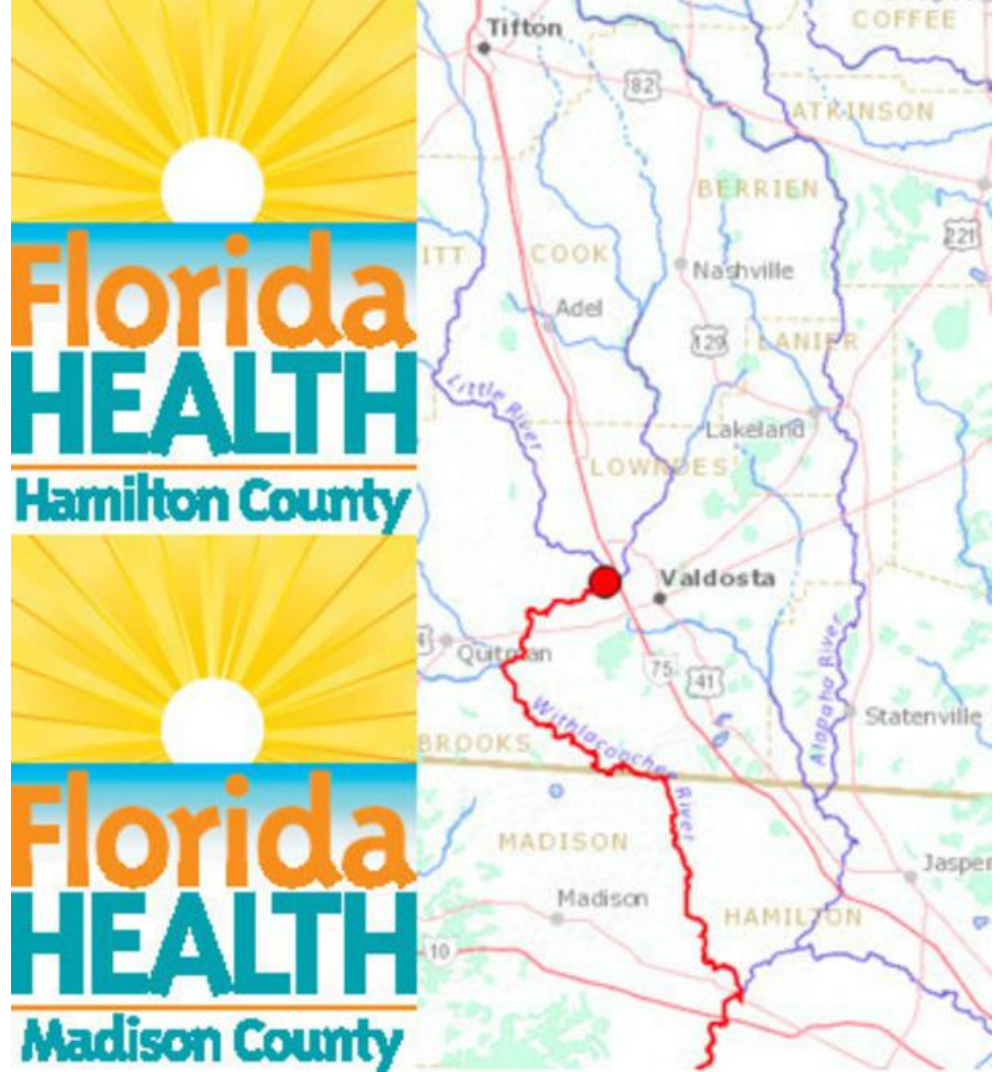
Spills damage

Fishing, Swimming,  
Boating, Drinking.

Wastewater permits  
require:

- Publicity only for  
>= 10,000 gallons.
- Testing only after  
major spills.

So Florida counties pay  
for Georgia spills (testing,  
economic damage).





Locals not happy, either.

Valdosta and Lowndes County told EPD,  
but not local people, again and again,  
millions of gallons, or smaller amounts at many places.

BEGIN_DATE	END_DATE	COUNTY	CITY	OVERFLOW_LOCATION	QUANTITY
2018-08-13	2018-08-13	Lowndes	Valdosta	1638 New Statenville Hwy - Mud Creek WPCP - Valdosta	13500
2018-07-06	2018-07-06	Lowndes	Valdosta	Val-Tech Road - Lowndes County	9300
2018-06-26	2018-06-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	Withlacoochee WWTP - Valdosta	30000
2018-03-22	2018-03-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	4100 Block of Bemiss Road - Valdosta	1500
2018-03-03	2018-03-03	Lowndes	Valdosta	2500 Block of Marathon Drive - Valdosta	2625
2017-10-12	2017-10-12	Lowndes	Valdosta	400 Block of Connell Road - Valdosta	3475
2017-09-23	2017-09-23	Lowndes	Valdosta	Val-Tech Road 1.2 miles south of Wiregrass Techn	25000
2017-09-11	2017-09-11	Lowndes	Valdosta	4100 Block of Bemiss Road - Valdosta	900
2017-01-22	2017-01-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	1200 Block of Wainwright Drive - Valdosta	9800
2017-01-22	2017-01-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	1600 Block of James P. Rogers Drive - Valdosta	57500
2017-01-22	2017-01-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	800 Branch of Gornto Road - Valdosta	9725
2017-01-22	2017-01-25	Lowndes	Valdosta	3180 Wetherington Lane - Valdosta	220000

