



***Watershed Management
Environmental Protection Division***

Soil and Water Conservation Society

Tri-State Meeting

May 18, 2007



EPD Mission...

- ❖ **Protects and restores Georgia's environment**
- ❖ **Take the lead in ensuring clean water**
- ❖ **With our partners, pursue a sustainable environment...**
- ❖ **...that provides a foundation for a vibrant economy and healthy communities**



Water Programs

Engineering,
Technical
Services

Permitting,
Compliance,
Enforcement

Water
Withdrawal
Permitting

Non-point
Source

Watershed
Planning and
Monitoring

TMDL
Implementation

Regulatory
Support

Drinking
Water
Permitting

Drinking
Water
Compliance

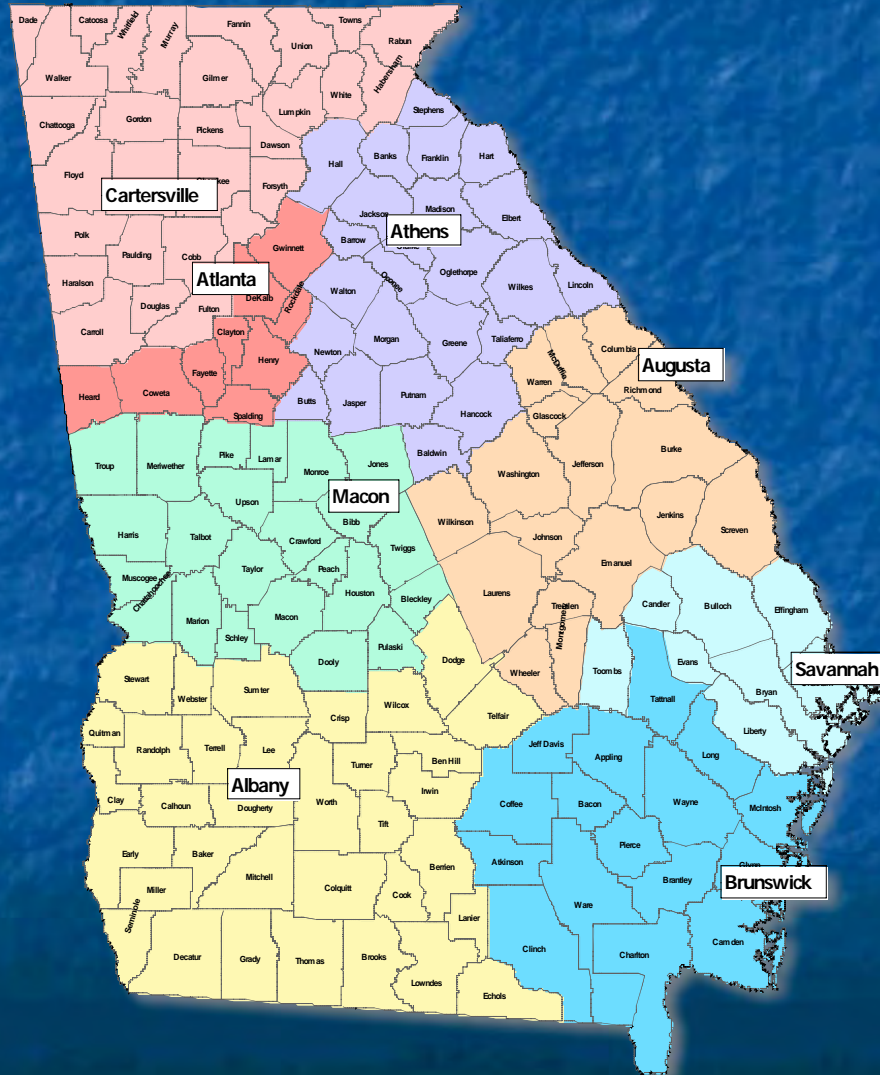
Basin
Analysis

Safe
Dams

Floodplain &
Map Modernization



EPD District Offices



Watershed Leader Responsibilities

- ❖ **Facilitate resolution of key watershed issues**
- ❖ **Responsible for basin-specific environmental outcomes**
- ❖ **Monitor the vital signs of the watershed**



Watershed Leader Responsibilities

- ❖ Facilitate more informed and comprehensive decision making
- ❖ Act on behalf of Branch Chief
- ❖ External outreach to inform and build proactive stakeholder relationships (including inter-state)
- ❖ Improve communication with EPD District offices and promote consistency

