



# Protecting Water Quality is More Than Just a Trend!

# Rep Your Watershed

## 2023 High School Video Contest

Metro Atlanta has a unique water story. Water has been a vital part of the growth and success of the region's economy and population, the subject of state-wide legal battles, and at times a destructive force during periods of droughts or floods. Since the creation of the Metro Water District twenty years ago, the per capita water use has dropped by more than 30%, thanks in part, to water conservation efforts of metro area residents, utilities, schools, and businesses.

You may know that water keeps metro Atlanta going and growing, but how well do you know the watersheds – all the land area that collects precipitation and channels it to rivers, lakes, and streams – that run through your own communities? What are their unique features, historical or geographical importance? How do you connect and interact with your watersheds, and why are they important to you?

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This year's high school video topic asks you to "Rep Your Watershed." Using the [Metro Water District's River Basin Profiles](#) and other resources, choose a river basin and create a PSA-style video about it, so viewers can get to know your watershed. Your video can consider what makes the watershed important to you or your community from a cultural, historical, geographical, or personal perspective; why and how to protect it; interesting features or destinations; or any other aspect that inspires you. The video should last between 30-60 seconds and is due on 04/24/2023.

## What else do you need to know while creating your videos?

While there is unlimited creative potential in the video you produce, you should use reputable sources and good data to back up your ideas. Below, the Metro Water District has provided some resources for you to use. You may also consider speaking with a representative from a local conservation organization, friends of parks group, or community environmental organization.

## Resources

- » Metro Water District River Basin Profiles:  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/f60598f6c6b24777a38f40d400ae17b8>
- » Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District: [www.northgeorgiawater.org](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org)
- » US EPA WaterSense "Saving Water in Georgia": <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-02/documents/ws-ourwater-georgia-state-fact-sheet.pdf>
- » Look for resources focused on specific river basins, such as:
  - Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area: <https://www.nps.gov/chat/index.htm>
  - Finding the Flint: [www.findingtheflint.org](http://www.findingtheflint.org)
  - Georgia Rivers Network: <https://garivers.org/>