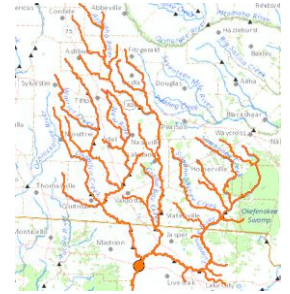


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Valdosta wastewater and flood prevention

Ask your questions, hear their answers

\$60 million in wastewater fixes, yet there are still smaller spills:

Come hear what's been done and what remains to be done, plus what they're doing about flood prevention for the entire Suwannee River Basin in Georgia and Florida. In this first of a new WWALS Quarterly Speaker Series, the people organizing this work will be there to answer:

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director: *wastewater*

Emily Davenport, Assistant Director of Engineering: *flooding*

Tim Carroll, Valdosta City Council: *solar power for utilities*

When: 6PM Thursday October 27th

Where: Valdosta City Hall Annex
Multipurpose Room
300 N Lee St.
Valdosta, GA 31601

What: Wastewater and flooding: what's been done, effects so far, and what remains to be done

The problem is not confined to Valdosta: effects flow downstream on the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Suwannee Rivers all the way to the Gulf, and most of the flooding starts upstream on the Withlacoochee and Little Rivers. Fortunately, there is active cooperation from local, state, and federal agencies upstream and down.



Agenda

Introduction 5 min.: MC Gretchen Quarterman, acting Executive Director, WWALS Watershed Coalition

Wastewater 15 min.: **Henry Hicks, Utilities Director**, City of Valdosta, will talk about the new, uphill, out-of-the-floodplain Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant, the new force main, the spills they prevent, and what else remains to be done

Plus 5 minutes Q&A

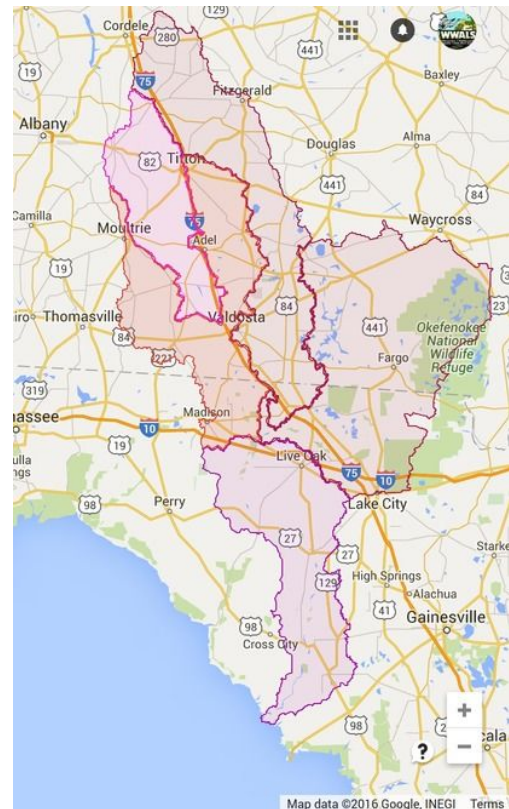
Flooding 15 min.: **Emily Davenport, Assistant Director of Engineering**, City of Valdosta will talk about the proposed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flooding study of the entire Suwannee River Basin, the recent LiDAR of Lowndes, Cook, and Tift Counties (first since the 1970s), and the online interactive flood level map recently funded by Valdosta, Lowndes County, and USGS.

Plus 10 minutes Q&A

Solar 5 min.: **Tim Carroll, Valdosta City Council**, will say a few words about [solar power at both Valdosta wastewater treatment plants](#).

Plus 2 minutes Q&A

You can help 5 min: **Sementa Mathews, Valdosta Public Information Officer**, will mention some ways you can find out what's going on and meetings and boards so you can get involved.



Everyone will be available at the end for more questions, and there will be information tables, plus online:

<http://www.valdostacity.com/sewer-system-improvements>

<http://www.wwals.net/issues/vww/>

WWALS Watershed Coalition advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Upper Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities

