



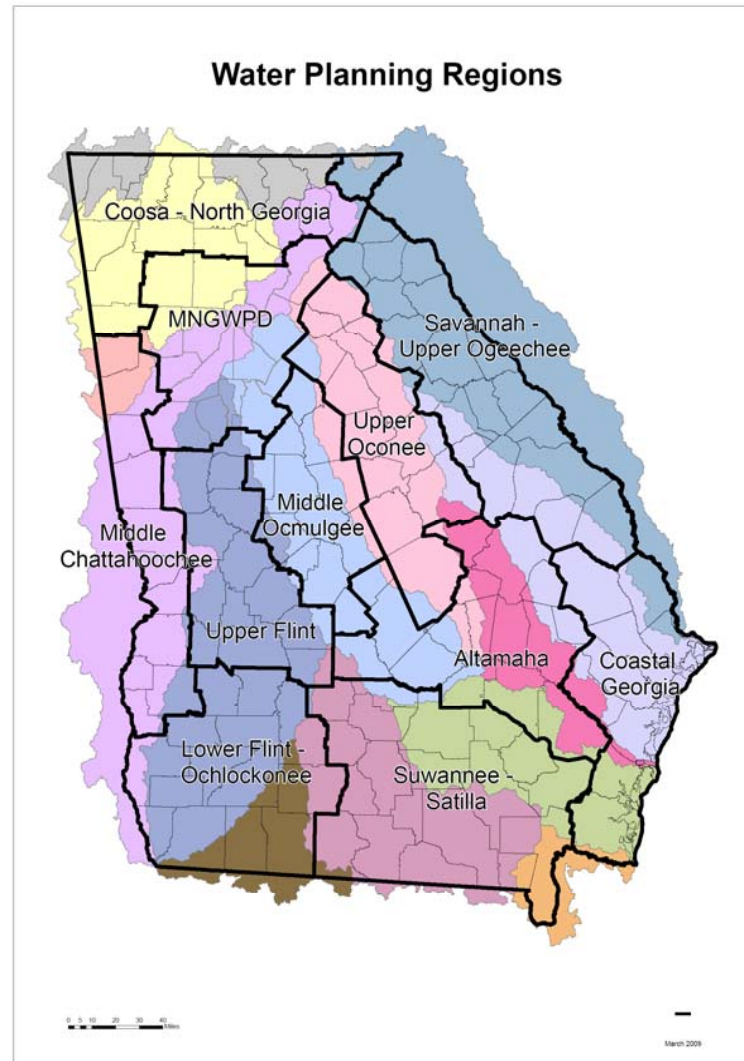
# Georgia's State Water Plan

Overview

[www.georgiawaterplanning.org](http://www.georgiawaterplanning.org)



# Regional Water Planning Councils





# Middle Ocmulgee Region



The goal of [Middle Ocmulgee's Water Development & Conservation Plan](#) is to support the region's economy, protect the public health and natural systems, and enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

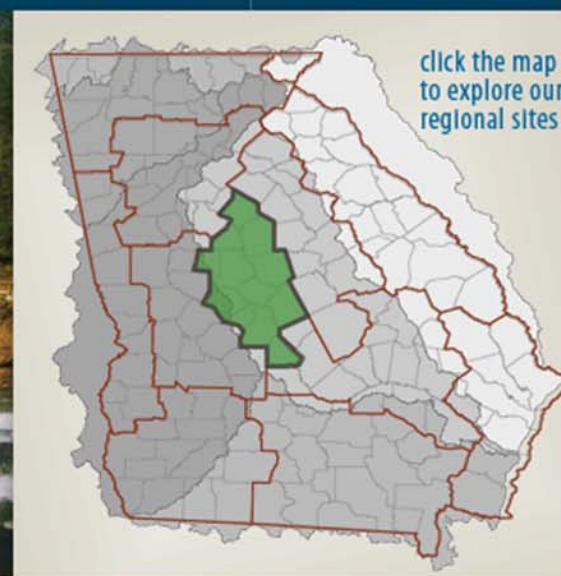
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

OUR PLAN

RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

FORECASTING

STATE WATER PLAN



## RECENT NEWS

[Overview of Judge Magnuson's July 17, 2009 Ruling](#)