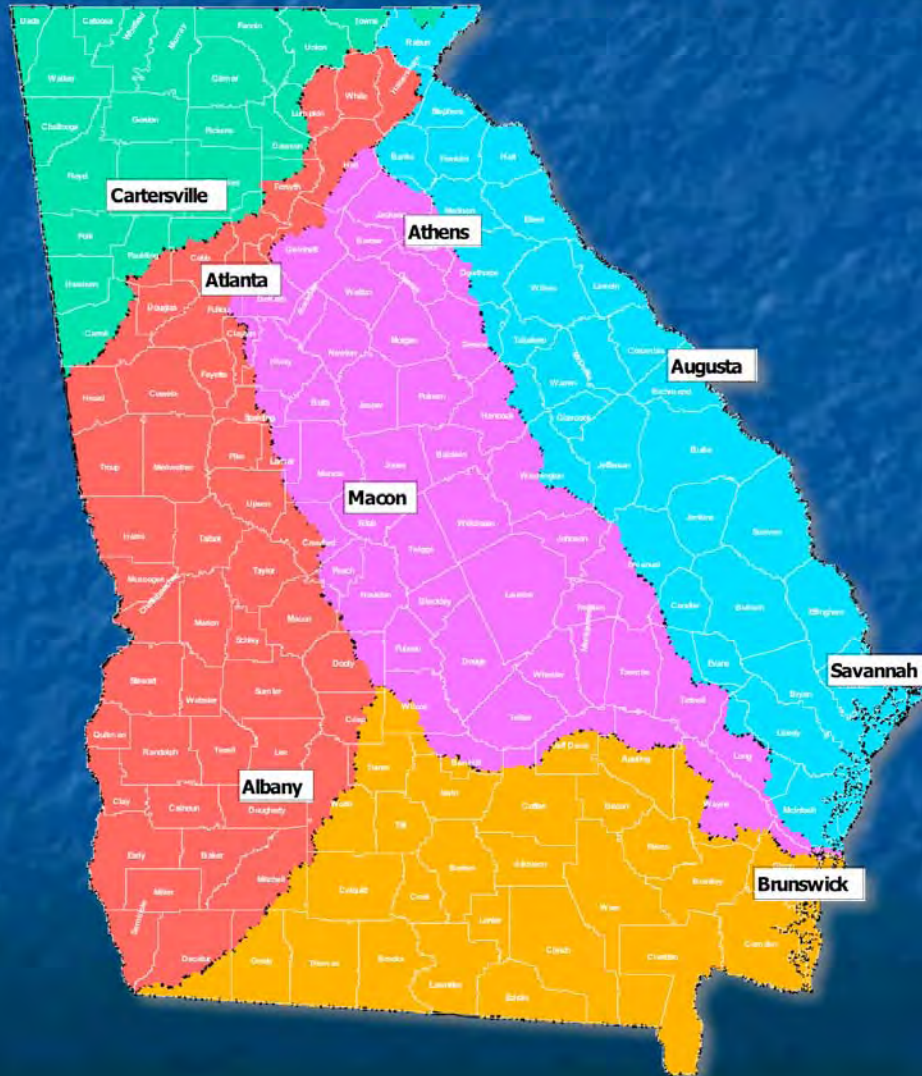


Environmental Outcomes...

- ❖ **Delisting**
- ❖ **Basin-specific issues**
- ❖ **Reduced permitted pollutant load**
- ❖ **Increased amount of monitoring**
- ❖ **Consistency with State Water Plan**
- ❖ **BMPs installed**
- ❖ **Grant funds invested**
- ❖ **Groundwater levels**
- ❖ **Number of violations**
- ❖ **Water needs met without impairment**
- ❖ **Number of monitoring partners**



