



PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

The Georgia Water Coalition's mission is to protect and care for Georgia's water resources, which are essential for sustaining Georgia's prosperity, providing clean and abundant drinking water, preserving diverse aquatic habitats for wildlife and recreation, and strengthening property values.

The following principles define the Georgia Water Coalition's work and its recommendations:

1. Effective water management requires the opportunity for citizens to participate in regional water planning that is (a) based on watersheds, river basins and aquifers; (b) informed by the best available scientifically sound data; (c) reliant on uniform, consistently applied and enforceable standards; and (d) tied to implementation, including an adaptive management process.
2. The surface and ground waters of the state are a public resource to be managed by the state in the public interest and in a sustainable manner to protect natural systems and meet human and economic needs.
3. The regulation of interbasin transfers must be strengthened to reflect scientific knowledge, respect natural systems, and protect the basins of origin and receipt. Waters shared among users within a river basin must be apportioned equitably to meet reasonable needs and assure the long term sustainability of the natural systems on which all water users depend.
4. Water efficiency and water conservation are the cornerstones of effective water management. Complete information on water withdrawal and consumption by all sectors is a matter of vital public interest requiring full disclosure for informed decision making. All Georgians must strive to become better water stewards, both for those living elsewhere in a given river basin or those living in a downstream area or adjacent state.

The members of the Georgia Water Coalition work collaboratively and transparently with other Coalition members to achieve specific goals based on the above principles.

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YES NO

- 1. You can use my organization's name on public statements.
- 2. My organization will co-host a town hall meeting in our area.
- 3. I will attend an editorial board meeting in my town with other members of the GWC.
- 4. I will serve on the GWC Speaker's Bureau.
- 5. I will attend GWC meetings with my legislators.
- 6. My organization will provide a link to the GWC website from our organizational website.
- 7. My organization will publish GWC articles in our newsletter.
- 8. I have joined the Georgia Environmental Action NETWORK ([GEAN](#)) by using this link: www.protectgeorgia.net, and will pass this link on to our other members so that we can easily send environmental action alerts with just one click of the mouse.
- I have read the information above and agree to participate in the Georgia Water Coalition.**

Contact Name	
Date	
Title	
Organization	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
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River Basin	
Phone	
Mobile Phone	
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Number of Members	
Website	

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Signature

Date

Who told you about the Georgia Water Coalition?

Name

Organization

For more information, please call 1-866-88WATER

Participation Statements can be mailed or faxed to:

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