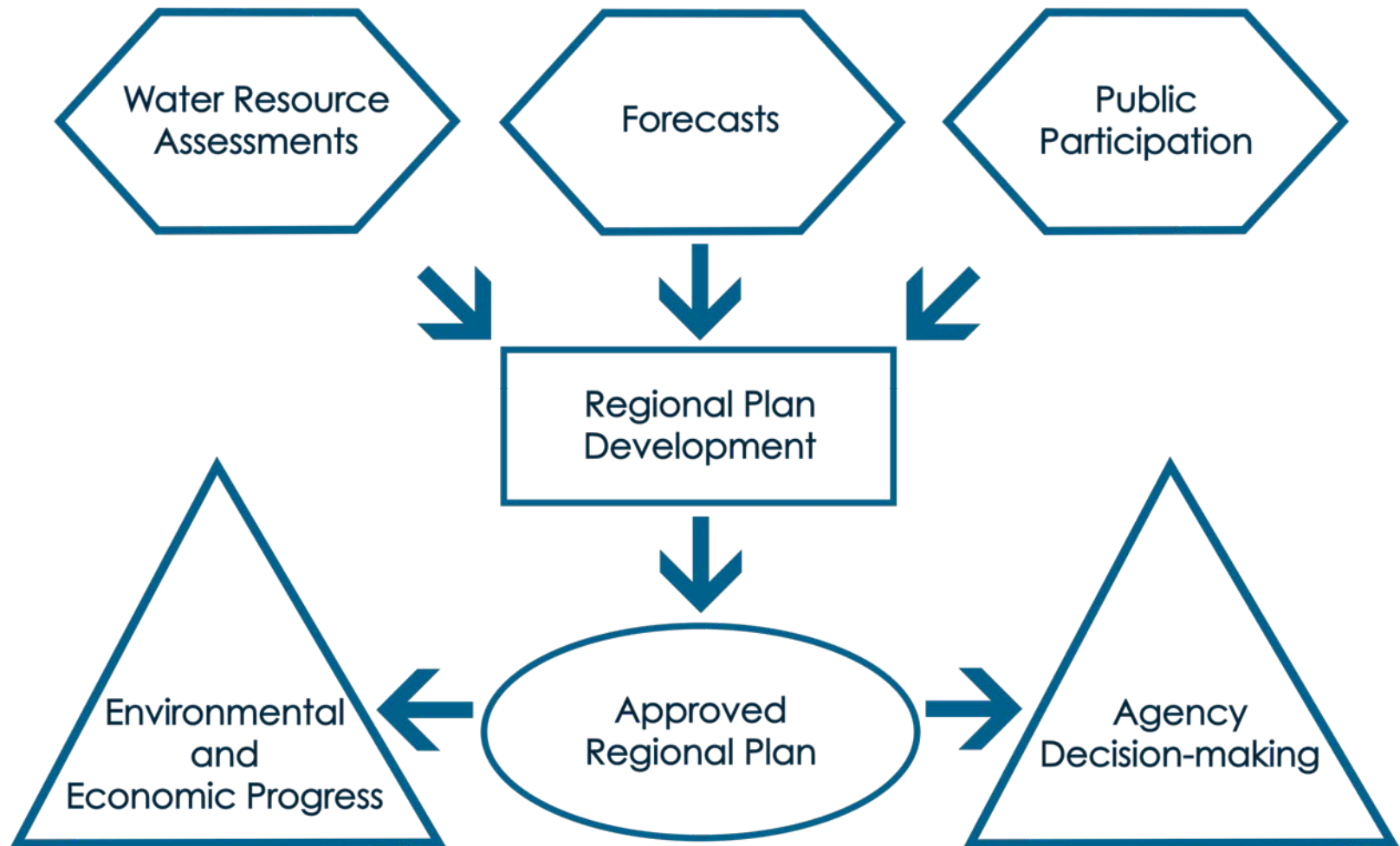
## PUBLIC MEETINGS

[Council Meeting #3](#)

