



# **Section 319(h) NPS Grant Special Award: Regional Water Councils**



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Georgia EPD, NonPoint Source Program Grants Unit

# Special Award: Regional Water Councils

- Dedicated funding to develop or revise a 9-element Watershed Management Plan
- Council must recommend one applicant for funding
- Project must be in a Priority Watershed
- \$35,000 Federal, \$23,333 Match
- Complete by June 2018



# Why a Watershed Management Plan?

- Address nonpoint sources of water pollution
- First step towards improving water quality
- Uses a stakeholder process
- Can leverage other watershed needs
- Is eligible for additional future funding



# Related Management Practices in Middle Ocmulgee RWP

- WQ9 – Encourage TMDL Implementation
- WQ10 – Develop/Implement Watershed Assessment/Protection Plan Measures
- WQ11 – Implement Watershed Improvement Projects



# What is in a WMP?

- 1. Stream Selection:** Define scope of watershed planning efforts.
- 2. Formation of Stakeholder Committee:** Identify & engage relevant stakeholders in watershed.
- 3. Source Assessment:** Explain techniques & methods that will be applied to effectively detect & prioritize impairment sources.
- 4. Characterization of Current Conditions:** Describe current water quality concerns & ongoing management practices in the watershed.

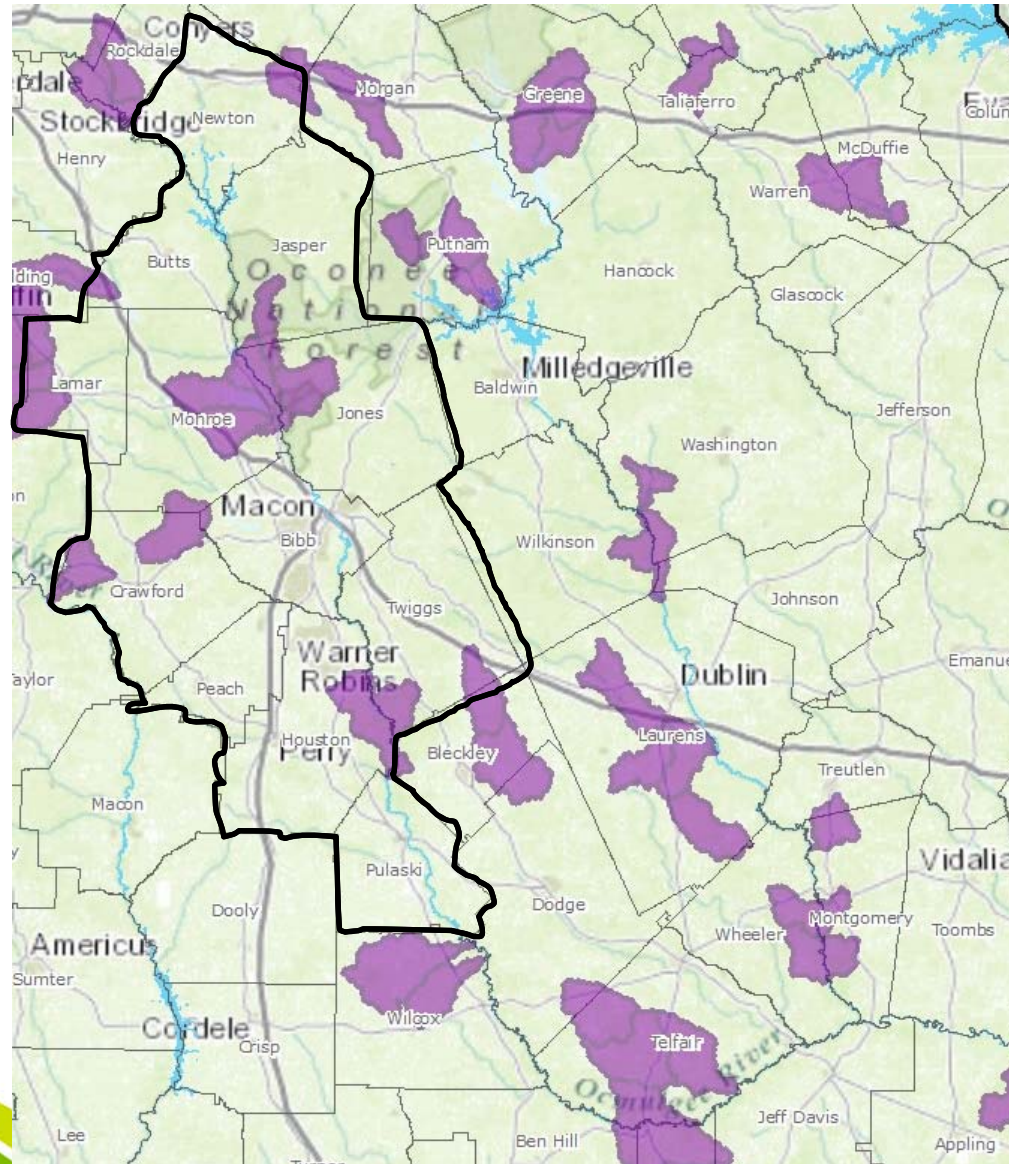


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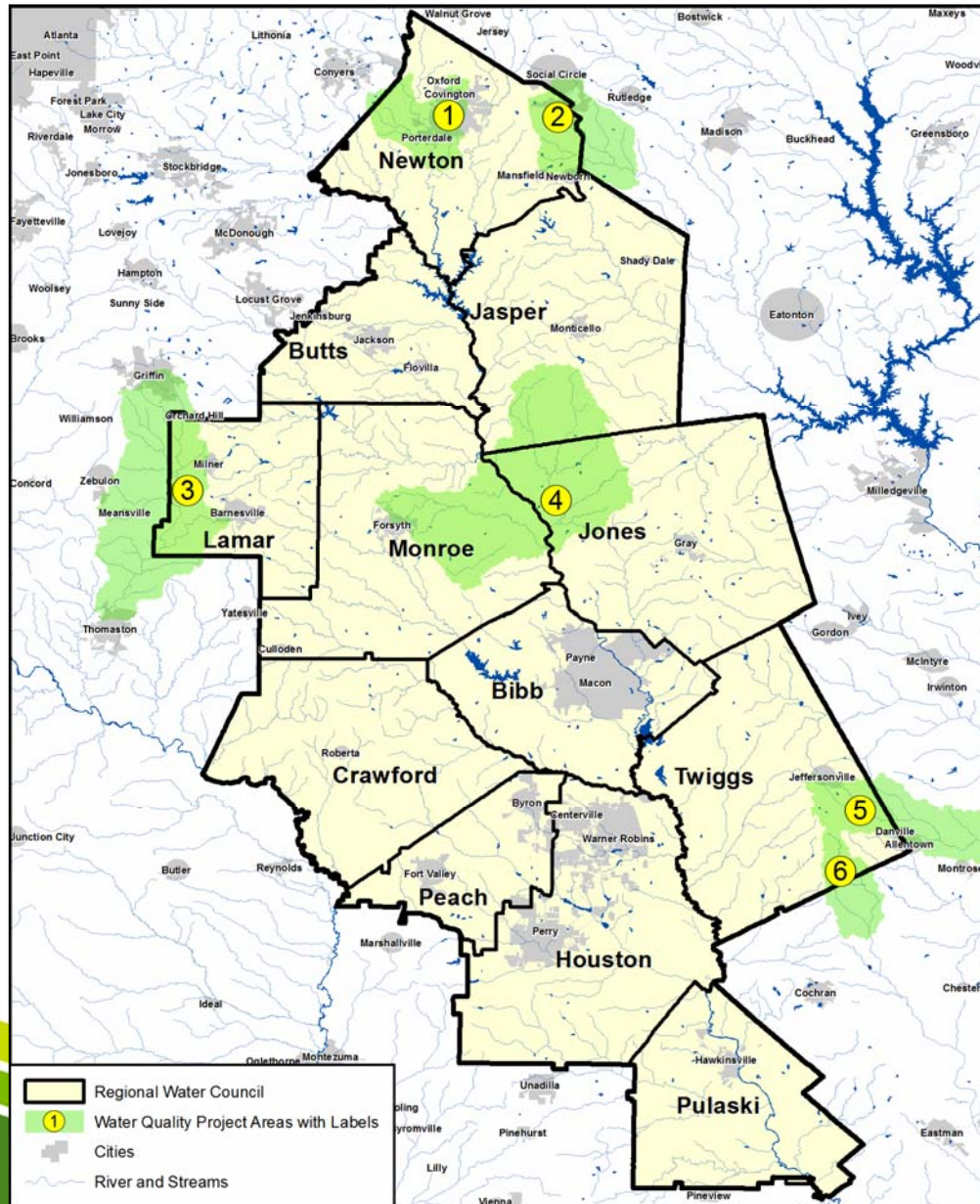
- 5. Recommended Management Practices:** Classify solutions that best control water quality impairments.
- 6. Working with Public:** Recommend strategies to engage the public & maximize plan implementation.
- 7. Activity Schedule & Measures of Success:** Develop schedule of activities & measures of success for plan.
- 8. Long-Term Monitoring:** Establish monitoring plan to collect & analyze water quality data.
- 9. Implementation, Evaluation & Revision:** Propose tactics on moving forward with plan implementation.







