

**Issues and Concerns**  
**Statewide Water Management Plan**  
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**Forum**  
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1) Stream and River Monitoring

The State needs to allocate significantly more funds for stream and river monitoring. More locations and more frequent monitoring are warranted before major decisions are made on TMDL's and water allocations. The biodiversity of the Coosa Basin is tremendous and needs to be documented and preserved.

2) Inter Basin Transfers

Inter-basin transfers should only be approved if treated wastewater is returned to basin of origin. Additional water withdraws should be limited for areas without sewer system and wastewater treatment.

3) Wastewater Assimilation

Water supply is a critical issue but minimum flows during drought conditions are critical for adequate wastewater assimilation. Reduced flows during drought could cause significant problems and expense.

4) Off-Stream Storage

The State should fund reservoirs for North Georgia to meet the long-term needs of the State. Everyone agrees that additional storage is needed. Bonds could be used and wholesale water sales could pay off the debt.

5) Winter Pool at Lake Allatoona

The Corps of Engineer should be asked to do a complete study of any proposal to raise the winter pool of Lake Allatoona as to the impact on potential downstream flooding.

6) Non-Point Source Pollution

Additional monitoring would help pinpoint specific areas. Enforcement of existing rules and more and better education concerning non-point source pollution is a necessity. Agriculture and other users must become a major part of the formula.

7) Projections vs. Potential

The projection of the water needs of the Atlanta metro area should not take priority over potential for other areas in North Georgia. The potential may be 100 years out but the areas affected should not have to pay the burden to get water back that has been transferred.