



# Review RBC Vision and Finalize Goals

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# LSS Vision Statement

*Shared water resources are managed to sustainably meet the needs of all stakeholders in the Lower Savannah and Salkehatchie basins now and into the future.*

# LSS RBC-Identified Issues

## 1. Agriculture

- *Limited availability of surface water in the Upper Salkehatchie.*
- *Stability of allocations for long-term planning.*
- *Identify what is available.*

## 2. Water/Sewer

- *Concern with allocations*
- *Meeting the needs for growth both residential and industrial*
- *Flexibility within regulatory framework to meet growth*

## 3. Industry/Economic Development

- *Quality*
- *Availability – accurate accounting of current and future availability*

## 4. Environmental

- *Quality*
- *Protecting balance between salt water and fresh water*
- *Aquatic organisms*
- *Sedimentation*
- *Regulatory*
- *Saltwater intrusion*

## 5. Recreation - Maintaining adequate flows

## 6. Energy - Quantity for production

## 7. Local Governments – land use decisions impact on providing service

# Upper Savannah RBC Goals

1. *Develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the LSS River Basins 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 balance between development, industry, and economic growth in areas with adequate water resources.*
  - d. *Advocate for responsible land use practices.*
  - e. *Identify funding sources.*
2. *Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the LSS River Basins.*
3. *Enhance collaboration between all stakeholders and water interest groups, including Georgia and the Upper Savannah River Basin.*

# LSS RBC Goals

1. *Develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations so that the LSS River Basins are resilient and:*
  - a. *Provide for an accurate accounting of current and future water availability*
  - b. *Promote stability of water allocations to support long-term planning*
  - c. *Maintain water availability to support public water supply, industrial, golf course, energy, food and fiber production and other legitimate needs*
  - d. *Allow for growth*
  - e. *Prevent saltwater intrusion and loss of freshwater resources*
  - f. *Maintain adequate flows to support instream needs of aquatic organisms and recreation.*
2. *Enhance collaboration between all stakeholders and water interest groups, including Georgia and the Upper Savannah RBC.*
3. *Educate and inform local governments on how land use decisions impact water availability.*
4. *Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the LSS River Basins.*