

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

International Tower | 229 Peachtree St., NE | Suite 100 | Atlanta, GA 30303

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 10, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. In-Person: Harry West Board Room International Tower Suite 100, 229 Peachtree Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia

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- I. Welcome
- II. Public Comment Period**
- **III.** Approve Meeting Minutes (Action Item)
 - May 5, 2025
 - June 17, 2025
- IV. Chairman's Report
 - New member recognition
 - Takeaways from the June 2025 Board retreat
 - Future meeting dates
- V. Executive Committee Report
 - Water Resources Management Plan Amendments
 - City of Cartersville (Action Item)
 - Henry County Water Authority (Action Item)
- VI. Recent Population and Job Growth Metropolitan Atlanta Mike Alexander, Atlanta Regional Commission
- VII. GEFA Update and Special Focus on Helene Resilience Funding Judy Adler, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
- VIII. Staff Updates
 - Water Supply Status
 - Litigation Update
 - Education and Outreach Update
 - Data Centers Update
 - 2028 Water Resources Management Plan Update

IX. Adjourn

**A 10-minute period for public comments is designated as needed at each Governing Board meeting during a time deemed appropriate by the Chairman. Each speaker must sign-up at least two (2) days prior to the meeting start time by emailing Chairman@northgeorgiawater.com. The 10 minute period will be divided by the number of people wishing to address the Board. No single speaker shall have more than five (5) minutes to address the Board. Comments should also be provided in writing, with supporting material. The Chairman reserves the right to limit or extend the speaking time or total number of speakers at any meeting.



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District GOVERNING BOARD Minutes May 6, 2025

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:45 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Members Present

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman

Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson, Vice-Chair

Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer

Hon. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Hon. Harry Johnston

Hon. JaNice Van Ness

Clayton County Designee: Mr. Bernard Franks

Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse

Fayette County Designee: Ms. Vanessa Tigert

Forsyth County Designee: Hon. Mendy Moore

Hall County Designee: Ms. Linda MacGregor

Henry County Designee: Mr. Tony Carnell

Hon. JaNice Van Ness Ms. Pamela Burnett

Dr. Ben Jordan Ms. Sara Rav

Mr. Darrell Rochester

Mr. Tim Thoms

Members Not Present

Hon. Andre Dickens
Hon. Steve Taylor
Hon. Lisa Cupid
Hon. Bill McKenzie

Hon, Robb Pitts

<u>District-Wide Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy Consultant</u> <u>Contract</u>

Ms. Katherine Atteberry presented an overview of the proposed District-Wide Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy project as well as an overview of the procurement process and a revision to Section 20 (A) of the contract agreed to by both parties. The selection committee recommended Hazen and Sawyer for the contract award. Mr. Darrell Rochester made a motion to approve the District-Wide Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy Contract with Hazen and Sawyer including a proposed modification to Section 20 (A). The motion was seconded by Mr. Bernard Franks and passed without opposition.



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District GOVERNING BOARD Minutes June 17, 2025

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Boathouse at Lake Lanier Olympic Park.

Members Present

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman

City of Atlanta Designee: Mr. Greg Eyerly

Hon. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Jones

Coweta County Designee: Mr. Jay Boren

Ms. Pamela Burnett

Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse

Mr. Al Edwards

Forsyth County Designee: Hon. Mendy Moore

Ms. Sara Ray

Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Kevin Farrell

Mr. Darrell Rochester

Hall County Designee: Mr. Bill Nash

Mr. Darrell Rochester Hall County Designee: Mr. Bill Nash
Mr. Tim Thoms Henry County Designee: Mr. Tony Carnell

Mr. Dave Williams

Members Not Present

Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer
Hon. JaNice Van Ness
Hon. Steve Taylor
Hon. Alieka Anderson-Henry
Hon. Lee Hearn
Hon. Lee Hearn
Hon. Gerald Pouncey

Hon. Robb Pitts

Chairman Glenn Page called the meeting to order. Mr. Bryan Lackey, the City of Gainesville's City Manager, welcomed board members to the city and provided an overview of the Lake Lanier Olympic Park facility.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were provided.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Chairman Page presented the March 12, 2025, meeting minutes for approval. No revisions were offered. Mr. Darrell Rochester made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sara Ray and passed without opposition.