# Some October 2018 spills all over Georgia

2018-10-29	2018-10-29	Rome, City	Floyd		Foss Manuf	1500	Raw Sewage	Coosa
2018-10-29	2018-10-29	Augusta, Ci	Richmond	Augusta	820 Poinde	600	Raw Sewage	
2018-10-27	2018-10-27	Gray, City	Jones	Gray	Washburn	500	Raw Sewage	Oconee
2018-10-27	2018-10-27	Douglasville	Douglas	Douglasville	Manhole #8	350	Raw Sewage	
2018-10-27	2018-10-27	Douglasville	Douglas	Douglasville	Manhole #8	350	Raw Sewage	
2018-10-26	2018-10-26	Atlanta, City	Fulton	Atlanta	757 Woodv	150	Raw Sewage	
2018-10-26	2018-10-26	Internationa	Macon	Oglethorpe	Clarifier	750000	Other	Flint
2018-10-25	2018-10-25	Athens-Clar	Clarke	Athens	295 Clevela	2	Raw Sewage	Oconee
2018-10-25	2018-10-26	Tallapoosa,	Haralson		20 Arbaco	22190	Raw Sewage	Tallapoosa
2018-10-25	2018-10-25	Augusta, Ci	Richmond	Augusta	Skinner Mill	1500	Raw Sewage	
2018-10-25	2018-10-25	Atlanta, City	Fulton	Atlanta	1429 Fairm	700	Raw Sewage	
2018-10-23	2018-10-24	Walker Cou	Walker		Remote wo	25000	Raw Sewage	Chattahooc

GA-EPD has the spill reports in spreadsheets, so:

## A Resolution

Requesting the Georgia

Environmental Protection Division

to Timely Publish Pollution Spill Reports

**WHEREAS**, clean water is a basic right of all Georgia citizens and a basic mission of the Georgia Water Coalition and all its partners; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution spills unknown to the public could represent public health hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution spills unknown to the public cannot trigger further water quality monitoring by entities such as Georgia Water Coalition partners to detect public health hazards and other potential effects; and







Tifton: 3;  
 more GA  
 spills  
 through 9  
 Dec 2018,  
 But many  
 Valdosta  
 spills still  
 not ended

BEGIN_DATE	END_DATE	FACILITY_NAME	COUNTY	CITY	OVERFLOW_LOCATION	QUANTITY	NOTES	OVERFLOW_TYPE
2018-12-30	2018-12-30	Columbus Water Works CSO	Muscogee	Columbus	426 Farr Road	9260		Raw Sewage
2018-12-09	2018-12-09	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Decatur	2089 Garden Circle Decatur GA	13080		Raw Sewage
2018-12-09	2018-12-09	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Decatur	3449 Brookfield Lane Decatur	14120		Raw Sewage
2018-12-07	2018-12-07	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Atlanta	1141 Biltmore Drive Atlanta GA	6060		Raw Sewage
2018-12-07	2018-12-07	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Chamblee	2135 American Industrial Way	1960	Manhole 18-308-s067	Raw Sewage
2018-12-06	2018-12-06	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Lithonia	7788 Covington Highway Litho	1480	manhole 16-152-s014	Raw Sewage
2018-12-05		Atlanta, City of (R. M. Clayton)	Fulton	Atlanta	3120 Parrott Ave. NW - Atlant	0	Ongoing spill. More information	Raw Sewage
2018-12-05	2018-12-05	Atlanta, City of (R. M. Clayton)	Fulton	Atlanta	2089 College Ave. NE - Atlanta	0	Fax sent 2018-12-06	Raw Sewage
2018-12-05	2018-12-05	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Doraville	3070 Four Oaks Drive, Doravill	500	manhole 6-280-s211.	Raw Sewage
2018-12-05	2018-12-05	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Decatur	3082 Francine Drive Decatur G	3060	Spilled from Manhole 18-116-	Raw Sewage
2018-12-05	2018-12-05	Dekalb County (Snapfinger Cr)	Dekalb	Decatur	3088 Francine Drive Decatur G	9000	manhole 18-116-s060 spilling	Raw Sewage
2018-12-04	2018-12-04	Atlanta, City of (R. M. Clayton)	Fulton	Atlanta	3390 Fairburn Rd. SW - Atlant	10	Fax sent 2018-12-05	Raw Sewage
2018-12-04	2018-12-04	Macon Water Authority (Rock)	Macon	Macon	2820 Pierce Drive South, MH	2400		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-06	Tifton, City of (New River WPO)	Tift	Tifton	Agrirama Lift Station	35400		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-05	Blakely, City of (Blakely WPCP)	Early	Blakely	Manhole behind hospital	0		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-07	Tifton, City of (New River WPO)	Tift	Tifton	Manhole located at 26th St. &	51700		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-03	Tifton, City of (New River WPO)	Tift	Tifton	61 TC Gordon Rd.	18000		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03		Blakely, City of (Blakely WPCP)	Early	Blakely	Willow Glen manhole	0		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-03	Clayton County Water Authori	Clayton	Ellenwood	3644 Grant Road	3600		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-03	Thomasville, City of (Oquina C)	Thomas	Thomasville	110 Campbell Street Thomass	9000		Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-03	Lowndes County (South Regio)	Lowndes	Valdosta	Madison Highway near Exit 1	35000	Phone call received 2018-12-	Raw Sewage
2018-12-03	2018-12-04	Eastman, City of (Sugar Creek)	Dodge	Eastman	Legion Drive Lift Station	8000		Raw Sewage
2018-12-02	2018-12-02	Quitman, City of (Quitman W)	Brooks	Quitman	Quitman	2		Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	Lee Street and E Jane	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD. C	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02	2018-12-03	Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	1101 Ponderosa	13125	Spill stopped and tentative vol	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	1208 Wainwright	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD. C	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02	2018-12-03	Donalsonville, City of (Donalson)	Seminole	Donalsonville	The Manhole at Fabus Drive	8100		Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	William Street and College Str	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD. C	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	1403 Lola	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD. C	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	817 Gornito	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD. C	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02	2018-12-02	Clayton County Water Authori	Clayton	Jonesboro	9900 Dixon Industrial Blvd.	45000		Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Valdosta, City of (Withlacooch)	Lowndes	Valdosta	Mack Drive Station	0	Ongoing. Final volume TBD. C	Raw Sewage
2018-12-02		Arlington, City of (Arlington WPCP)	Early	Arlington	Manhole at WPCP	100000		Raw Sewage

Valdosta City Council >\$60 million

Another  
\$1/2 million  
for fixes  
2018-12-06

Yet spills.  
And spills  
they don't  
tell us  
about.

