



Georgia's State Water Plan

Vision and Goals:

What do you want your rivers, lakes and groundwater to do for you and the citizens in your planning region?

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Why is a regional vision needed?

Guiding policy from 2004 Water Planning Act

Georgia manages water resources in a sustainable manner to:

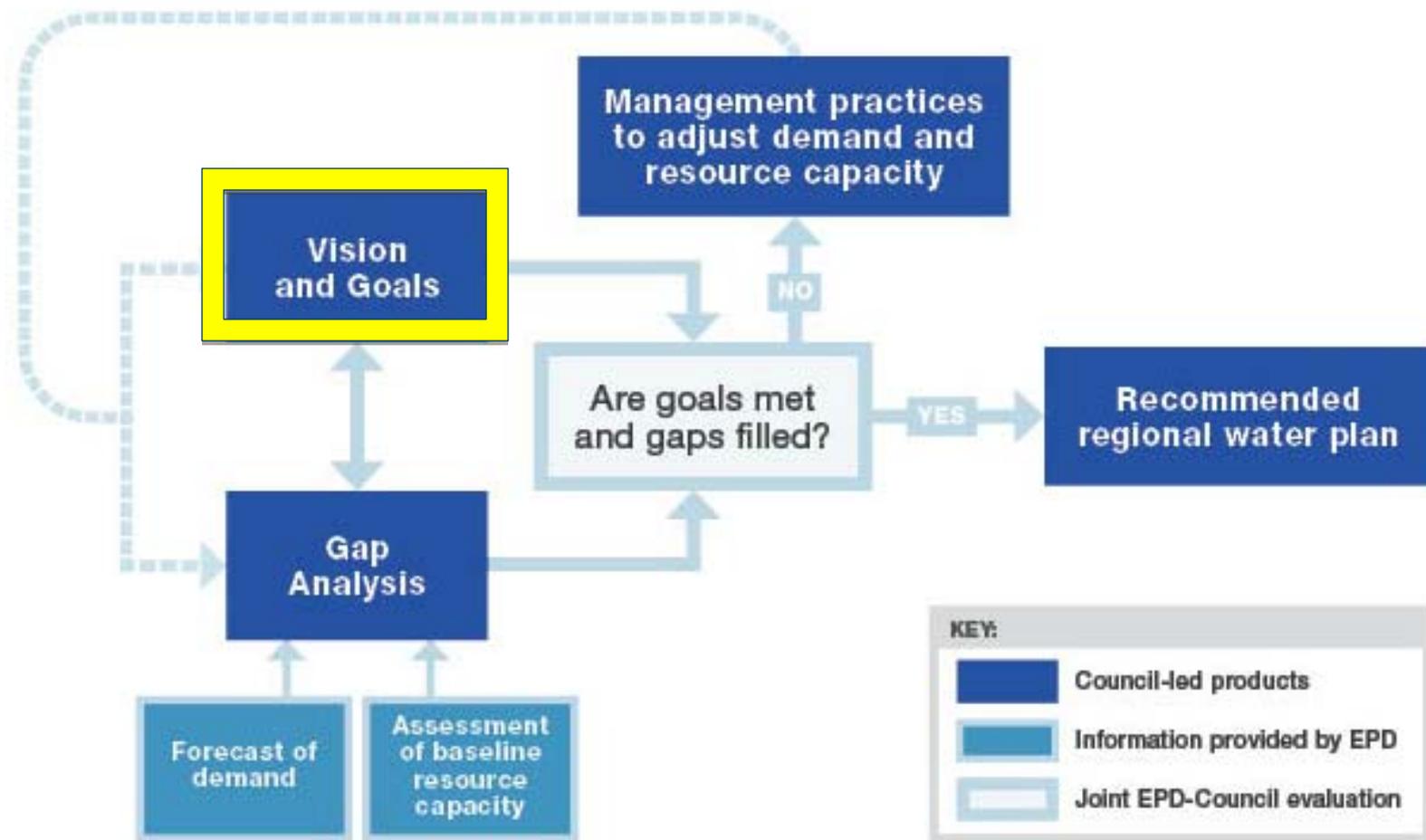
1. Support the state's economy
2. Protect public health and natural systems
3. Enhance the quality of life for all citizens

Purpose of the Council's Vision & Goals

The Council's regional vision will:

- Define what the 2004 Act's guiding policy means for your region
- Establish specific goals for the region's waters in 2050
- Guide selection of management practices (along with results of forecasts and resource assessments)

Regional Water Planning Outline



Vision & Goals

Key Issues;
Trends, Forces,
Factors
(Kick Off +
Meeting #1)

Themes;
Individual Ideas
and Visions
(Meeting #2-3)

Combine into
Working
Regional Vision
(Meeting #3)

Forecasts,
Assessments,
Vision/Goals →
Practices
(Meeting #4 on)

Vision & Goals

Homework from our last meeting:

- Reflect on trends, forces and factors and information learned today: What are the major issues facing the region?
- Outline your ideas for the future of the region's water resources

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Individual Ideas and Visions:

What do you want your rivers, lakes and groundwater to do for you and the citizens in your planning region?

Consider the following:

- Supporting the region's and state's economy
- Protecting public health and natural systems
- Enhancing the quality of life for all citizens

What do you want to protect?

What do you want to achieve with your water resources?

Trends, Forces, & Factors: Middle Chattahoochee

Summary of Discussion at Council Meeting 1

- Political
- Uncertainties
- Power
- Land Use Changes
- Water Balance
- Population
- Increased Population Growth
- Atlanta
- Conservation / Green

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you want your rivers, lakes and groundwater to do for you and the citizens in your planning region?

Consider the following:

- Supporting the region's and state's economy
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- Enhancing the quality of life for all citizens

2. What do you want to protect?

3. What do you want to achieve with your water resources

Middle Ocmulgee

draft vision statement

The Middle Ocmulgee Water Council will work so that our water resource, both surface and subsurface, is of exceptional quality and quantity for the well being and prosperity of all that will follow. Our plan will consider the resource's natural integrity, wise conservation and prudent management for continuing economic development and enhanced quality of life for all the region's citizens.

Middle Chattahoochee

draft vision statement by Paul Chappell

Our Middle Chattahoochee Water Council exists to bring together a water management plan that demonstrates a spirit of cooperation with our neighbors, a commitment to the preservation of the resources at our disposal, and a pledge to the education of all citizens of Georgia who depend on water for their work, their recreation, and their sustenance. Our intentional duty is to provide our region with a meaningful strategy that addresses the efficiencies of our water structures and systems while protecting the environmental and economic interests of Georgia.

Next Step for Creating a Vision & Goals

A subcommittee to prepare a draft of the Vision for the Middle Chattahoochee?

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One Approach

- The year is 2030.
 - Your child/grandchild, Shelby, is in the 6th grade and has been asked to write an article about the most influential accomplishment of your life and they have focused in on your work with Regional Water Planning.
 - Shelby interviews you to determine the ways in which regional water planning succeeded.
- Help Shelby outline her story
 - What would the article title be? (*consider writing this last*)
 - What are the headers?
 - These are usually indicators or evidence of Water Planning Council success
 - Be as specific as possible so we understand your intent
 - E.g.: WPC Addresses Agricultural Water Use
 - What pictures does Shelby use to illustrate the story?