Chairman's Update

Board Membership Transitions

Chairman Page reported that on July 1, 2025, the Paulding County board position will rotate from Dallas Mayor James Kelly to Paulding County Chairman Tim Estes. The board recognized Hon. Estes who was in attendance.

Remaining Schedule for 2025

Chairman Page noted that the next Board meeting will be held on September 10, 2025, and presented the remaining schedule of Board, BAC, and TCC meeting dates for 2025.

Executive Committee Report

Basin Advisory Council Membership Drive and New Member Approval

Chairman Page announced that 64 applicants for Basin Advisory Council (BAC) membership were approved during the Executive Committee meeting.

2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Mr. Danny Johnson provided an overview of the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

2025 Budget Revision

Mr. Johnson presented an overview of the 2025 Budget Revision for approval. Mr. Gil Shearouse made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget Revision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Thoms and passed without opposition.

2026 Budget and Work Program

Mr. Johnson presented the 2026 Budget and Work Program for approval. During the conversation, Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the MOA with ARC. Mr. Rochester made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget and Work Program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Judy Jones and passed without opposition.

Water Resource Management Plan Amendment – City of Cartersville

Mr. Johnson presented the proposed amendment to the Water Resources Management Plan provided by the City of Cartersville. Earlier, the Executive Committee voted to categorize the proposed amendment as a major amendment subject to a 30-day public comment period.

Water Resource Management Plan Amendment – Henry County Water Authority

Mr. Johnson presented the proposed amendment to the Water Resources Management Plan provided by the Henry County Water Authority. Earlier, the Executive Committee voted to categorize the proposed amendment as a major amendment subject to a 30-day public comment period.

Water Supply Status / Litigation Update

Ms. Shellby Miller provided an overview of rainfall, lake levels, and stream gage data across the District. Mr. Johnson presented an update on litigation within the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River basin and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River basins.

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Education and Outreach

Ms. Justine Schwartz announced the winners of the 2025 High School Video Contest.

Understanding Drinking Water Fluoridation and Historical Governance

Mr. Kip Duchon provided a historical account of fluoridation in public water systems.

Data Center Trends in Metro Atlanta

Ms. Celine Benoit provided an update of data center development trends in metro Atlanta.

Lake Lanier Olympic Park Facility Tour

The governing board was treated to a tour of the Lake Lanier Olympic Park facility.

2028 Water Resources Management Plan Update

Mr. Johnson provided a schedule update and staff recommendations for the major areas of focus for the 2028 Water Resources Management Plan.

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting.



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Metro Water District Staff

DATE: September 10, 2025

RE: Plan Amendment Process Documentation and Staff Recommendation

City of Cartersville and Henry County Water Authority

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District received requests from the City of Cartersville and Henry County Water Authority to modify the Water Resource Management Plan. The Executive Committee met on June 17, 2025, and categorized the proposed changes for both Henry County and City of Cartersville, as a major amendment pursuant to the District's "Plan Amendment Guidelines" and initiated a 30-day public review and comment period.

The District solicited public review and comment on the proposed amendment from July 8, 2025, to August 8, 2025. The public review and comment period was advertised in the South Fulton Neighbor on July 9, 2025 to July 30, 2025 (copy of the announcement and published notice is attached), on the District's website throughout the period, and by notice to the District's Technical Coordinating Committee and Basin Advisory Councils sent via email (attached).

Amendment Request: Appendix B, Bartow County - Wastewater

Local Jurisdiction: City of Cartersville

Description: The City of Cartersville requests that Appendix B, Bartow

County - Wastewater be revised to include an expanded wastewater treatment discharge capacity from 15 MGD to 25 MGD at the Cartersville Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The Cartersville Water Department's plan will expand the WPCP to accommodate flow pressure and meet the demand resulting from significant industrial growth in the service area. Additional background is provided in the

attached letter.

Comment Summary: The District received one emailed comment on the proposed

amendment. The email is attached. No response is required by the city based on the nature of support for this project.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the plan be amended as requested. This

project provides the necessary infrastructure improvements that will support future growth while maintaining water

quality standards established by GA EPD. The amendment supports needed treatment capacity in the northwest portion

of the region and the Coosa River Basin.