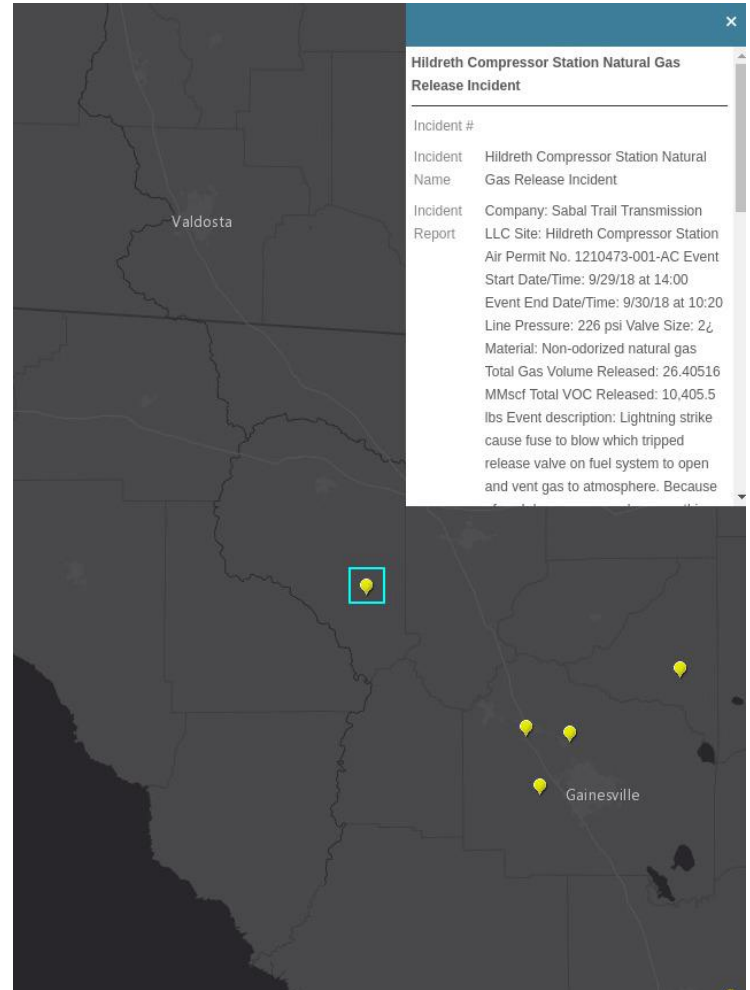


# Florida does it

No sewage spills in many months  
In the Suwannee River Basin in Florida.

But a Sabal Trail pipeline leak.  
We only know about that because of  
Florida's daily Notices of Pollution.

Has Sabal Trail leaked in Albany, GA?





# 20 groups signed on by Halloween

Sent it to GA-EPD.

John S. Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeeper,  
WWALS Watershed Coalition, 2018-09-29



S. Gordon Rogers,  
Flint Riverkeeper  
2018-09-29



Dana Skelton,  
Executive Director  
Georgia River Network,  
2018-10-01



Jesse Demonbreun-Chapman,  
Executive Director & Riverkeeper,  
Coosa River Basin Initiative,  
2018-10-01



Jennette Gayer, Director,  
Environment Georgia,  
2018-10-01



Nicole Hayler, Director,  
Chattooga Conservancy,  
2018-10-02



Walt Ray,  
Director,  
Chattahoochee River Program,  
2018-10-03



Rachael Thompson,  
Project Manager,  
Glynn Environmental Coalition,  
2018-10-03



Mark J. Wilson,  
Vice Chairman,  
Yellow River  
Water Trail,  
2018-10-03



Janet Pearson,  
President,  
Lake Oconee  
Water Watch,  
2018-10-03

Peter Norris,  
President,  
Upper Oconee  
Watershed Network,  
2018-10-04



Margaret Tyson,  
Chair,  
Ochlockonee River  
Water Trail,  
2018-10-08

Laura Early,  
Executive Director  
and Riverkeeper,  
Satilla Riverkeeper,  
2018-10-08



Jacqueline Echols,  
President,  
South River  
Watershed Alliance,  
2018-10-08



Jen Lomber,  
Matanzas  
Riverkeeper,  
2018-10-17



Harrison  
Langley,  
Waterkeeper,  
2018-10-17



Margaret Tolbert,  
Founder,  
Aquiferious,  
2018-10-21



Michael Roth,  
President,  
Our Santa Fe River,  
2018-10-25



Whitey Markle, Chair,  
Suwannee-St. Johns Group,  
Sierra Club Florida  
2018-10-26



Bill Richards,  
Executive Director,  
Paddle Florida,  
2018-10-30



Sign here: <http://wwals.net/?p=46767#sign>



# GA-EPD did answer on November 2, 2018

John – good idea. We will get to work immediately on the logistics to see how we can make this happen. I'll keep you informed of our progress.

Rick Dunn  
EPD

Kept collecting sign-ons.

Even put up a petition for individuals to sign.

