

# MIDDLE OCMULGEE REGION

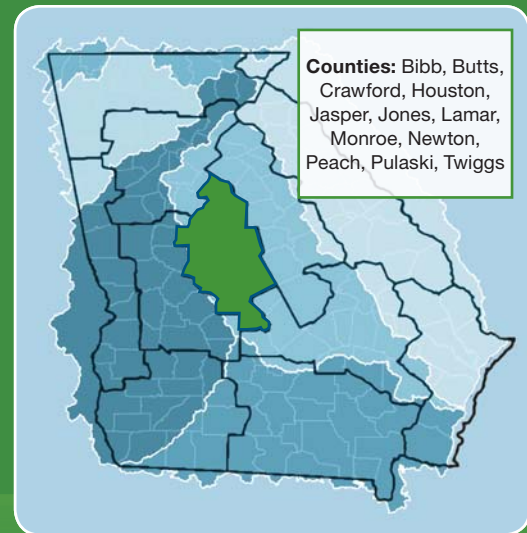
## BACKGROUND

The 2004 Comprehensive State-wide Water Management Planning Act authorized the development of the State Water Plan. The State Water Plan, which was adopted by the General Assembly in 2008, calls for:

- the preparation of regional water plans;
- the establishment of ten regional water planning councils to prepare the plans; and,
- the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) with providing technical assistance to the councils including contractor support, guidance, resource assessments and forecasts.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, 2009-2011

ACTIVITY	STATUS
Council Meetings	5 in 2009 / 4 in 2010 / 2 in 2011
Council Leadership	<b>Elmo Richardson, Chair</b> and <b>Ben Copeland, Vice Chair</b>
Memorandum of Agreement	Executed with Department of Community Affairs and EPD
Vision and Goals	Adopted
Public Involvement Plan	Adopted
Subcommittees	Technical
Draft Water Resource Assessments	EPD presented, January 2010
Draft Water and Wastewater Demand Forecasts	EPD presented, March-June 2010
Management Practices	Select, evaluate, refine, finalize, June 2010-May 2, 2011
Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan	Submit to EPD, May 2, 2011
Address Public Comments	Review and revise based on public comments received
Final Recommended Regional Water Plan	Submit to EPD Director for adoption, September 30, 2011

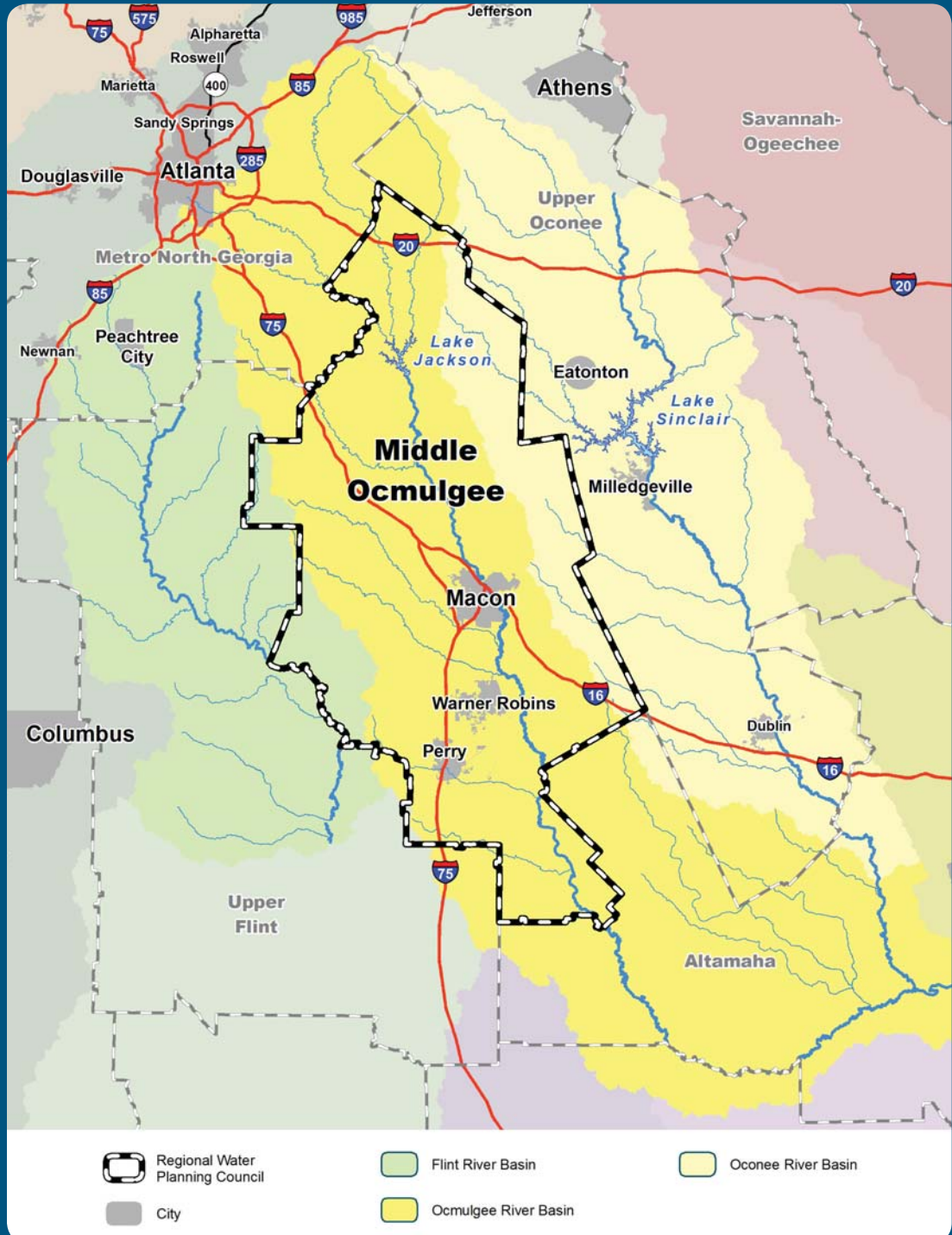


## KEY WATER RESOURCE ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY THE COUNCIL

1. Effects of Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District withdrawals and discharges, as well as land use, on tributaries of Lake Jackson
2. Future water supply sources for areas above the Fall Line
3. Zones of possible low dissolved oxygen in the lower Ocmulgee River and tributaries
4. Designation of numerous rural stream segments as impaired due to fecal coliform
5. More efficient use of water in the region



# KEY WATER FEATURES OF THE MIDDLE OCMULGEE REGION



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## CURRENT WATER DEMAND

TOTAL = 250 MGD

Note: For 2005 the Middle Ocmulgee region total thermoelectric water demands were 59 MGD and total returns were 24 MGD.