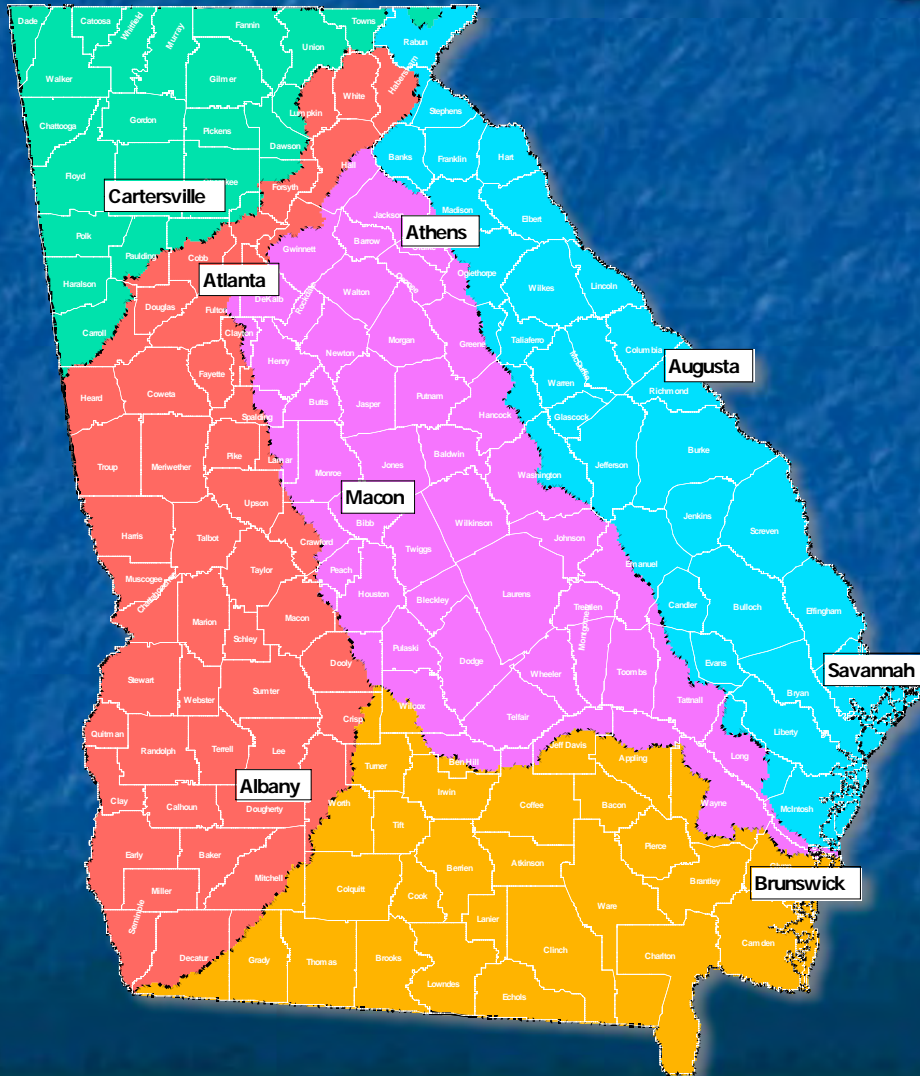
Chattahoochee and Flint



Tim Cash



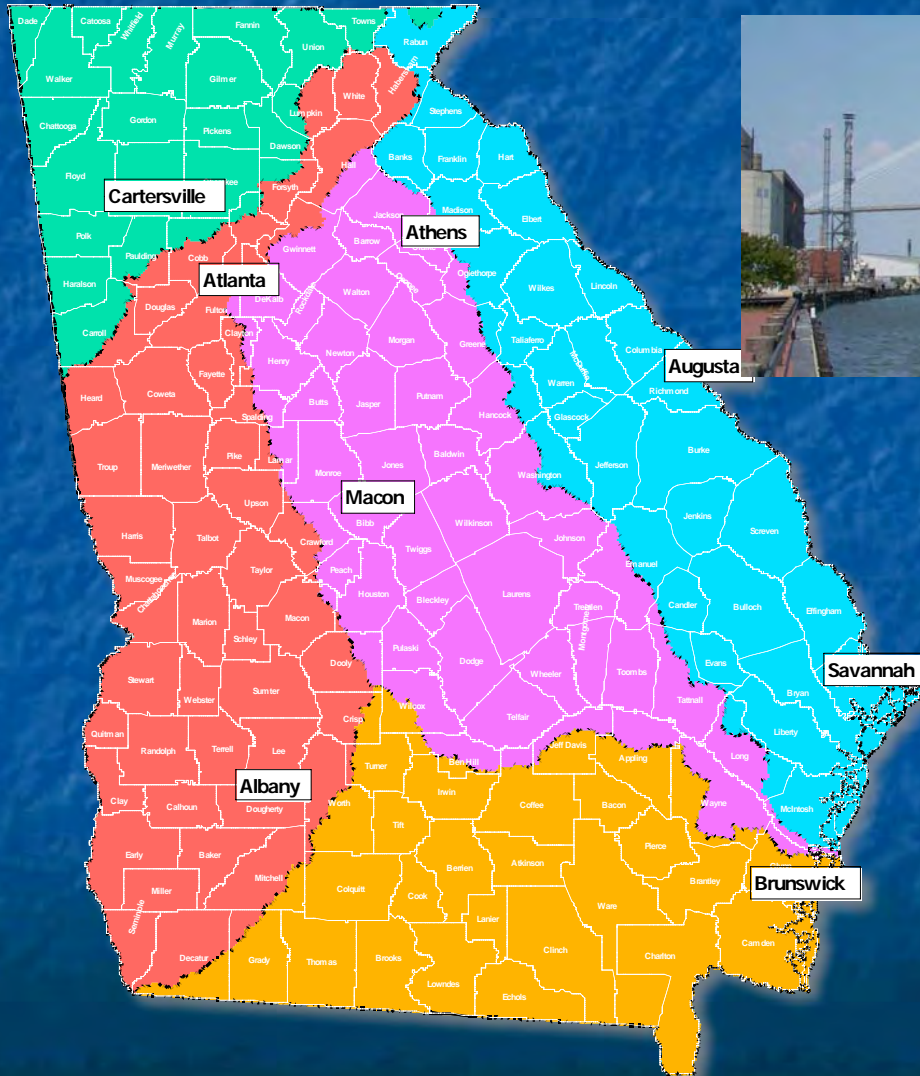
Oconee/ Ocmulgee/ Altamaha