# Thirty Groups:

Thanks to Georgia Water Coalition (GWC) and Georgia River Network (GRN) for helping get signers, especially Flint Riverkeeper Gordon Rogers, to Dana Skelton of GRN, to Satilla Riverkeeper Laura Early, to Matanzas Riverkeeper Jen Lomberk, to Collier County Waterkeeper Harrison Langley, to Aquiferious Founder Margaret Tolbert, to Our Santa Fe River President Michael Roth, to SSJG Sierra Club Chair Whitey Markle, to Paddle Florida Executive Director Bill Richards, to April Lipscomb of SELC, to Jennette Gayer of Environment Georgia, and to Mike Worley of Georgia Wildlife Federation for mentioning the idea to Dick Dunn before we even sent him the resolution.

Megan Desrosiers,  
CEO,  
One Hundred Miles,  
2018-11-11



Tom D. Jones,  
Chapter President,  
Greater Atlanta,  
Isaak Walton League of America,  
2018-11-12



Amy Lanclos,  
Board Chair,  
Greater Apalachee  
River Community,  
2018-11-12



April Lipscomb, Staff Attorney, 2018-11-14,  
Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC)



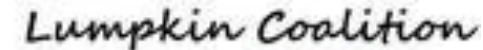
Nikki Belmonte, Executive Director  
Atlanta Audubon Society, 2018-12-04



Peggy Riggins, President,  
No Ash At All — Wayne County, 2018-12-07



Elvin Illyer, Chair, Water Issues,  
Lumpkin Coalition, 2018-11-12



Ellen Foebus,  
Board member,  
Broad River  
Watershed Association,  
2018-11-12



Damon L. Mullin, Interim Riverkeeper,  
Executive Director, Ogeechee Riverkeeper,  
2018-11-14



Claire Cox, President, 2018-12-03



Phillip Hodges, Treasurer, 2018-12-04



Surprise!

Starting

December 20, 2018

Secure | <https://epd.georgia.gov/sewage-spills-report>

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# Environmental Protection Division

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## Sewage Spills Report

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) provides information on municipal and industrial sewage spills. The report covers the most recent 30-day period and is updated each business day.

Note: A "zero" in the quantity field indicates the amount of the spill has not been determined.



# I asked Valdosta for this list for years Finally got it from GA-EPD.

Things are getting better.  
But we never would have known  
Without this EPD data.  
And still there are spills.  
Some Valdosta and Lowndes County  
did not tell us about....

[wwals.net/issues/vww/ga-spills](http://wwals.net/issues/vww/ga-spills)

ISSUE#	END_DATE	COUNTY	CITY	OVERFLOW_LOCATION	QUANTITY	Annual total
2018-08-13	2018-08-13	Lowndes	Valdosta	1638 New Stateville Hwy - Mud Creek WPCP - V	135000	448425
2018-07-06	2018-07-06	Lowndes	Valdosta	Val Tech Road - Lowndes County	9300	
2018-06-26	2018-06-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	Withicochee WWTP - Valdosta	300000	
2018-03-22	2018-03-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	4100 Block of Bemiss Road - Valdosta	1625	
2018-03-03	2018-03-03	Lowndes	Valdosta	2500 Block of Marathon Drive - Valdosta	2500	
2017-10-12	2017-10-12	Lowndes	Valdosta	400 Block of Gortto Road - Valdosta	3475	2306400
2017-09-23	2017-09-23	Lowndes	Valdosta	Val Tech Road 1/2 miles south of Wiregrass Tec	25000	
2017-09-11	2017-09-11	Lowndes	Valdosta	4100 Block of Bemiss Road - Valdosta	900	
2017-01-22	2017-01-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	1200 Block of Wainwright Drive - Valdosta	9800	
2017-01-22	2017-01-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	1200 Block of James P. Rogers Drive - Valdosta	57500	
2017-01-22	2017-01-22	Lowndes	Valdosta	800 Branch of Gortto Road - Valdosta	9725	
2017-01-22	2017-01-25	Lowndes	Valdosta	1180 Wetherington Lane - Valdosta	220000	
2016-10-19	2016-10-19	Lowndes	Valdosta	3100 Block of North Lee Street	1500	3146685
2016-10-11	2016-10-11	Lowndes	Valdosta	2200 Block of Park Lane	7360	
2016-09-04	2016-09-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	1300 Block of North Ashley Street	5675	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1900 Block of East Park Avenue	5000	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Gortto Road	55800	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	3100 Block of Falling Leaf	7380	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1300 Block of North Ashley Street	114750	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1300 Block of Brookwood and North Lee	45000	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	Hwy 94 Lift Station	1300	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	4100 Block of Bemiss Road	2000	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	800 Block of Gortto Road	1150	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1300 Block of North Lee Street	76500	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	500 Block of Mack Drive	51900	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Gortto Road	117000	
2016-09-02	2016-09-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	Golf Course	40425	
2016-08-04	2016-08-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	900 Block of Madison Avenue	3300	
2016-08-02	2016-08-02	Lowndes	Atlanta	3700 Block of Knights Academy Road	1500	
2016-06-18	2016-06-18	Lowndes	Valdosta	Val Tech Road	750	
2016-06-06	2016-06-06	Lowndes	Valdosta	700 Block of Gil Harbin Blvd	425	
2016-04-05	2016-04-05	Lowndes	Valdosta	Val Tech Road	225000	
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2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	140 Block of Gortto Road	80650	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1200 Block of Lake Drive	105365	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	500 Block of Rouse Road	3660	
2016-04-02	2016-04-03	Lowndes	Valdosta	700 Block of Cypress Street	72050	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Meadowbrook	44280	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1300 Block of N. Lee Street	279300	
2016-04-02	2016-04-03	Lowndes	Valdosta	1800 Block of Remer Lane	321225	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1400 Gortto	100200	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	1100 Block of Joree Street	80800	
2016-04-02	2016-04-03	Lowndes	Valdosta	1200 Block of Wainwright Street	199550	
2016-04-02	2016-04-02	Lowndes	Valdosta	800 Block of Gortto Road	860	
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2016-03-27	2016-03-28	Lowndes	Valdosta	600 Block of Scott Drive	2885	
2016-03-27	2016-03-28	Lowndes	Valdosta	700 Block of Cypress Street	14725	
2016-02-20	2016-02-20	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Gortto Road	2175	
2016-02-17	2016-02-17	Lowndes	Valdosta	400 Block of Seymour Street	3700	
2016-02-15	2016-02-15	Lowndes	Valdosta	Bemiss Road	1450	
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2016-02-04	2016-02-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	2000 Block of Meadowbrook Drive	33900	
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2016-02-04	2016-02-05	Lowndes	Valdosta	1200 Block of Wainwright Street	90500	
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2016-02-04	2016-02-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	700 Block of Cypress Street	29500	
2016-02-04	2016-02-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	600 Block of Scott Drive	41000	
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2016-02-04	2016-02-05	Lowndes	Valdosta	1800 Block of Remer Lane	299125	
2016-02-04	2016-02-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	700 Block of Jane Street and Ann Street	15125	
2016-02-04	2016-02-04	Lowndes	Valdosta	1300 Block of North Lee Street	38125	
2015-11-03	2015-11-03	Lowndes	Valdosta	1404 Gortto Road	27000	1511575
2015-10-26	2015-10-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	1100 Block of North Lee Street	600	
2015-08-29	2015-08-30	Lowndes	Valdosta	600 Block of Scott Drive	61100	
2015-08-28	2015-08-29	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Meadowbrook Drive	48000	
2015-08-28	2015-08-29	Lowndes	Valdosta	Remer Lane	151700	
2015-08-28	2015-08-29	Lowndes	Valdosta	1400 Block of Gortto Road	177000	
2015-08-21	2015-08-21	Lowndes	Valdosta	940 Madison Avenue	1350	
2015-02-26	2015-02-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	Hwy 113	22000	
2015-02-26	2015-02-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	2426 Meadowbrooke	45750	
2015-02-26	2015-02-27	Lowndes	Valdosta	2410 Meadowbrooke	87500	
2015-02-26	2015-02-27	Lowndes	Valdosta	1405 Gortto Road	2200	
2015-02-25	2015-02-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	626 Scott Drive	5250	
2015-02-25	2015-02-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	Cypress Street and Mystic Street	48000	
2015-02-25	2015-02-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	Remerton Lane	311250	
2015-02-25	2015-02-26	Lowndes	Valdosta	1404 Gortto Road	157500	
2015-02-16	2015-02-16	Lowndes	Valdosta	1110 Old Stateville Road (Park Chase Apartmer	375	
2015-02-06	2015-02-07	Lowndes	Valdosta	1900 Block of East Park Avenue (pump station)	96500	
2015-01-23	2015-01-24	Lowndes	Valdosta	1834 Remer Lane	171000	
2015-01-23	2015-01-23	Lowndes	Valdosta	1404 Gortto Road	72000	
2015-01-23	2015-01-24	Lowndes	Valdosta	700 Block of Cypress Street	9000	
2015-01-23	2015-01-23	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Meadowbrook	6000	
2015-01-23	2015-01-23	Lowndes	Valdosta	1194 Joree Street	4500	
2015-01-23	2015-01-24	Lowndes	Valdosta	2400 Block of Meadowbrook	6000	









