

Vision and Goals Development

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Agenda Item 4

Setting the Long-term Vision and Goals

- The **Vision Statement** and **Goals** should summarize the RBC's **priorities** for water resource use and management in the Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie River Basin.
- Support and Balance All Water Needs
 - Conduct Effective Source Water Protection and Land Management
 - Plan for Droughts
 - Promote Collaboration
 - Use Sound Science and Data
 - Conduct Public Education and Outreach
 - Promote Conservation and Reuse
 - Support Effective Policy Development
 - Promote Economic Growth

Example Vision Statements

- 1** *“A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected.”*
- 2** *“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.”*
- 3** *“To make sure water is available for all in the Pee Dee River Basin.”*

Example Vision Statements


- 4** *“A resilient and sustainably managed Saluda River Basin that balances human and ecological needs.”*
- 5** *“A resilient Upper Savannah River Basin that collaboratively, sustainably, and equitably manages and balances human and ecological needs.”*



LSS RBC Vision Statement

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

The RBC reached consensus on the above vision statement while also noting their intent to revisit and potentially modify the vision during the initial 2-year planning process.



Goals set by 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.*

Goals set by the Upper Savannah RBC

1. *Within 24 months, develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the Upper Savannah 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 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 Upper Savannah River Basin.*
3. *Enhance collaboration between all stakeholders and water interest groups, including Georgia and the Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie River Basin.*

LSS RBC Stakeholder 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**

To assist in developing goals, the RBC, through discussion and input from each water interest group, developed this list of water-related issues.

LSS RBC Goals - **DRAFT**

At a subsequent meeting, the RBC intends to develop specific goals to address the identified issues. The **Upper Savannah RBC**'s goals (listed below) will serve as a starting point.

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.*