



LFO Water Quality Recommendations

LFO Water Quality Committee

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Committee Efforts

- Reviewed material from EPD
 - TMDLs
 - Water quality modeling schedule & approach
 - Regional water quality related efforts
- Gathered additional data
 - Forestry Commission BMP Survey information
 - BMPs for nurseries, road maintenance, etc
- Held Committee Meetings
 - July 15, August 12
- Produced Recommendations to LFO Water Council



Committee Report

- 6.1 Identifying Water Management Practices
- 6.2 Selected Water Management Practices
- 6.3 Fiscal Implications



Committee Report – 6.1

- Existing practices and programs recognized
- Best Management Practices highlighted
- Additional water quality data needed
- Uncertainties recognized; adaptive management recommended



Committee Report – 6.2

- Near-term
 - Support existing plans & practices and improved enforcement
 - Improved coordination and utilization of existing resources
 - Improve BMP implementation and documentation
 - Create and fund a stream buffer land acquisition program
 - Encourage improved stormwater management
 - Increased water quality monitoring & coordination
- Long-term
 - Improve application of coordinated state resources on water quality
 - Require regulation of phosphate concentrations in lawn fertilizer and detergents



Committee Report – 6.3

- Increased State Funding for GA EPD Advocated
- Creation of a Program for Stream Buffer Land Acquisition
- Additional funding needs to be defined for long-term water quality management practices



Water Quality Project Funding

- 319 grant funding available
- Nonpoint source pollution management projects targeted
- 60/40 cost share split, up to \$100 k
- Project must meet eligibility requirements
- 319 application process and procedures



Committee Recommendation

- Lower Flint-Ochlockonee Council approve draft recommendations prepared by the Committee for incorporation in the draft Water Development and Conservation Plan, Chapter 6
- Committee to consider potential projects to support for 319 grant funding
- Committee to reconsider following review of water quality modeling results anticipated in November 2010