 Internet

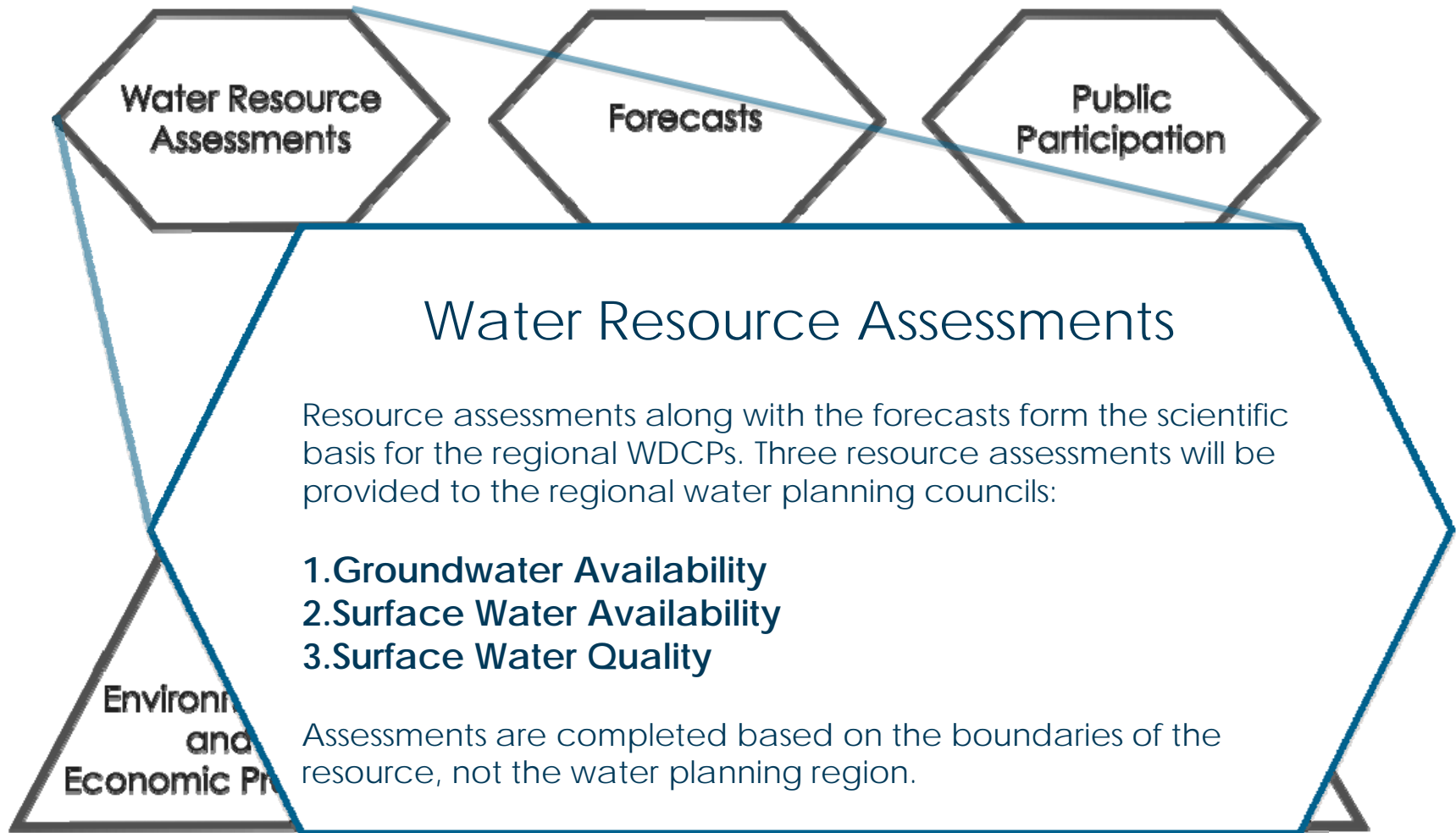


# Water Planning Process



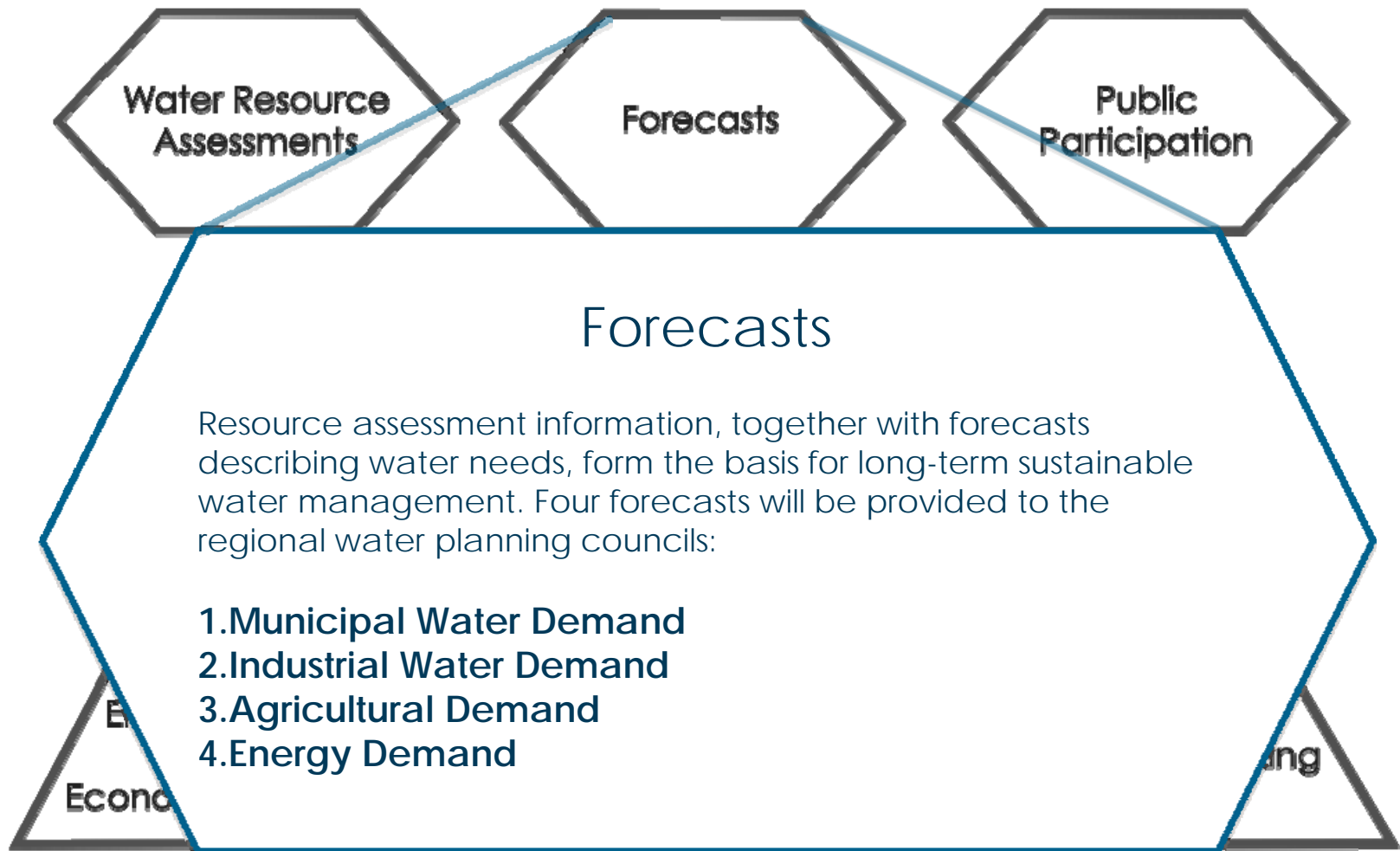


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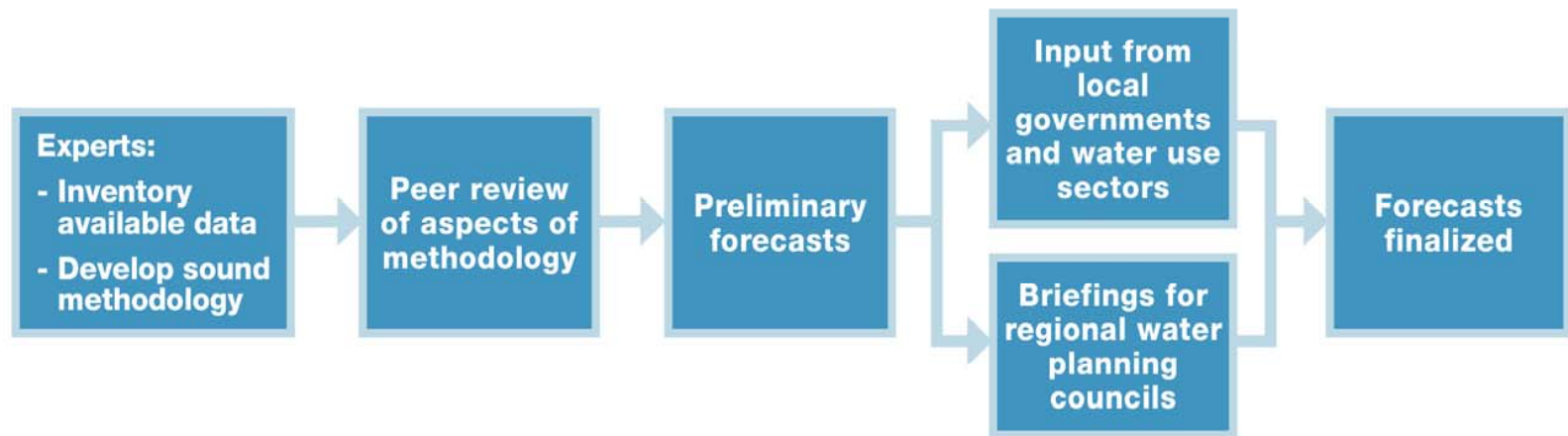


# Planning Information Compilation and Evaluation





# Development of Forecasts





# Planning Information Compilation and Evaluation

Water Resource  
