



Vision and Goals Development

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Setting the Long-term Vision and Goals

- By the end of Phase 1, the RBC should develop a **Vision Statement** and **Goals** for the basin.
- The **Vision Statement** and **Goals** should summarize the RBC's **priorities** for water resource use and management in the Broad River Basin.



Broad RBC-Identified Basin Priorities

- Support and Balance Human and Ecosystem Needs
- Enhance Source Water Protection and Land Management Activities
- Promote and Maintain Water Storage
- Provide Low Flow Management
- Promote Collaborate and Stakeholder Participation
- Use Sound Science and Data
- Conduct Public Education and Outreach
- Provide Legislative Recommendations



Example Vision Statements

- 1 *“A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected.”*
- 2 *“The Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council seeks to conserve and manage our water resources in order to sustain and enhance our unique coastal environment and economy of Coastal Georgia.”*
- 3 *“The Vision of the Suwannee-Satilla Regional Council is to manage water resources in a sustainable manner under Georgia’s regulated riparian and regulated reasonable use laws to support the state’s and region’s economy, to protect public health and natural resources, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens; while preserving the private property rights of Georgia’s landowners, and in consideration of the need to enhance resource augmentation and efficiency opportunities.”*

Broad RBC Vision Statement

Listed below are several draft vision statements from the April RBC meeting.

Final, Vision Statement (approved by RBC motion on 6/9/20):

Empowered stakeholders taking coordinated actions to conserve and enhance the resilience of the Broad River Basin to provide water resources for quality of life, while accounting for the ecological integrity of our shared water resources.

Draft Vision Statements that were reviewed and considered on 6/9/20:

The Broad River basin promotes safe, clean water through education by empowering communities to encourage ownership, responsibility and action while planning for future development without sacrificing the basin's ecosystem.

The RBC seeks to empower decision makers and other local stakeholders with necessary tools to support and improve the dynamic balance between natural and social systems of the Broad River Basin (*RBC comment: maybe consider adding "quality of life"*)

Maintaining and promoting the enhancement of a balanced system for the natural and social systems of the Broad River Basin while protecting and educating on land and water management for sustainability.

Example Goals

Example Goals from the Edisto RBC:

- 1. *Develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the Edisto River Basin in order to:***
 - a. Ensure water resources are maintained to support current and future human and ecosystem needs.***
 - b. Improve the resiliency of the water resources and help minimize disruptions within the basin.***
 - c. Promote future development in areas with adequate water resources.***
 - d. Encourage responsible land use practices.***
- 2. *Develop and implement a communication plan to promote the strategies, policies and recommendations developed for the Edisto River Basin.***

Example Goals

Example Goals from the GA Regional Water Planning Councils:

- *Manage and develop high quality water resources to sustainably and reliably meet domestic, commercial, industrial and agricultural water needs.*
- *Identify fiscally responsible and implementable opportunities to maximize existing and future supplies including promoting water conservation and reuse.*
- *Identify and utilize best available science and data and apply principles of various scientific disciplines when making water resource management decisions.*
- *Protect and maintain regional recreation, ecosystems, and cultural and historic resources that are water dependent to enhance the quality of life of our current and future citizens and help support tourism and commercial activities.*
- *Manage groundwater and surface water to encourage sustainable economic and population growth in the region.*
- *Work to enhance the public's understanding of regional water issues and the need for support of new policies to protect future resources.*
- *Work with EPD to establish ongoing relationships with South Carolina stakeholders and other Water Planning Councils to equitably address water sharing issues.*

Broad RBC Goals

Final Goals approved by RBC motion on 6/9/20

1. Enhance the understanding of regional water issues and the need for support of policies and behaviors to protect resources through promotion and education.
2. Use sound science and data driven practice to support collaboration for all entities to effectively and efficiently manage the basin
3. Provide policy and legislative recommendations.

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Revisit later

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