Amendment Request: Appendix B, Henry County - Wastewater

Local Jurisdiction: Henry County Water Authority

Description: The Henry County Water Authority requests that Appendix

B, Henry County - Wastewater be revised to include an expanded wastewater plant capacity of treated effluent from

1.25 MGD to 4.0 MGD by 2030. The increased flow of treated effluent will be discharged to surface water bodies in the Flint River Basin. Henry County Water Authority has already obtained a waste-load allocation for this new

discharge from GA EPD and includes permanently closing the current land application system. These changes will maintain adequate capacity projected for current and future development in south-west Henry County. Additional

background is provided in the attached letter.

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amendment. The email is attached. No response is required by the Authority based on the nature of support for this

project.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the plan be amended as requested. This

project provides the necessary infrastructure improvements that will support future growth while maintaining water quality standards established by GA EPD. The amendment supports needed treatment capacity in the southeast portion

of the region and the Flint River Basin.



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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Metro Water District Staff

DATE: June 17, 2025

RE: Plan Amendment Process Documentation and Staff Recommendation

(City of Cartersville)

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District received a request from the City of Cartersville to modify the Water Resources Management Plan. According to the Plan Amendment Guidelines adopted by the Board on August 28, 2013, District staff is required to provide the Executive Committee a category recommendation concerning the plan amendment request prior to the meeting. The staff recommends the following change outlined below:

Amendment Request: Appendix B, Bartow County - Wastewater

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provided in the attached letter.

Staff Recommendation: District staff recommends this request be categorized as a

major amendment and subject to a 30-day public comment period because modification of the plan is local in nature but

may be objected to by other local parties.



June 9, 2025

Mr. Danny Johnson, Managing Director Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Atlanta Regional Commission 229 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 100 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Cartersville WPCP Expansion to 25 mgd

Metro District Plan Revision Request - Appendix B

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In the last few years, the Cartersville Water Department (CWD) has been coordinating with several Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) that will increase wastewater flows beyond the current Water Pollution Control Plant's (WPCP) 15-mgd permitted capacity. To accommodate this growth and flow pressure and meet demand resulting from the significant industrial growth in the service area, CWD plans to expand the treatment capacity of the existing WPCP to 25 mgd.

Because this industrial flow was not anticipated when the 2022 Metropolitan North Georgia Planning District's Water Resources Management Plan (Plan) was developed, it was not included in the Plan. Therefore, the City of Cartersville respectfully requests to amend Appendix B of the Plan to support the additional WPCP discharge capacity.

The proposed revisions to the Plan are shown in the table below.

Proposed Revision to District's Phasing Plan (Bartow County - Wastewater)

Facility	Existing (2021)	By 2040
	Permitted Plant Capacity (MMF-MGD)	Planned Plant Capacity (MMF-MGD)
Cartersville WPCP	15	25

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this request to amend the Plan (Appendix B). We are happy to meet with you to discuss this request in more detail if that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

J. Sidney Forsyth PE

Director, City of Cartersville Water Department

cc: Kristen Smeby, Hazen

BARTOW COUNTY - WASTEWATER

Summary of Needs

Wastewater Flows & Capacities	2040 Maximum Month Average Daily Flow (MMF–MGD)
Bartow County Sewered Needs	16.8
To Cobb County	-0.09
Total Projected Sewered Flow to Plants	16.7
Septic Flows (AAD-MGD)	4.5

Phasing Plan

	Existing (2021)	By 2040	
Facilities (Notes 1, 2, 3)	Permitted Plant Capacity (MMF-MGD)	Planned Plant Capacity (MMF-MGD)	
Coosa Basin			
Adairsville North WPCP	2	5	
Cartersville WPCP	15	15	
Emerson Henry Jordan WWTP	0.45	1.5	
Bartow Southeast WPCP	0.1	12.1	
West Bartow WPCP (Note 4)		12.1	
Bartow Two Run WPCP	0.1	Decommission	
Total Capacity (MMF-MGD)	17.7	33.6	
Sewered Needs		16.7	

Notes:

