



Section 319(h) NPS Grant Special Award



Grants Unit
Georgia EPD, NonPoint Source Program

Special Award: RWC

- Dedicated funds to develop or revise a 9-element Watershed Management Plan
- Plan must target a Priority Watershed
- **Funds awarded to partner (“subgrantee”) selected by Council**
- **Cost-Share 60%/40% Total = \$35,000 Federal / \$23,333 Match**
- Plan must be completed by June 2018



EXAMPLE IN-KIND MATCH SERVICES

✓ Salaries / Wages & Fringe Benefits	✓ Structural Designs
✓ Professional Fees	✓ Outreach Products & Events
✓ Labor	✓ Media Buys & Production
✓ Supplies & Materials	✓ Surveys
✓ Equipment (Leases or Purchases)	✓ Publications
✓ Office / Meeting Space Rent	✓ Audits & Appraisals
✓ Office Utilities	✓ Indirect Charges
✓ Volunteer Hours	✓ Public Land Conservation

**In-kind match value must not exceed fair market cost or rental rates.
Rates for volunteer services can be found on the following websites:**

<https://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/vosnet/Default.aspx>

www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm

www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

Watershed Management Plan?

- Addresses nonpoint sources of water pollution
- First step towards improving water quality
- Builds stakeholder capacity and buy-in: water resource management & protection
- Can leverage other watershed activities
- Eligible for additional future funding to implement the Plan



Elements of a WMP

- 1. Stream Selection:** Define scope of efforts.
- 2. Formation of Stakeholder Committee**
- 3. Source Assessment**
- 4. Characterization of Current Conditions:** Describe current water quality concerns & mgt. practices.
- 5. Recommended Management Practices**
- 6. Working with Public:** Strategies to maximize plan implementation
- 7. Activity Schedule & Measures of Success**
- 8. Establish Long-Term Monitoring** plan
- 9. Implementation, Evaluation & Revision:** Propose tactics on moving forward with plan implementation

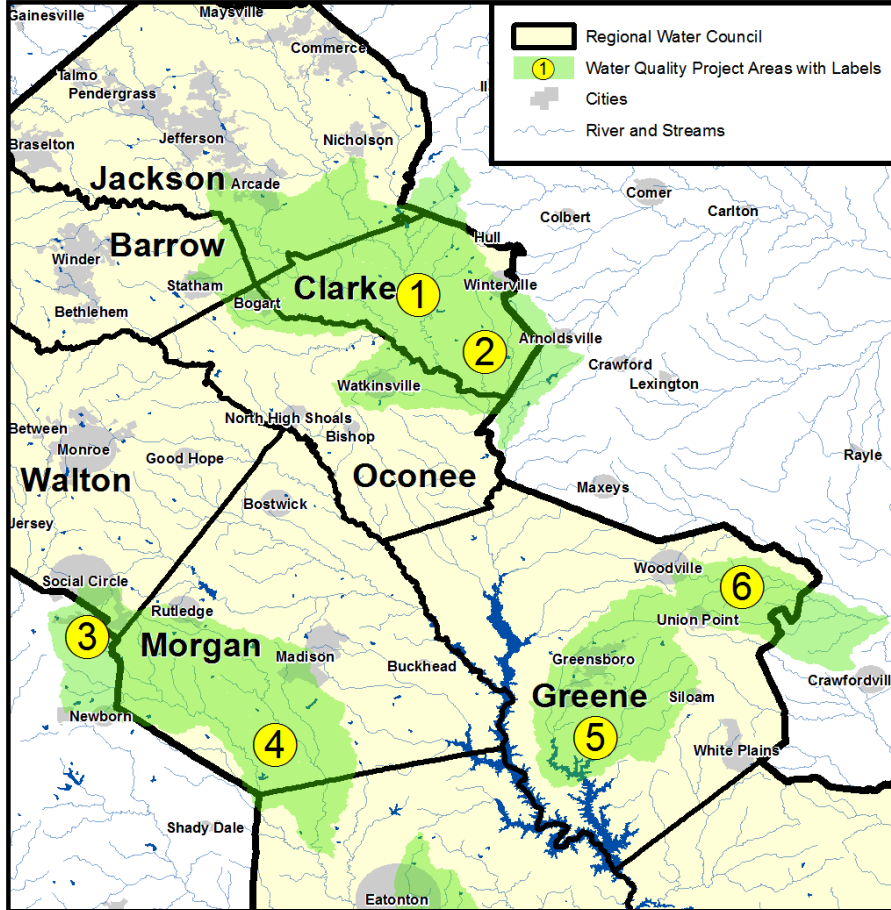


Next Steps

- Council targets priority watershed and identifies partner as “subgrantee” to write the Plan
- **Partner must be a public entity or local government**
- Partner submits proposed work plan to GAEPD
- GAEPD will provide assistance, if needed
- GAEPD will negotiate contract with partner

