

DCA – Office of Planning and Quality Growth
PROTECTION RESOURCES LISTING

RESOURCES WITH MAPPING

1. **Southeastern Ecological Framework:** The Southeastern Ecological Framework is landscape ecology based model that identifies primary ecological areas that are protected by some type of conservation or ecosystem management program; identifies a green infrastructure network that connects these primary ecological areas; and identifies the important ecological characteristics of the ecological areas and connecting green infrastructure. SEF hub areas provide excellent candidates for Regionally Important Resources and SEF corridors provide excellent connecting green infrastructure linkages between them. [Download](#) statewide SEF maps, including Primary Ecological Areas and Significant Ecological Areas. DCA has converted these from the original grid model to vectors and clipped them to the Georgia state boundary for easy use in regional planning applications. Complete documentation of SEF, with Georgia application examples, is available in the [EPA Final Report](#) (5-20-2010)

2. **DCA Environmental, Cultural and Historic Resources Maps:** These are provided through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The site contains coastal resource, wetlands, water supply watershed, land use, cultural resource and other maps that are critical to planning efforts for regionally important resources. <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/dataforplanning.htm>

3. **DCA Wetland, Protected River and Protected Mountain Maps:**
<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/rir.asp>
Maps of the resources that are identified in the comprehensive plans that are submitted by each local government are provided. These resources include protected wetlands, rivers and mountains. These maps are located on the Regionally Important Resources page.

4. **GA Trails and Greenways Plan:** GA DNR (1992/3) Publication can be found at <http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/rir.asp>.

5. **Georgia Land Conservation Plan:**
http://www.rivercenter.uga.edu/service/greenspace/documents/georgia_land_conservation_partnership_plan.pdf . The comprehensive land conservation plan identifies, among other items, land that can sustain Georgia's economy while providing a high quality of life in and around the state. Additionally, the plan outlines benefits that conservation lands can provide.

6. **GA Department of Natural Resources (DNR):**
<http://www.dnr.state.ga.us/naturalresources.aspx> The Georgia Department of Natural Resources website includes information on the conservation and

management of the State's natural resources, including air quality, water quality and quantity, fish and wildlife, land conservation and other areas.

7. **GA DNR Wildlife Resources Division:** <http://www.georgiawildlife.org/> The home page for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources offers information about hunting seasons, fishing locations, wildlife viewing opportunities, boating safety, educational programs and information on how to get involved and support wildlife conservation efforts in Georgia. The following link will take you to the [Georgia Wildlife Action Plan](#).
8. **GA Land Conservation Program:** http://glcp.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,82613131_82969891,00.html The Georgia Land Conservation Program (GLCP) website provides information on preservation of a statewide network of land and water resources.
9. **The State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP):** <http://www.gastateparks.org/net/content/go.aspx?s=132975.0.1.5> The Department of Natural Resources' Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD) has compiled a comprehensive statewide recreation policy that is updated every five years. This website contains the *Georgia Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*, a plan that also makes the state eligible to receive and distribute federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
10. **U.S. Forest Service:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/> The National Forest Service manages public lands in national forests and grasslands. The website contains an abundance of information on the programs and services provided by the Forest Service. There are additional maps, brochures, publications and other resource information provided on the site.
11. **Rails to Trails Conservancy:** This site, which includes some trail maps, can be found at <http://www.traillink.com/>. The Trail link website provides a network of more than 1,450 rail-trails nation-wide. The website contains detailed trail descriptions, photos and maps plus reviews from users.
12. **Publicly accessible archaeological sites:** <http://www.thesga.org/publicsites.htm> The Society for Georgia Archaeology's website contains information on the identification, investigation, preservation and protection of archaeological sites and resources throughout the state of Georgia.
13. **Locations of Georgia Historical markers:** <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/hm/> The official homepage for the Georgia Historical Markers is equipped with information and mapping resources on Historical Markers throughout the State.
14. **Georgia State Parks locator:** <http://www.gastateparks.org/> This website contains information on Georgia's 63 state parks and historic sites. There are mapping

resources that allow users to browse through and find information and the location of various parks in and around the State.

15. **National Park Service Park Locator:** <http://www.nps.gov/state/ga/> The NPS Locator website has information and mapping resources on parks throughout the nation and in Georgia. Additionally, the site contains information on National Heritage and Maritime Heritage locations throughout the US.
16. **National Register of Historic Places:** <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/index.htm> This site contains the official list of the nation's historic places; the site also contains images, texts, photos and mapping resources.