## How do we Get GA-EPD to

- Set up signup for email alerts of spills (like Florida does)?
- Publish a map of the last 30 days of spills (like Florida does)?
- Fine offenders?

## How do we get spillers to

- Fix their infrastructure?
- Do water quality testing?
- Find out how far spills go downstream?
- Find out what wells are affected?

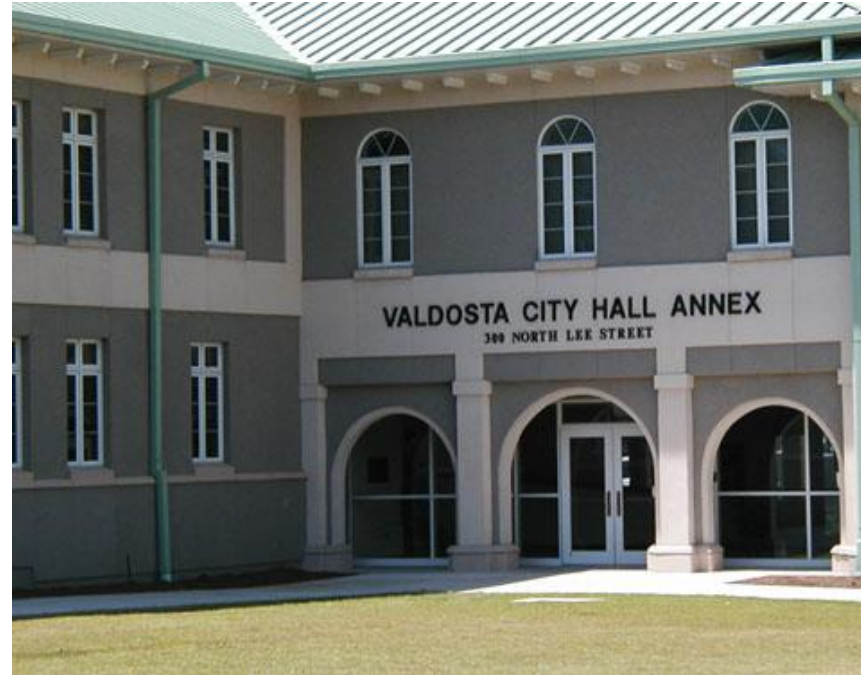
# Florida Rivers Task Force (12 Counties) in Valdosta

6PM, Wednesday, April 10, 2019

General Purpose Room,  
Valdosta City Hall Annex,  
300 North Lee Street,  
Valdosta, GA 31601

Elected officials talking  
with elected officials

“The public will have an opportunity to speak.”