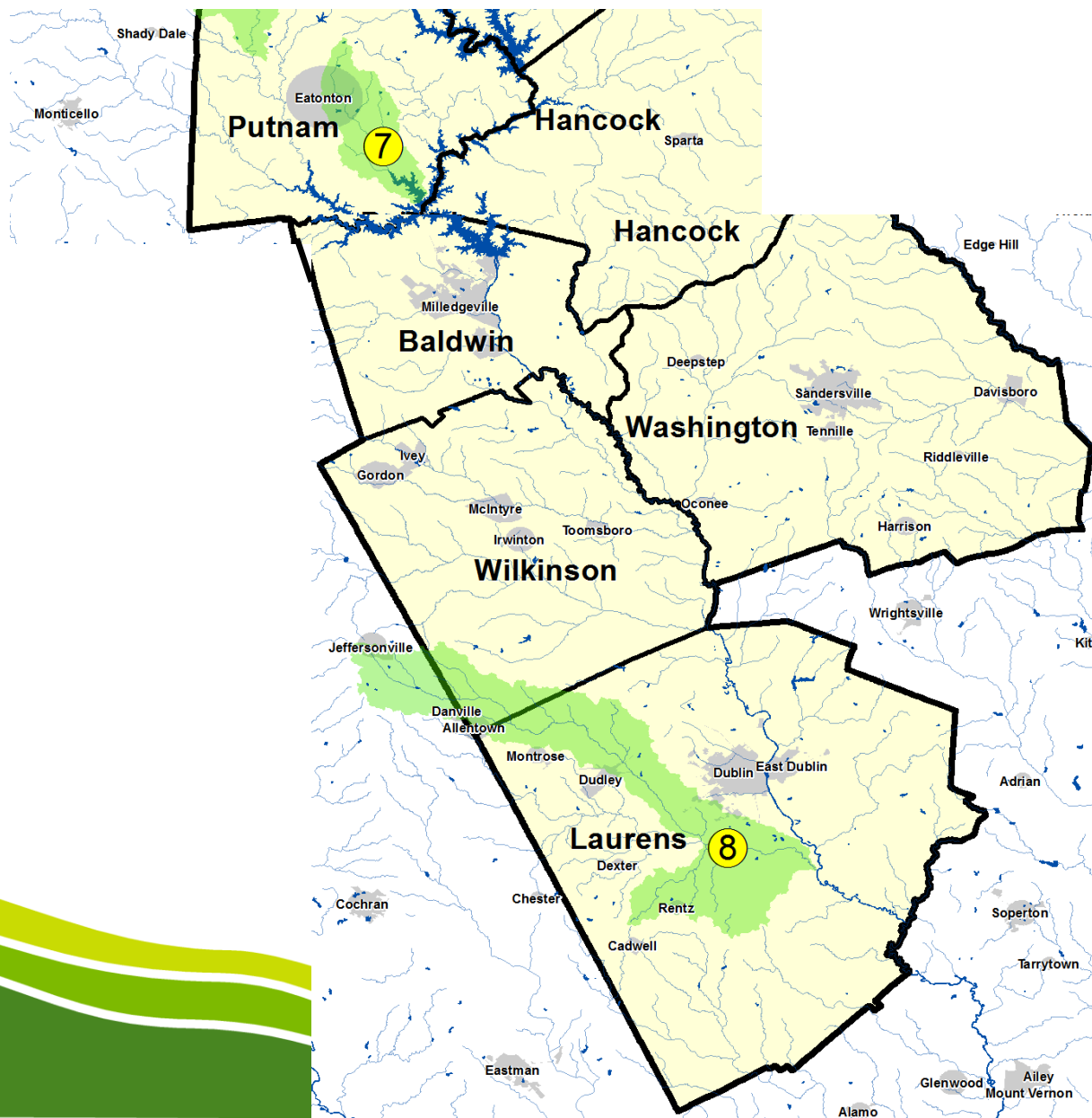


Funded Projects (2010-Current)