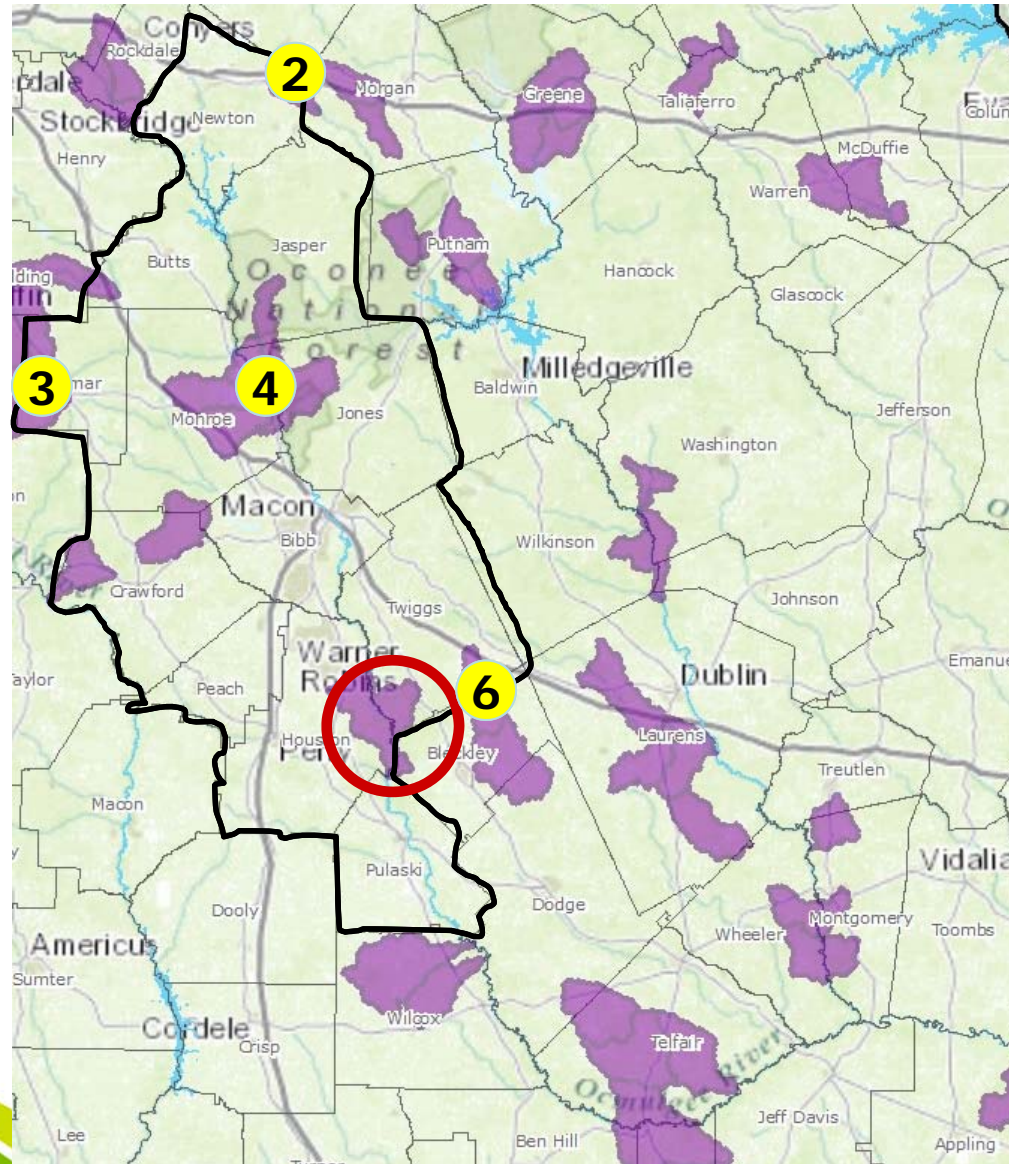
## Funded EPD Water Quality Projects: 2010 - Current



- Dried Indian Creek 1
- Little River 2
- Potato Creek 3
- Rum Creek 4
- Turkey Creek 5
- Gum Swamp Creek 6



# Middle Ocmulgee Priority Watersheds



# Next Steps

- Council to recommend a watershed and subgrantee
- Subgrantees must be public entities or local governments
- Contact GAEPD with workplan
- GAEPD will provide assistance if needed
- Contract to start June 2016

