

The Water Council

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Town Hall Meetings On Statewide Water Plan To Focus on Integrated Water Quantity and Water Quality Policies and Sub-State Planning

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The Water Council has scheduled a third series of town hall meetings around the state to discuss the statewide water planning effort and to give citizens an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments on this important project. These meetings will focus on integrated policies for water quantity and water quality as well as introduce sub-state planning guidance. The Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Plan is being developed to help Georgians understand the current demands on water throughout the state and to better manage our water resources in the future. Discussion materials relating to these topics can be found on the Water Council's website by clicking on the town hall meeting link at www.georgiawatercouncil.org.

The Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Planning Act of 2004 formed the Water Council, which consists of legislators, legislative appointees and state agency heads that have water-related responsibilities. The Act requires that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) develop the Plan, and present it to the Water Council in June 2007. The Plan will be brought before the General Assembly in 2008.

Town Hall meetings will be held:

- **Saturday, -May 19 – Athens**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Georgia Center for Continuing Education
Mahler Auditorium
1197 South Lumpkin Street
Athens, GA 30602-3603

- **Saturday, May 19 – Gainesville**
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Gainesville State College
Continuing Education Auditorium
Continuing Education Building
3820 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA 30566

- **Monday, May 21 – Rome**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Forum
2 Government Plaza
Rome, GA 30162

- **Tuesday, May 22 – Atlanta**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Atlanta Technical College
Cleveland L. Dennard Building
1560 Metropolitan Parkway, SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

- **Wednesday, May 23 – Augusta**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Augusta Technical College
Information Technology Center
3200 Augusta Tech Drive
Augusta, GA 30906

- **Thursday, May 24 – Macon**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Macon State College
Learning Support Building Auditorium
100 College Station Drive
Macon, GA 31206

- **Tuesday, May 29 – Columbus**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Columbus State University
Founders Hall
4225 University Ave
Columbus, GA 31907

- **Wednesday, May 30 – Albany**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Darton College
Division of Continuing Education &
Economic Development
Room J-121-123
2400 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31707

- **Thursday, May 31 – Waycross**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Okefenokee Technical College
Miller Lecture Hall
1701 Carswell Avenue
Waycross, GA 31503

- **Saturday, June 2 – Savannah**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Armstrong Atlantic State University
11935 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31401

- **Saturday, June 2 – Statesboro**
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Georgia Southern University
Nessmith – Lane Building
Assembly Hall/Auditorium
Plant Drive
Statesboro, GA 30460

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