Not just spills.

E. Coli and  
Fecal coliform  
Spike  
Other times,  
Other places.

Wildlife?

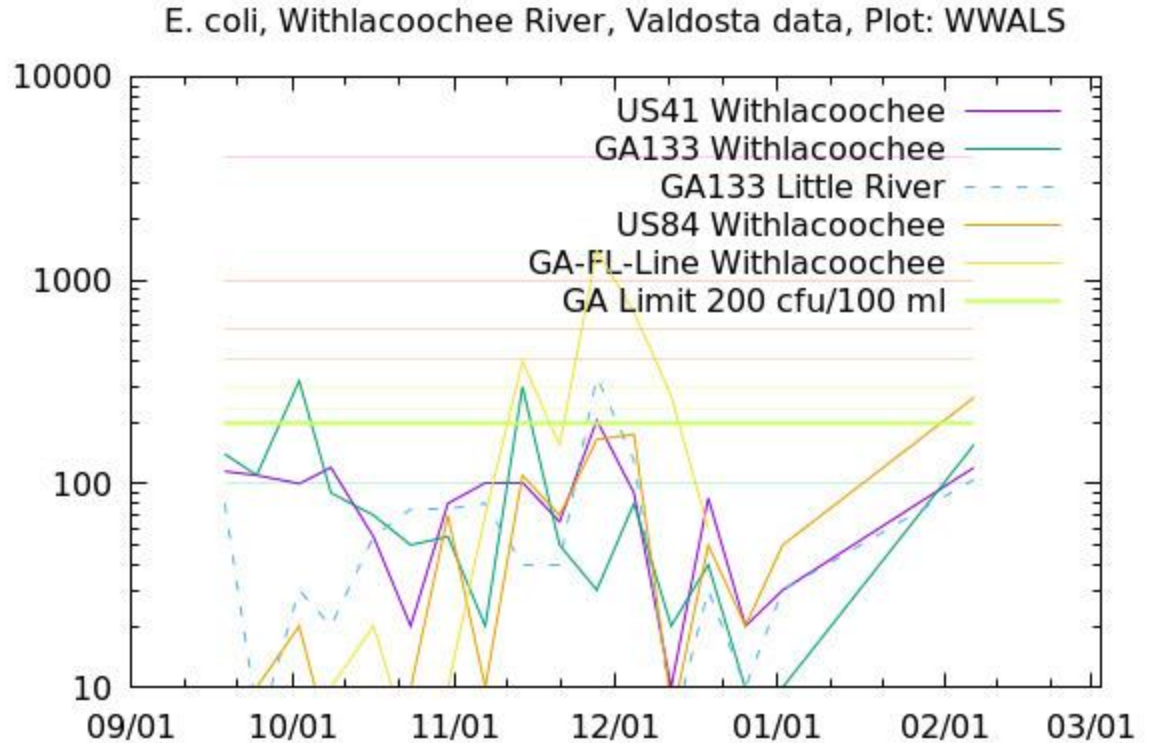
Cows? Horses?

Cats and dogs?

Septic tanks?

More testing can find out

So we can find fixes.



# Valdosta test stations

Need verification.

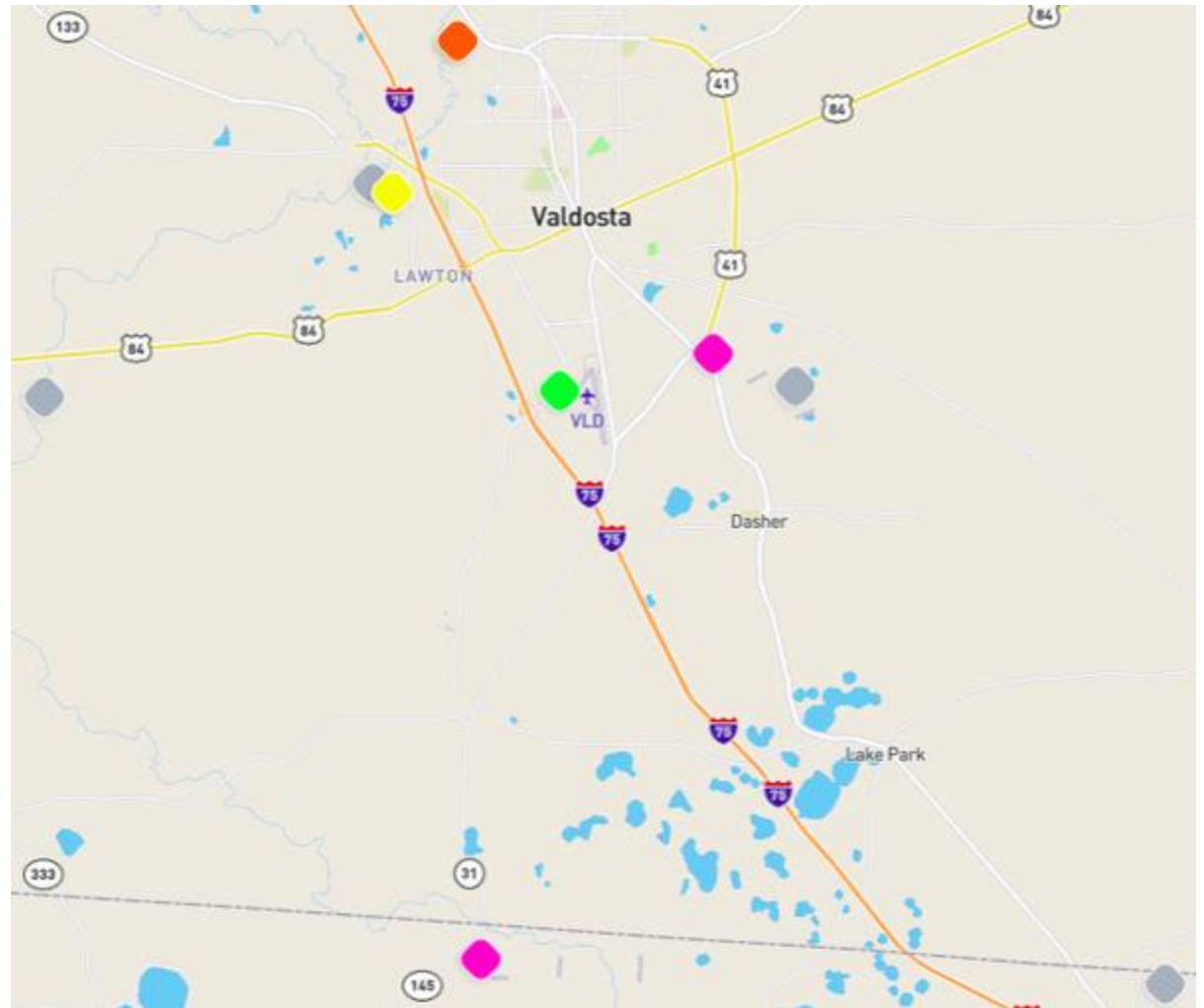
Gaps need covering.