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- 2) The schedule shown is intended to be a general guideline to identify general capacity needs. While the expansion capacities are intended to be in operation before the end of the period shown, exact timing of expansions should be determined by local wastewater master plans.
- 3) Planned plant capacity values shown in italics are values provided by local wastewater providers and are subject to applicable water quality permitting requirements and must provide justification of need to Georgia EPD. Inclusion in this appendix does not guarantee assimilative capacity or a permit. When applying to Georgia EPD for wasteload allocations or wastewater disposal permits, wastewater providers are responsible for providing the necessary documentation to justify the socio-economic need that may be documented through local master planning or other planning documents and that the plant capacities specified above are not exceeded.
- 4) West Bartow WPCP is estimated to be completed in the 2016-2025 timeframe with a capacity of 4.0 MGD.

METROPOLITAN NORTH GEORGIA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT

DECEMBER 2022

BARTOW COUNTY - WASTEWATER

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Coosa Basin	Coosa Basin			
Adairsville North WPCP	2	5		
Cartersville WPCP	15	-15 -25		
Emerson Henry Jordan WWTP	0.45	1.5		
Bartow Southeast WPCP	0.1	42.4		
West Bartow WPCP (Note 4)		12.1		
Bartow Two Run WPCP	0.1	Decommission		
Total Capacity (MMF-MGD)	17.7	18.6		
Sewered Needs		16.7		

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DATE: June 17, 2025

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(Henry County Water Authority)

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Local Jurisdiction: Henry County

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attached letter.

Staff Recommendation: District staff recommends this request be categorized as a

major amendment and subject to a 30-day public comment period because modification of the plan is local in nature but

may be objected to by other local parties.



Henry County Water Authority

Water Treatment, Reclamation, Maintenance & Capital Improvements

May 27, 2025

Mr. Danny Johnson Metro North Georgia Water Planning District

RE: Amendment to update Appendix B, Water Resources Management Plan

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Following a recent five-year Master Plan update by the Authority's consulting engineer, it has become apparent that the Henry Bear Creek WRF needs to be expanded earlier than anticipated. The Bear Creek WRF currently has a permit capacity of 1.25 MGD and discharges treated effluent to a Land Application System. Rapid residential and commercial growth in south-west Henry County has created a need for this plant to be expanded to 4 MGD capacity by year 2030.

To accommodate these projected flows, Henry County Water Authority respectfully requests a change to Appendix B of the Metro District Plan to reflect this needed capacity in order to maintain adequate capacity for both current and future development within the Flint River basin of Henry County.

The entire 4 MGD of treated effluent from the newly expanded Bear Creek facility will be discharged to surface water bodies in the Flint River Basin. Henry County Water Authority has already contacted the Georgia EPD and obtained a waste-load allocation for this new discharge. Once the new facility is operational, the current land application system will be permanently closed per EPD regulations and procedures.

A copy from page 30 of the Water Resource Management Plan, Appendix B is hereby attached showing both the existing data along with the proposed revisions for Henry County. Also enclosed is a copy of the waste load allocation received from the EPD for this proposed discharge.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call at 678-583-3901 or email at pat.hembree@hcwa.com

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Hembree, P.E.

Division Manager

Water Production, Water Reclamation &

Capital Improvements

Attachments:

DECEMBER 2022

HENRY COUNTY - WASTEWATER

PROPOSED AMENDMENT- MAY, 2025

Summary of Needs

Wastewater Flows & Capacities	2040 Maximum Month Average Daily Flow (MMF–MGD)
Henry County Sewered Needs	19.1
To DeKalb County (Note 6)	-0.50
To Clayton County	-0.10
Total Projected Sewered Flow to Plants	18.5

Septic Flows (AAD-MGD)	6.1

Phasing Plan

	Existing (2021)	Ву 2040
Facilities (Notes 1, 2, 3, 4)	Permitted Plant Capacity (MMF-MGD)	Planned Plant Capacity (MMF-MGD)
Flint Basin		
Hampton WPCP	1.75	1.75
Henry Bear Creek WRF/LAS	1.25	-1.25 4.0
Ocmulgee Basin		
Henry Tussahaw Creek WRF (Note 5)		
Henry Indian Creek WRF	3	23.6
Henry Walnut Creek LAS/WRF	8	
Locust Grove Indian Creek WPCP	1.5	3
McDonough Walnut Creek WPCP	2	4
Stockbridge WPCP	1.5	2.25
Total Capacity (MMF-MGD)	19.0	35.9- 38.65
Sewered Needs		18.5

