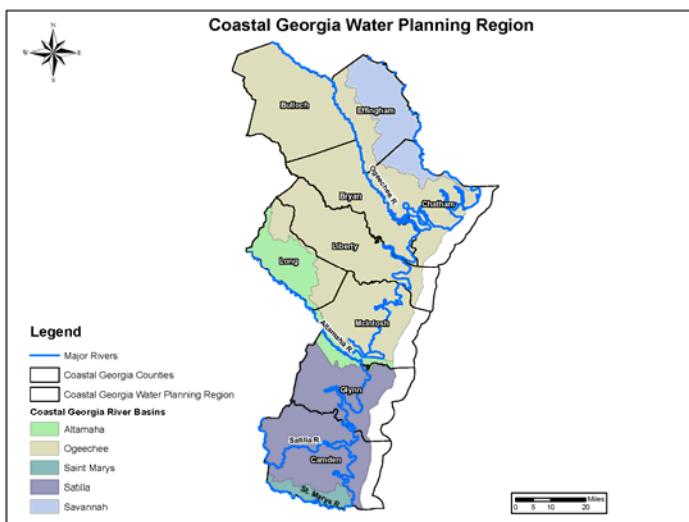




Georgia's State Water Plan

Adopted Vision and Goals Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council



A major element of Georgia's state and regional planning process is the identification of the region's vision and goals that describe the economic, population, environmental and water use conditions that are desired for the region. The vision and goals articulate what is important to the regional water planning Council in regard to water resource use and management. This information will be used to help guide the identification and selection of water management practices for the

region and to help other regions of the state understand the priorities and values of the Coastal Georgia region.

The following vision statement for the region was adopted by the Council at the September 24, 2009 meeting. The Council intends to revisit this vision statement over the coming months and make necessary amendments to the statement as more information becomes available during the water planning process.

Vision Statement – September 24, 2009

The Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council seeks to conserve and manage our water resources in order to sustain and enhance our unique coastal environment and economy of Coastal Georgia.

The Council has also identified the following goals for the region. These goals were adopted by Council at the November 17, 2009 meeting. It is important to note that the goals are not presented in order of priority. The Council intends to revisit these goals over the coming months and make necessary amendments more information becomes available during the water planning process.

Goals – November 17, 2009

- Manage and develop high quality water resources to sustainably and reliably meet domestic, commercial, industrial and agricultural water needs.

- Identify fiscally responsible and implementable opportunities to maximize existing and future supplies including promoting water conservation and reuse.
- Optimize existing water and wastewater infrastructure, including identifying opportunities to implement regional water and wastewater facilities.
- Protect and maintain regional recreation, ecosystems, and cultural and historic resources that are water dependent to enhance the quality of life of our current and future citizens, and help support tourism and commercial activities.
- Identify and utilize best available science and data and apply principles of various scientific disciplines when making water resource management decisions.
- Identify opportunities to manage stormwater to improve water quantity and quality, while providing for wise land management, wetland protection, and wildlife sustainability.