Kevin Farrell



Savannah and Ogeechee

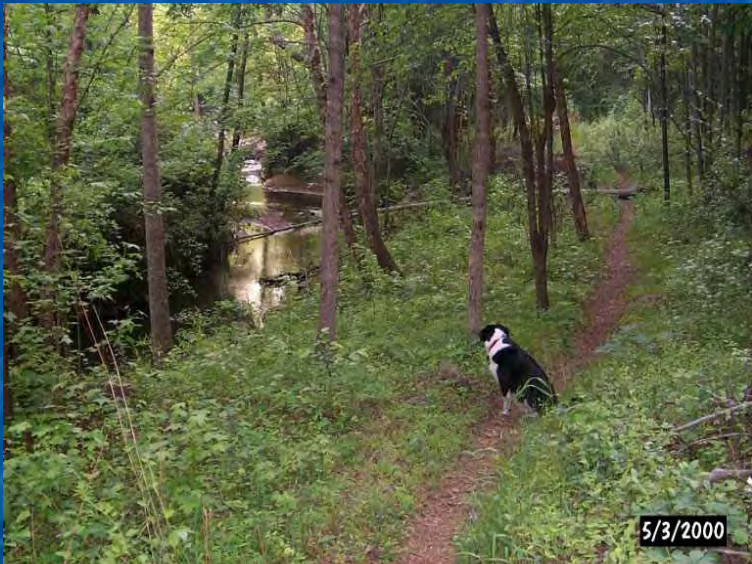
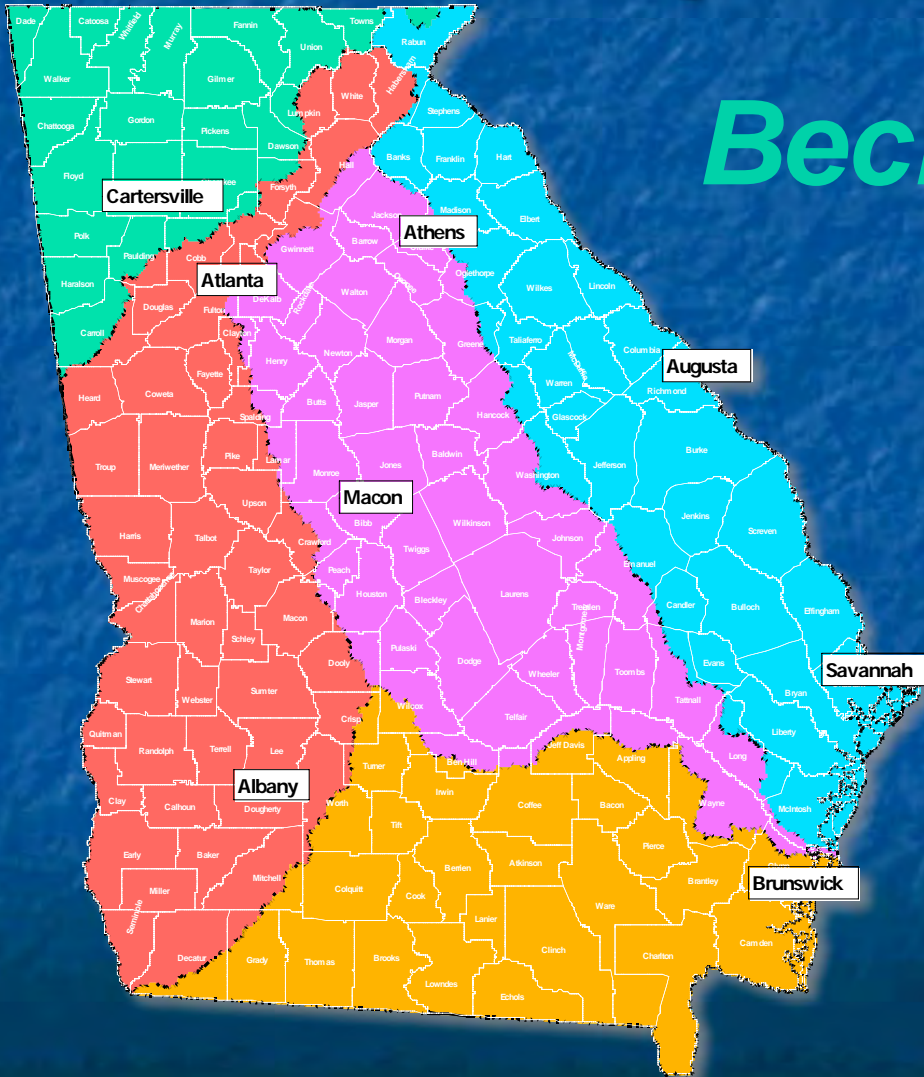