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- 4) The Henry Bear Creek LAS will serve all unincorporated areas of the County in the Flint Basin. The Tussahaw Creek WRF and expanded Henry Walnut Creek WRF and will discharge treated flow to surface water bodies in the Ocmulgee Basin.
- 5) Henry Tussahaw Creek WRF is estimated to be constructed in the 2025-2030 timeframe with a capacity of 0.6 MGD.
- 6) Maintain multi-jurisdictional agreement with DeKalb County to receive wastewater from the northern corner of the county at the DeKalb County Pole Bridge AWTF and with Clayton County to receive wastewater from the western side of the county at the Clayton County Northeast WRF.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Jeffrey W. Cown, Director

Watershed Protection Branch

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Suite 1470A, East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334 404-463-1511

January 31, 2025

Mr. Tony Carnell, General Manager Henry County Water Authority 1695 Highway 20 West McDonough, Georgia 30253

RE: Wasteload Allocation Transmittal

Bear Creek Water Reclamation Facility

New Discharge to Bear Creek

EPD # WLA000276

Henry County, Flint River Basin

Dear Mr. Carnell:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has completed the evaluation of the wasteload allocation request for a new year-round discharge of 2.0, 4.0, and 6.0 MGD of treated domestic wastewater into Bear Creek in the Flint River Basin. The following wasteload allocation is valid for one year from the date of this letter unless a written extension is requested and granted. The wasteload is provided for planning purposes only.

Recommended effluent permit limits – Discharge to **Bear Creek** (33.354215, -84.344526):

Constituent/Parameter (1)	Limits		
Effluent Flow Rate (MGD) (2)	2.0	4.0	6.0
Five-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	10.0	7.5	5.0
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	20.0	10.0	10.0
Ammonia, as N (mg/L)	1.3	1.0	0.86
Total Phosphorus, as P (mg/L)	1.0	0.3	0.3
Dissolved Oxygen, Minimum (mg/L)	6.0	6.0	6.0
Escherichia Coli (#/100 mL)	126	126	126
pH, Minimum – Maximum (Standard Units)	6.0-8.5	6.0-8.5	6.0-8.5
Total Residual Chlorine, Daily Maximum (mg/L) (3)	0.01	0.01	0.01

⁽¹⁾ Values are maximum monthly averages except as noted.

The proposed discharge flows will need to meet the projected flows outlined in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Plan before a NPDES permit can be issued. If the proposed discharge is not included in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Plan, an amendment will be required.

Chlorine-based products cannot be utilized to meet the bacteria limit. The Total Residual Chlorine limit only applies when chlorine is used for maintenance purposes at the plant.

Recommended effluent permit limits (continued):

Constituent/Parameter	Limit
Orthophosphate, as P (mg/L)	Report
Organic Nitrogen, as N (mg/L) Repor	
Nitrate-Nitrite, as N (mg/L) Repor	
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, as N (mg/L) Repor	
Temperature (°F) Repo	
Total Nitrogen, as N (mg/L) (1) Repo	

Although a TN limit will not be implemented at this time, plant design must include nitrogen removal to limit nutrient load to protect aquatic species present in the receiving water.

Priority pollutant limitations and aquatic toxicity testing requirements will be determined at a later date. Please also be aware that EPD will be developing a Nutrient Permitting Strategy in the upcoming months that may result in a total nitrogen limit and/or reduced total phosphorus limits.

Henry County Water Authority (Authority) will be required to submit an *Antidegradation Analysis* justifying the proposed discharge, an *Environmental Information Document* to evaluate the direct and indirect environmental impacts of the project, and a *Design Development Report* to describe the treatment process. EPD must concur with all the documents before a draft NPDES permit for the requested flow rates can be issued. Please submit the reports for review to the Wastewater Regulatory Program.

