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## Army Corps seeks public comments for Glades reservoir draft EIS

**SAVANNAH, Ga.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, [Savannah District](#), seeks public comments on a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) created in response to a formal proposal by Hall County, Georgia, for the Glades reservoir water supply project. The 60-day public comment period began today and extends through Dec. 29.

The Corps of Engineers posted the DEIS on the Corps' public website: [www.gladesreservoir.com](http://www.gladesreservoir.com).

The public can provide comments on the DEIS any time during the 60 days either electronically or by mail. The public can also submit written or verbal comments in person during a workshop and public meeting Dec. 8 at the Hall County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium from 5 to 9 p.m. The workshop and public hearing is designed to better equip stakeholders to make substantive comments during the remainder of the comment period.

Corps and AECOM staff will be available to answer questions during the workshop. AECOM is the third party contractor assisting the Corps with EIS preparation. Also during the workshop, displays of the proposed project will be available for public viewing. During the public hearing, attendees may provide formal comments on the DEIS.

The Corps will also accept comments by electronic mail to [richard.w.morgan@usace.army.mil](mailto:richard.w.morgan@usace.army.mil), or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, [Regulatory Division](#), ATTN: SAS-2007-00388, 100 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, GA 31401-3640. All comments must be submitted by Dec. 29, 2015.

The Glades reservoir water supply project includes the following proposed work and activities:

- Construction of a pump-storage reservoir on Flat Creek, located 35 miles northeast of Atlanta, near the upstream end of Lake Sidney Lanier.
- A proposed 140-foot high earthen dam to create an 850-acre reservoir, with a normal pool surface elevation of 1,180 feet above mean sea level.
- Filling and inundation of 39.2 acres of wetland and 95,000 linear feet of stream upon construction of the dam and reservoir.
- Construction of a 37 million gallon per day (mgd) intake and pump station on the Chattahoochee River, to transfer water from the river to the reservoir via a 48-inch diameter, 4-mile transmission pipeline.
- Release of water stored in the reservoir into Flat Creek, to flow downstream into Lake Lanier, and be withdrawn at an existing raw water intake in Lanier operated by the City of Gainesville.

The proposed project would provide a total storage volume of 11.7 billion gallons and an annual average water supply of 50 mgd, to meet Hall County's projected water demand through the year 2060.

Additional information on the project may be found on the Glades EIS Webpage at <http://www.gladesreservoir.com/>.

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