



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
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Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District ADDENDUM #2 Septic System Impact to Surface Water Quality Study RFP

The following questions were received:

Question: Does ARC have an approved SQAP or does one need to be created for this RFP?

Answer: ARC and the Metro Water District do not have an approved SQAP. Once the scope and monitoring locations have been finalized in Task 1, the consultant will need to submit a SQAP to Georgia EPD for approval.

Question: Please indicate whether the following information about the existing onsite systems and areas targeted by the RFP is available to the best of your knowledge. What, if any, of this information will be provided by ARC at the start of the project?

- a. Spatial identification of parcels suspected or confirmed to be served by onsite systems, or ideally the specific locations of onsite systems/drainfields.
- b. System characteristics: for example, system type, system age, system condition, design/actual flow rates.
- c. Study area characteristics: for example, areas known or suspected to be onsite system malfunction hotspots, surface or groundwater quality data, locations of sewer collection systems.

Answer: The following are answers to the specific questions above:

- a. *The Metro Water District does not have regional GIS coverage for specific septic drainfield locations within each parcel. The GIS point file data is based on parcel address only.*
- b. *The Metro Water District does not have regional GIS coverage for system type, system age, system condition, design/actual flow rates. Depending on the local board of health, this information may be available in various forms from their office.*

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- c. *The Metro Water District does not have system malfunction hotspots. Surface and groundwater quality data is available on the Georgia EPD website (<http://www1.gadnr.org/dnr/wrdb/homePage.do>) and Georgia's Adopt A Stream Program Website (<https://aas.gaepd.org/Region.aspx>). The Metro Water District does not have the location of existing sewer infrastructure but will work with the consultant and local jurisdictions to obtain infrastructure maps within areas of focus.*

Question: Does the District have a database of bacteria, nutrient, and/or *in situ* water quality data collected in the MNGWPD by local governments and other agencies? If so, what database are these data organized in? And, if so, will this information be provided by ARC at the start of the project?

Answer: The Metro Water District does not maintain its own database of local water quality data at this time. Surface and groundwater quality data is available on the Georgia EPD website (<http://www1.gadnr.org/dnr/wrdb/homePage.do>) and Georgia's Adopt A Stream Program Website (<https://aas.gaepd.org/Region.aspx>). The District may also request local data of interest from local jurisdictions as needed.