In addition, the Authority must evaluate if their Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) covers the expanded service area. If this is not the case, the WPP must be revised to include the new area.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (678) 672-6037 or ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Ethan Rhine

Municipal Permitting Unit

Wastewater Regulatory Program

cc: Tony Carnell, Henry County Water Authority (Tony.carnell@hcwa.com)
David Bishop, Barge Design Solutions, Inc. (David.Bishop@bargedesign.com)
David Lavergne, Barge Design Solutions, Inc. (David.Lavergne@bargedesign.com)
Josh Welte, EPD Water Quality Modeling Unit (josh.welte@dnr.ga.gov)



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METROPOLITAN NORTH GEORGIA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (the District) is seeking public review and comment on two proposed amendments to the Water Resources Management Plan. This notice does not constitute the proposed amendment. To view the proposed amendments in their entirety, visit https://northgeorgiawater.org/plans-manuals/ or by calling (470) 378-1552. The Water Resources Management Plan can be found at the same address. The comment period closes August 8, 2025. After consideration of public comments, the District Board will consider whether the amendments will be incorporated into the Water Resources Management Plan. Comments can be sent via letter or email to: Water Resources Management Plan, 229 Peachtree Street N.E., Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; EMAIL comments@northgeorgiawater.com.

Danny Johnson, PE

From: Danny Johnson

Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 9:31 AM

To: Danny Johnson

Subject: Public Notice for Proposed Water Resources Management Plan Amendments

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District has posted two proposed amendments to the Water Resources Management Plan to the District's website, https://northgeorgiawater.org/plans-manuals/ for public comment. The amendments were requested by the City of Cartersville and the Henry County Water Authority. Comments are due on August 8, 2025, with instructions provided in the formal notice provided below. Following the public comment process, the proposed amendments will be presented to the District's Governing Board for consideration.

Proposed Amendments:

- City of Cartersville The City of Cartersville requests that Appendix B, Bartow County Wastewater be revised to include an expanded wastewater treatment discharge capacity from 15
 MGD to 25 MGD at the Cartersville WPCP.
- **Henry County Water Authority -** The Henry County Water Authority requests that Appendix B, Henry County Wastewater be revised to include an expanded wastewater treatment discharge capacity from 1.25 MGD to 4.0 MGD by 2040 at the Bear Creek WRF. Once expanded, treated flows will be discharged to surface waters within the Flint River basin.

METROPOLITAN NORTH GEORGIA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (the District) is seeking public review and comment on two proposed amendments to the Water Resources Management Plan. This notice does not constitute the proposed amendment. To view the proposed amendments in their entirety, visit https://northgeorgiawater.org/plans-manuals/ or by calling (470) 378-1552. The Water Resources Management Plan can be found at the same address. The comment period closes August 8, 2025. After consideration of public comments, the District Board will consider whether the amendments will be incorporated into the Water Resources Management Plan. Comments can be sent via letter or email to: Water Resources Management Plan, 229 Peachtree Street N.E., Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; EMAIL https://northgeorgiawater.com.

Robert Sherrod

From: NorthGeorgiaWater

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:05 AM

To: Robert Sherrod

Subject: FW: Public Comment in Support of Proposed Amendments to the Water Resources

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 10:13 AM

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Subject: Public Comment in Support of Proposed Amendments to the Water Resources Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the two proposed amendments to the Water Resources Management Plan. Ensuring access to reliable, centralized wastewater treatment systems—and returning highly treated effluent to streams—is essential to meeting regional water needs and safeguarding our environment.

Proposed Amendments:

- City of Cartersville: I support the revision of Appendix B (Bartow County Wastewater) to increase the permitted wastewater treatment discharge capacity at the Cartersville Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) from 15 million gallons per day (MGD) to 25 MGD.
- Henry County Water Authority: I support the revision of Appendix B (Henry County Wastewater) to reflect an expansion of the Bear Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) discharge capacity from 1.25 MGD to 4.0 MGD by 2040. Upon completion, the treated effluent will be discharged into surface waters within the Flint River Basin.

Both amendments represent necessary infrastructure improvements that will support future growth while maintaining high standards for water quality and environmental stewardship.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Scott H. Adams, PE, DBIA | Director

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