Jeff Larson

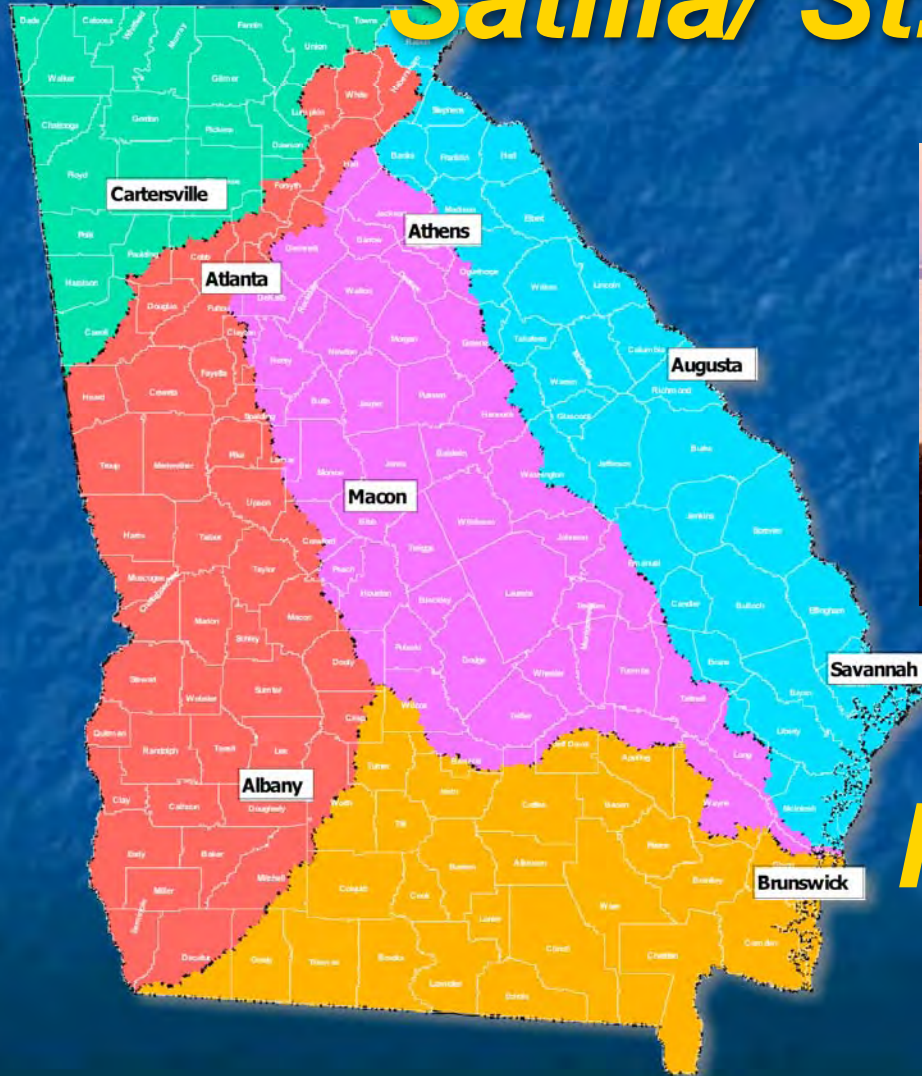


Coosa/ Tallapoosa/ Tennessee

Becky Champion



Ochlockonee/ Suwannee/ Satilla/ St. Marys



Rob McDowell



Watershed Protection Clean Water Goals

