



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Dear Nominator:

Thank you for your participation in the 2019 Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards. EPD has reviewed all information received in support of designated use change to recreation for nominated waterbody segments.

The following waterbody segments are being proposed for designated use change to recreation for the 2019 Triennial Review. EPD has received complete nomination packages for each of these waterbody segments, including thorough documentation of year-round primary contact recreation throughout the length of the segment, current and planned investment data, and letters of support from community and stakeholders. A map of these waterbody segments can be found at <https://arcg.is/li0ezv>

- Alapaha River - Cherry Creek to Stateline
- Alapaha River - Willacoochee River to Dampier Branch
- Altamaha River - Doctors Creek to Butler River
- Broad River - Comer-Carlton Rd (Athens Hwy) to Mill Branch
- Broad River - Wildcat Bridge Rd. to Scull Shoal Creek
- Chattahoochee River - Pea Creek to Snake Creek
- Chattooga River - confluence with West Fork Chattooga to Tugaloo Lake
- Little St. Simons Island - Littoral waters on the ocean and sound side of Little St. Simons Island
- Oconee River - Dead River to Flat Creek
- Satilla River - Alabaha River to Woodbine boat ramp at Hwy 17
- South River - Honey Creek (Henry County) to Lake Jackson at GA Hwy 36
- St. Marys River - Deep Creek to Boone Creek
- St. Marys River - Prospect Landing Rd. to Little St. Marys River
- Wassaw Sound - Open Sea and littoral waters of Wassaw and Little Tybee Islands
- Withlacoochee River - Tiger Creek to State Line

Incomplete nomination packages were received for the following waterbodies. EPD will continue to solicit information from the nominators to complete these packages. If EPD receives complete nomination packages, EPD will review the complete packages and consider changing the designated use of these waterbodies to recreation as part of the 2022 Triennial Review:

Waterbody	Missing Data		
	Documentation of year-round primary contact recreation	Location of investments on the waterbody	Community and stakeholder letters of support
Altamaha River - Savannah Highway to Doctors Creek			X
Banks Lake – Banks Lake	X	X	
Broad River - Scull Shoal Creek to Comer-Carlton Rd. (Athens Hwy)			X
Chattahoochee River Sweetwater Creek to Pea Creek			X
Chattooga River – Stateline to confluence with West Fork Chattooga	X		
West Fork Chattooga River - Confluence of Overflow Creek and Clear Creek to confluence with Chattooga River	X		
Conasauga River - Sugar Creek to Spring Creek	X		
Etowah River - Headwaters to Montgomery	X	X	X
Etowah River - Montgomery Creek to Lily Creek	X	X	X
Etowah River - Shoal Creek to Yellow Creek	X	X	X
Flint River - Flat Creek to Birch Creek	X	X	
Flint River - Sheep Rock Hollow to Potato Creek	X	X	
Flint River - Auchumpkee Creek to Patsiliga Creek	X	X	
Grand Bay Trail - Grand Bay Creek and Trail located within the Grand Bay WMA	X	X	
Ichawaynochaway Creek - Merrett Creek to Pachitla Creek	X	X	
Kinchafoonee Creek - Mossy Creek to Reedy Creek (Lee County)	X	X	
Little Ohoopsee River - Headwaters to Ohoopsee River	X		
North Oconee River - Jefferson Rd. (GA-15-ALT) to Curry Creek	X		
North Oconee River - Shankles Creek to Walton Creek	X		
Ocmulgee River - Lake Jackson Dam to Wise Creek	X		
Ocmulgee River - Wise Creek to Towaliga River	X		
Ocmulgee River - Thompson Mill Creek to Buck Creek	X		
Ocmulgee River - Bluff Creek to Crooked Creek	X		
Ocmulgee River - Mizell Creek to Fishing Creek	X		
Okefenokee Swamp - All waters within the boundaries of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Area	X		
Satilla River - Jamestown Landing to Alabaha River			X
South River - Panola Shoals to Honey Creek (Henry County)			X
Suwannee River - Suwannee River Sill to Stateline	X		
Withlacoochee River - Highway 37 to Tiger Creek to State Line			X
Yellow River - Brown Bridge Rd. to Porterdale Water Intake	X		
Yellow River - Porterdale Water Intake to Lake Jackson at Georgia Hwy 36	X		

If you have questions regarding the information necessary to complete the nomination package, please contact Gillian Gilbert-Wason at gillian.wason@dnr.ga.gov.

EPD received complete nomination packages for two additional segments. These packages included letters from stakeholders indicating concerns with the proposed designated use changes. These concerns do not exclude the nominated segments from consideration; however additional discussions are necessary.

Chattahoochee River - North Highland Dam to Bull Creek
Chattahoochee River - Pea Creek to Snake Creek

EPD will consider other waterbodies, including those previously nominated, for a designated use change as part of the 2022 Triennial Review. Nominators should be prepared to submit complete nomination packages, including thorough documentation of year-round primary contact recreation throughout the length of the segment, current and planned investment data, and letters of support from the community and stakeholders.

EPD will be hosting a public meeting on September 13, 2021, to discuss the 2019 Triennial Review, including designated use changes. Meeting details and login information can be found here: <https://epd.georgia.gov/document/document/epdpublicmeetingnoticetriennialreview09132021finalpdf/download>.

A working draft of the proposed rule amendments was posted on the EPD website on August 11, 2021. The most up to date version of the draft can be found here: [Working Draft of Proposed Rule Change, 391-03-06.03 – 8/30/2021](#) and on the EPD Water Quality Standards website. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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