Valdosta reducing from weekly to monthly.

WWALS water quality testing program.

[wwals.net/vww/testing](http://wwals.net/vww/testing)

Shouldn't permit holders and states be doing this?





# PFAS and PFOS (firefighting chemicals) spilled from Air Force Bases, carpet factories, ....

AF Bases say fishing was affected.

Their own water wells are deep and fine, but they didn't test private wells.

An AJC story went AP and nationwide: <http://wwals.net/?p=47812>

Private wells closed by PFAS in Florida and Pennsylvania.

Michigan and North Carolina have allocated funds and set limits.

What should Georgia do?

We all do what we can

But everything depends on water: shouldn't states be doing more?

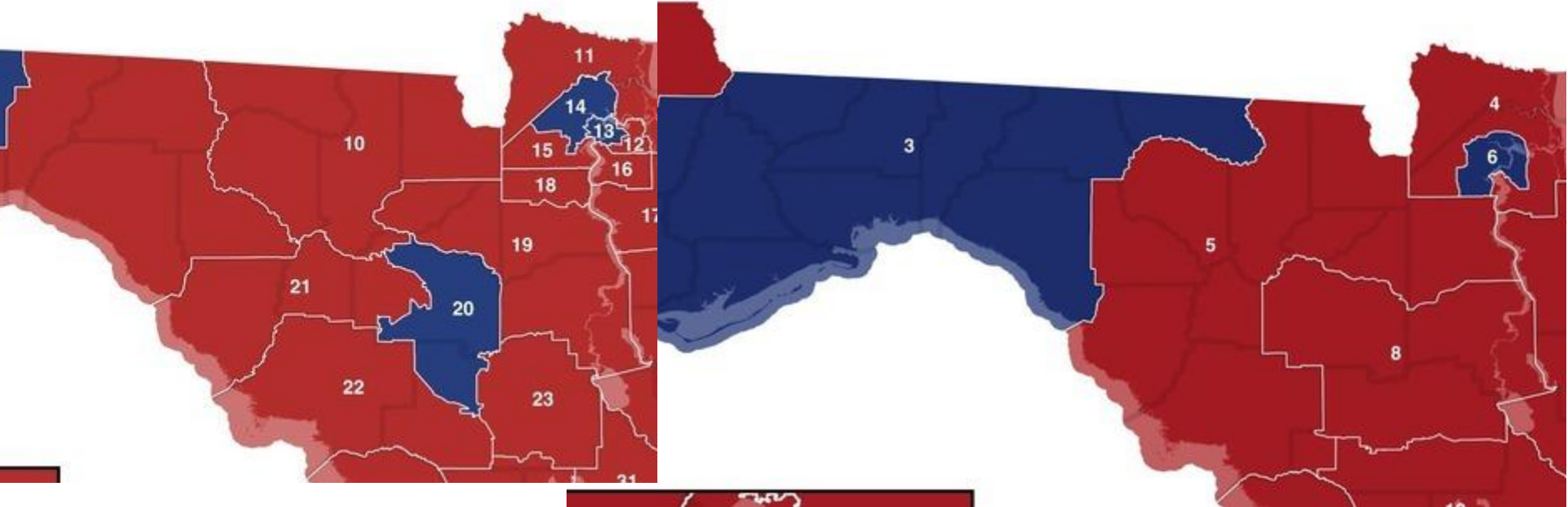


# Public Health and Economic Issue

- Nobody wants people to get sick
  - from fishing, swimming, boating
  - Or drinking out of their own wells.
  
- Repair eco-tourism
  - Says Florida counties Rivers Task Force
  - Need regular testing to do that
  - So we know when the rivers are clean and when they are not

Please ask your state and federal legislators

To fund testing and fixes. [http://openstates.org/find\\_your\\_legislator/](http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/)





Waterkeepers  
Florida meet  
FDEP  
April 15  
in Orlando

What should  
we ask?



# Waterkeepers Florida formed December 19, 2018

First action:

## A Resolution

Need help

## Against Phosphate Mines in Florida

Stopping

HPS II mine

In Union &

Bradford Cos.