- 1 North Oconee River (Lilly Branch) Watershed Management Plan (UGA)**
- 2 North Oconee River Septic System Maintenance, Education, and Inventory Program Development (Athens-Clarke County)**
- 3 Little River Revising the TMDL Implementation Plan in Newton & Walton Counties (Newton County)**
- 4 Big Indian Creek Implementation of the Agricultural Components of the Big Indian Creek TMDL Plan (Oconee River RC&D Council)**
- 5 Beaverdam Creek Revise and Implement TMDL Implementation Plans (Oconee River RC&D Council)**
- 6 Little River Revision of TMDL Implementation Plan into a Watershed Management Plan and Reduction of Fecal Pollution in Little River (Central Savannah River RC&D)**

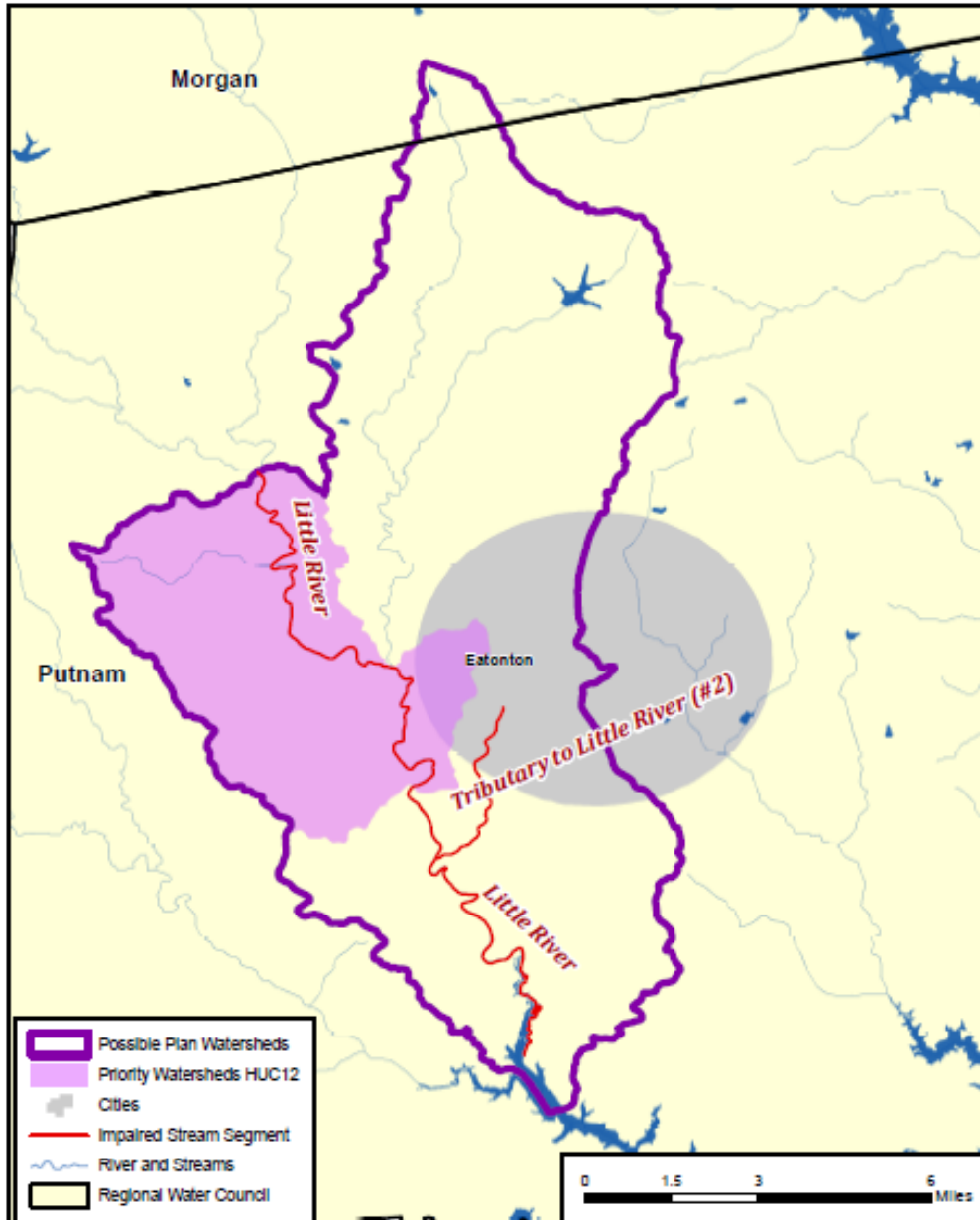
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7 Rooty Creek TMDL Implementation Plan Revision (Oconee River RC&D Council)