GENERAL RESOURCES

1. **New Georgia Encyclopedia**
<http://www.newgeorgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Home.jsp> The *New Georgia Encyclopedia* website contains articles, images, video clips, etc. on people, places, events, and institutions within the State of Georgia.
2. **Individual community comprehensive plans**
<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/communityplans.asp> Every local government throughout the State of Georgia is required to maintain a current comprehensive plan with the Department of Community Affairs; these vital documents contain narrative, pictorial and mapping resources on each individual community.
3. **General archaeology information** <http://shapiro.anthro.uga.edu/GASF/> The Georgia Archaeological website contains official information about known archaeological sites throughout each period in the state's history; The site is equipped with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) that allows users to look at similar spatial relationships between archaeological sites and geographic features and easily produce maps.
4. **Georgia Historic Resources** <http://gashpo.org>
 - a. Provided by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, this online guide contains historic and preservation resource material on topics as general as African-American resources and as specific as building materials within Georgia.
5. **Guidebooks - Sherpa Guides, Georgia Highroad Guides:**
 - b. [The Longstreet Highroad Guide to the Georgia Coast and Okefenokee](#) This Guidebook contains online the entire contents of this best-selling book written about the Georgia coast. Additionally, the website has 22

maps, many illustrations and photographs covering the Georgia Coast and Okefenokee Swamp.

- c. [The Longstreet Highroad Guide to the Georgia Mountains](#)
This Guidebook contains online the entire contents of this best-selling book written about the Georgia Mountains. Additionally, the website has 50 maps, many illustrations and photographs.

6. Natural Georgia Series: (Historical Data and Current Events Information)

- d. [Atlanta's Urban Wildlife](#)
This website is dedicated to grass roots and educational programs that promulgate the protection and development of wildlife habitats in urban areas.
- e. [Barrier Islands](#)
The premier online resource for information on Georgia's Barrier Islands, the most westward location on the Atlantic seaboard. Georgia's barrier islands are in the approximate center of the inward-curving coastline known as the South Atlantic Bight, and 60 to 70 miles from the edge of the Continental Shelf (continental slope).
- f. [The Chattahoochee River](#)
This website hosts a comprehensive historical and cultural resource sketch on the Chattahoochee River. The site discusses the recreational and watershed impoundments of the Corp of Engineers and as well as the water withdrawal information for the City of Atlanta.
- g. [The Okefenokee Swamp](#)
The website contains statistical and historical information on the Okefenokee Swamp. The site provides a discussion on the square mileage, ownership by the State of Georgia, protection rights, among other significant facts.
- h. [The Fire Forest: Longleaf Pine-Wiregrass Ecosystem](#)
The website chronicles the fire-dependent woodlands and wiregrass ecosystem in the State of Georgia. One species in particular is said to require fire every one to three years, and is one of the most fire dependent ecosystems in North America. These and other interesting facts and historical data on fire-dependent ecosystems in Georgia are available here.
- i. [The Flint River](#)
The watershed of the Flint encompasses 8,460 square miles of Georgia's Piedmont and Coastal Plain physiographic provinces. This site gives information on three unique riverine regimes based on landscape, channel characteristics, flora, and fauna within the watershed of the Flint. This and other data is available at the website.

7. **Farmland protection through the Centennial Farm Program**
<http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=119>
The website hosts information on Georgia's Centennial Farm Program. The program was developed in 1992 to highlight families and farms that have endeavored to preserve Georgia's enduring agricultural resources and farms for future generations.
8. **American Farmland Trust-**
<http://www.farmland.org/programs/states/ga/default.asp> Due to the loss of almost 1.2 million acres of farmland a year, the American Farmland Trust website is dedicated to providing information on up to date work with the federal, state and local leaders and communities to develop programs and legislation that keep America's farms and farmers protected.
9. **Tree City program- (Enrollment Information, Sample Tree Ordinance)**
<http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/CommunityForests/TreeCity.cfm#statewidelisting>
The website contains information needed to be designated as a Tree City. The program offers technical assistance, information on submitting an application, sample tree ordinance and related guidance; the site also provides national recognition for those cities that achieve the designation.
10. **Georgia Conservancy** www.gaconservancy.org . The website contains the history of the Conservancy and offers information on collaboration and advocacy on Georgia's natural environment. The site also provides information and focuses on clean air and water, land conservation, coastal protection, growth management and education.
11. **List of Georgia Land Trusts** - <http://www.gepinstitute.com/landtrust.asp> The Georgia Land Trusts website is dedicated to information on local and statewide actions and activity dedicated to land-saving in Georgia.
12. **Environmental Corridor Study.** GA DNR (1976) This study conducted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) identifies major environmental corridors in Georgia and the significance of protection and preservation of these corridors. This document is located as a stand-alone document on the Regionally Important Resources page.
13. **The Nature Conservancy:**
<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/georgia/preserves/>
The Nature Conservancy is charged with safeguarding places that are havens for many of Georgia's treasured natural resources (i.e. old-growth forests, rare lilies, and animals found nowhere else in the world). This website contains virtual tours, publications and other resource material regarding the Conservancy, including the information on places in Georgia they protect.

14. **The Conservation Fund:** <http://www.conservationfund.org/southeast/georgia> assists with land Conservation in Georgia. The Conservation Fund is dedicated to combining techniques that emphasize strategic land-use planning with land protection. The website contains information on the conservation efforts for Georgia's important landscapes, waterways, and historic sites.