

## The Upper Flint Regional Vision and Goals

The Upper Flint Regional Water Council adopted the following statement to describe its vision for the future of the planning region's water resources:

*The Upper Flint Regional Water Council's purpose is to provide guidance, leadership and education on water resource utilization within the region. Through cooperation among stakeholders, this plan will assist the Council's efforts to manage the region's water resources in a sustainable manner, be supportive of public health and natural ecosystems, support the State's economy and enhance the quality of life for its citizens*

The Council adopted the following goals to support its vision:

- Lead the development and implementation of water resource policy in this region and work together with the state and federal government and with the other regional councils to ensure that the welfare and needs of our region are met.
- Enhance the public's understanding of water resources and provide stakeholders with an opportunity for input into regional water policy.
- Maintain and strive to improve the quality and quantity of our water resources in order to protect natural ecosystems and public health
- Manage water resources sustainably through the three "C's" – conserving, capturing and controlling water – in order to provide for the needs of all water users in the region (agriculture, utilities, residential, industry, and recreation).
- Sustain the region's aquifers and surface waters in a way that will continue to support the economic activities of the Upper Flint region and the economy of the State of Georgia.
- Ensure that actions taken by this Council do not impede the agriculture and forestry based economy of this region.

The regional vision and goals were used by the Council to develop this plan and to guide the selection of water management practices.