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Honorable Frank Auman, Mayor
City of Tucker
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RE: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Audit

Dear Mayor Auman:

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (District <http://northgeorgiawater.org>) was established by the Georgia legislature in 2001 to develop comprehensive regional and watershed-specific plans for the 15-county metro Atlanta region. In June 2017, the District adopted the Water Resource Management Plan (<http://northgeorgiawater.org/plans-manuals/>). This plan contains a number of requirements that each local government within the District must meet in order to help protect water quality and public water supplies, as well as minimize potential adverse impacts of development on waters in and downstream of the District.

OCGA 12-5-582 (e) (3), OCGA 12-5-583 (e) (3), and OCGA 12-5-584 (d) (3), state that the Director shall not approve any application by a local government in the District to issue or modify a permit, if such permit would allow an increase in the permitted water withdrawal, public water system capacity, or wastewater treatment system capacity of such local government, or to renew any NPDES Phase I or Phase II General Stormwater permit, unless such local government is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the plan or the Director certifies that such local government is making good faith efforts to come into such compliance. Also, any local government that fails to adopt and implement the applicable plans developed by the District shall be ineligible for state grants or loans for stormwater, wastewater, or water supply and conservation projects.

As the City of Tucker is a member of the District, EPD will be conducting an audit to ensure that your government complies with the applicable Action Items within the District Plan. Please submit one copy of a completed checklist along with documentation for each action item on one USB Flash Drive and return it to our office no later than May 1, 2021. You may find the current version of the audit checklist on the EPD website located under the "Planning" header at: <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch>.

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In order to complete the Audit in a timely manner, please use the following guidelines:

- Study the Water Resource Management Plan
- Locate previous Audit files; ensure that your municipality has addressed everything that was required in both the audit and the good faith effort letters.
- Locate Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with adjacent entities, and update or create if necessary.
- Locate (or create) all necessary ordinances and/or policies.
- Provide proper documentation for every Action Item.
- Reach out to EPD with questions.
- Return Audit on time.

Please contact me at 404-463-4950 or dillon.rodenbaugh@dnr.ga.gov should you have any questions regarding the audit process, or if you would like to set up a meeting. For more information on the District, please visit www.northgeorgiawater.org.

Sincerely,



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