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SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN AGAIN THREATENS DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Sewer Extensions and Reservoir Funding Not Needed

The Upper Oconee Watershed Network (UOWN) review of the Service Delivery Plan issued by the Public Utilities Department of Athens Clarke County Unified Government finds that proposed sewer extension in the Sandy Creek basin will damage the creek and expose North Oconee water intake station to pollutants and sewage.

On September 8 the Public Utilities Department released a 161 page plan detailing costing an estimated **\$240,426,000**. The plan includes the extension of sewer lines into the pristine waters of Sandy Creek and Shoal Creek. In 2005 and again in 2010, the Athens Clarke County Mayor and Commission rejected the construction of sewer lines in Sandy Creek and Shoal Creek. Despite these decisions, administrative staff has resurrected the proposals in the 2015 Service Delivery Plan. The confluence of Sandy Creek with the North Oconee river is upstream of Athens' water intake. According to data collected by