8 Turkey Creek Developing a Comprehensive Watershed Management and Implementation Plan for the Turkey Creek Watershed (Heart of GA-Altamaha Regional Commission)

Potential Priority Watersheds & Partners



Option 1:

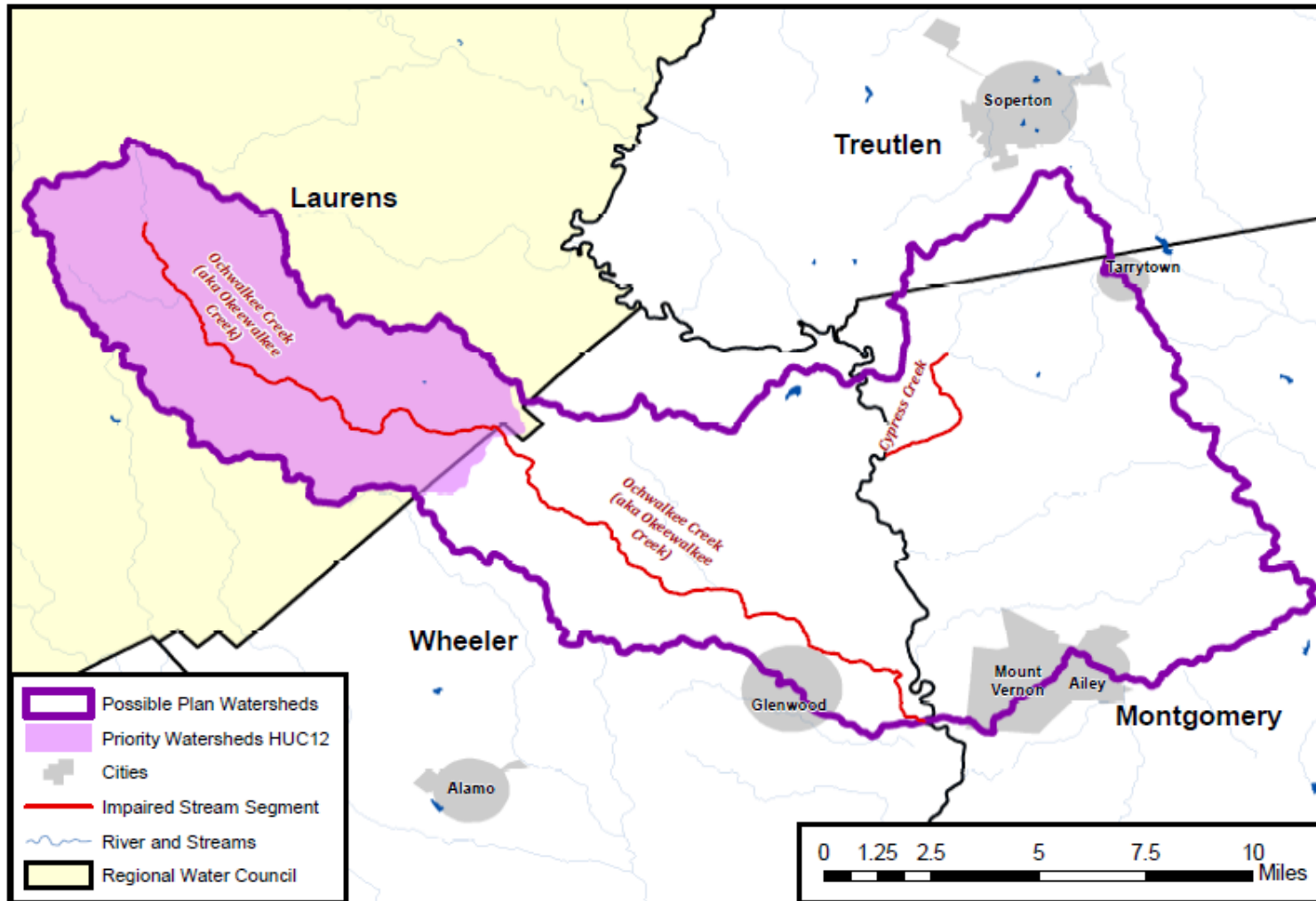
Lower Little River watershed (above Lake Sinclair)

- Biota (macro) and fecal coliform impairments
- TMDLs completed

Potential Partners:

- Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- Putnam County & Resource Mgt. Strategies (Lee Carmon)

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Option 2: Ochwalkee Creek (to Oconee River)

- Biota (macro) and fecal coliform impairments
- TMDLs completed

Potential Partners:

- Pine Country RC&D
- Heart of Georgia-Altamaha RC