WHEREAS, WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE Members are obligated and dedicated to protect the water resources, citizens' interests, and related benefits in their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, phosphate mines have been shown to threaten and cause actual harm to these resources, interest, and related benefits; and

WHEREAS, there are several phosphate mine projects in various stages of permitting in local, state, and federal



WATERKEEPER® ALLIANCE  
MEMBER

*Signed December 19, 2018:*

**WATERKEEPERS® FLORIDA**

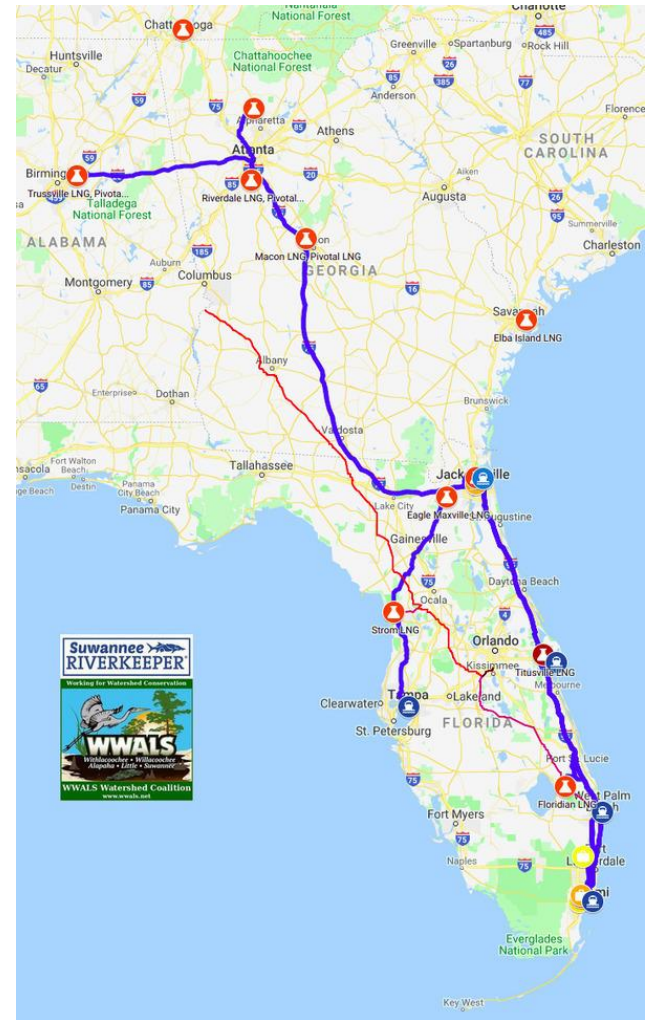
# Help stop FERC from Shirking LNG oversight

Remember Sabal Trail and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) told us no gas would go to export?

Well, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) is already going from Sabal Trail in Suwannee County to Jacksonville, and then to Puerto Rico.

More from Hialeah to Caribbean countries.

Help WWALS fund a lawsuit to stop this.





## Floridians Against Fracking

Including matrix acidizing



*Deborah L. Foote, Sierra Club Florida  
Lisa Rinaman, Waterkeepers Florida  
Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried  
Niki M... Fla. Cooperative Water*

Who said this?

**ANYONE WHO UNDERSTANDS  
FRACKING IS OPPOSED TO IT. IF  
THEY UNDERSTAND IT BUT  
STILL SUPPORT IT, THEN THEY  
MUST BE GAINING PROFIT FROM  
IT. THERE IS NO "GREY AREA"  
WITH FRACKING. THERE IS  
NOTHING GOOD ABOUT IT. THERE  
IS NO SUCH THING AS SAFE  
FRACKING.**

**Jim Tatum and Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson in  
PENSACULA NEWS JOURNAL**



# Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs)

Nitrates from excess fertilizer leaching through groundwater into springs and rivers.

BMAPs say need to reduce 83% to 92%.

But they have no plan to do so.



Figure ES-1. Suwannee River BMAP and PFA boundaries

# Solar power for the Sunshine State

Duke in Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

FPL in Suwannee, Columbia, Union Counties

Need community solar

Need rooftop solar financing

## Solar farm means Windfall for county

Sunshine Gateway Solar Energy Center to go online in 2019.

By CARL MCKINNEY  
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Florida Power and Light is going green, but it's Columbia County that's going to be collecting it.

A new solar plant northwest of Lake City at the intersection of Interstate 10 and I-75, dubbed the Sunshine Gateway Solar Energy Center, is projected to generate between \$1.2 million and \$1.6 million in property tax revenue when it goes online in 2019, said Columbia County Property Appraiser Jeff Hampton.

"That's pretty significant for sure," Hampton said.

Tax revenue from the 953-acre plot alone is expected to jump from \$3,672 to nearly \$70,000 as a result of the county rezoning the parcels from agricultural to light industrial, Hampton said.

And that's just a small piece of what's to come.

The solar panels themselves are going to be where



**ABOVE:** Workers prepare FPL's solar farm northwest of Lake City for the installation of panels.

The first batch of panels arrived Monday, but the shipment was a small fraction of the total number the company plans to install — 330,000 in all. **LEFT:** Metal beams line the parcel of land between I-10 and I-75, waiting to be fit with solar panels. Once finished, the site will generate enough energy to power 15,000 homes, according to FPL.

# Come on along!

2-4PM, Sunday, April 14, WWALS Board Meeting, Library, Valdosta

7:30 PM, Thursday, April 18, Environment Panel, Valdosta State U.

7 PM, Friday, April 19 and every full moon sunset, Banks Lake, Lakeland, GA

8 AM, Saturday, April 27, BIG Little River Paddle Race, Reed Bingham State Park

8:30 AM, Saturday, May 4, Cone Bridge to White Springs, Suwannee River

8 PM, Sunday, May 19, Songwriting Contest Committee, Sakura Rest., Live Oak

Fri,Sat,Sun, May 24-26, WWALS at Florida Folk Festival in White Springs

8:30 AM, Sat., June 1, Deese-Howard Ramp to Gibson Park, Suwannee River.

June 14-21, Paddle Georgia, Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers

1-5 PM, Sat., August 24, Suwannee Riverkeeper Songwriting Contest, Valdosta

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