

**Vision and Goals to Consider for Altamaha Regional Water Planning Council**

**Prior to Council Meeting 3, please complete the following questions:**

1. What do you want the vision statement for your region to be?  
Consider the following from the State Water Plan and our MOA:

**"Georgia manages resources in a sustainable manner to support the state's economy, to protect public health and natural systems, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens."**

Is there part of this statement that you would modify or add to that is specific to your region?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. What specific water resource goals do you want to achieve with the State Water Plan? Consider the following example goals:

- Sustainably meet Municipal and Industrial Water Needs
- Sustainably meet Agricultural Water Needs
- Maintain and Protect Water Quality
- Sustain Ground Water Resources for current and future generations
- Maximize existing water supplies
- Promote cost effective management actions

Look back over the results of the "Water 35" exercise from the Kickoff Meeting and the Trends, Forces and Factors exercise from CM1 and write down 5 – 10 goals that you can eventually use to evaluate water resource management practices.

---



- Increased growth in the Atlanta and Coastal areas is increasing the importance to implement conservation measures and wisely manage for long-term sustainability of resources. Need positive incentives.
- Growth is increasing the need to better and more actively plan for future needs, economic development, and to promote wise land use. New development should better retain/manage runoff and improve open space/wetlands.
- Growth in the Atlanta and Coastal areas may/is placing pressure on the basin: concern over reduced river flows, basin transfers, and groundwater use impacts in this basin as a result of issues outside the basin.
- Rural areas are seeing growth in unincorporated areas and there is a need for funds to consider regional water and wastewater facilities.
- Agriculture needs to do its best to efficiently use water.
- Agriculture in the area will continue to rely heavily on groundwater.
- Changes in land use and growth increase the need to manage point and nonpoint source pollution.
- Increased water use is changing the amount and timing of river flow and groundwater. This is driving concerns over groundwater use, needs for the environment, and the need to increase storage /improve management and technology.
- Increase water use is increasing the need for Georgia to be better prepared for drought.
- Increase regulation could have a negative economic impact on the region and increase the costs for compliance. Increased costs are especially hard on more rural areas.
- Future growth of the state should seek to balance multiple uses and economies: municipal, residential, agriculture, industry, recreation and eco-tourism.
- Growth in the Atlanta and Coastal regions could adversely impact the region.
- Climate and variability of supply in the future means that the state needs to better manage for extremes. Storage, desalination, reuse can help address this trend.
- Growth and increased water use places more pressure on water quality and quantity in streams and groundwater.