Assessments

Forecasts

Public  
Participation

## Public Participation

The WDCP development process must be open and inclusive, as participation from a diverse audience will result in better implementable decisions and a wide base of support for implementation. The following will be hallmarks of the efficient, effective, transparent regional planning process:

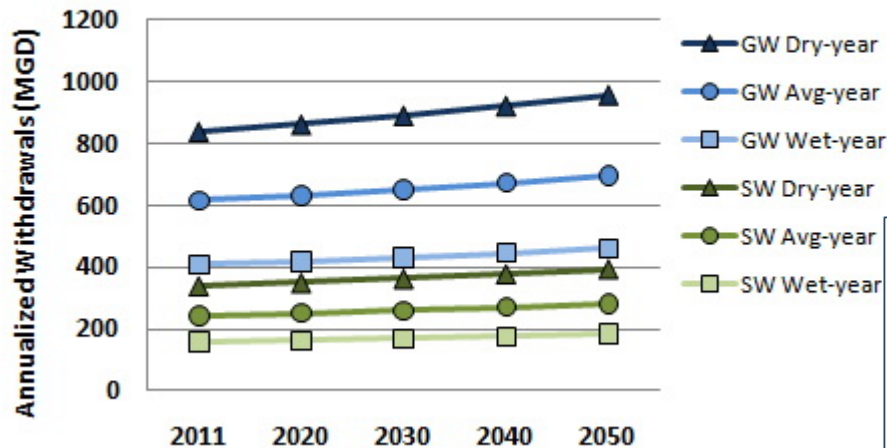
1. Open Meetings
2. Web-posted Documents and Reports
3. Direct Solicitation of Public Input



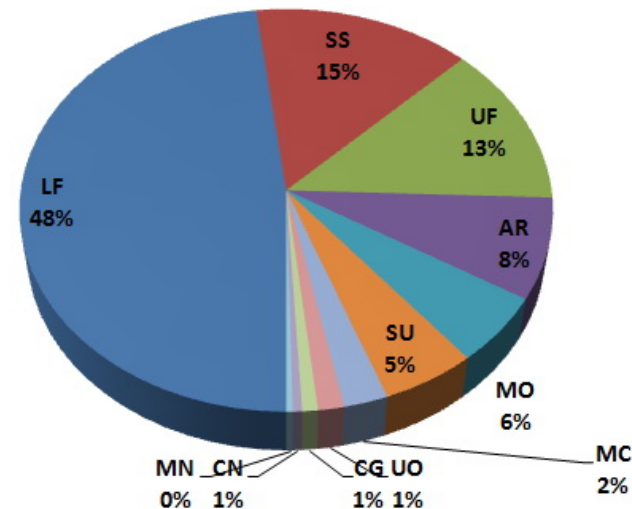


# Agricultural Demand Forecasts

## Statewide Withdrawals



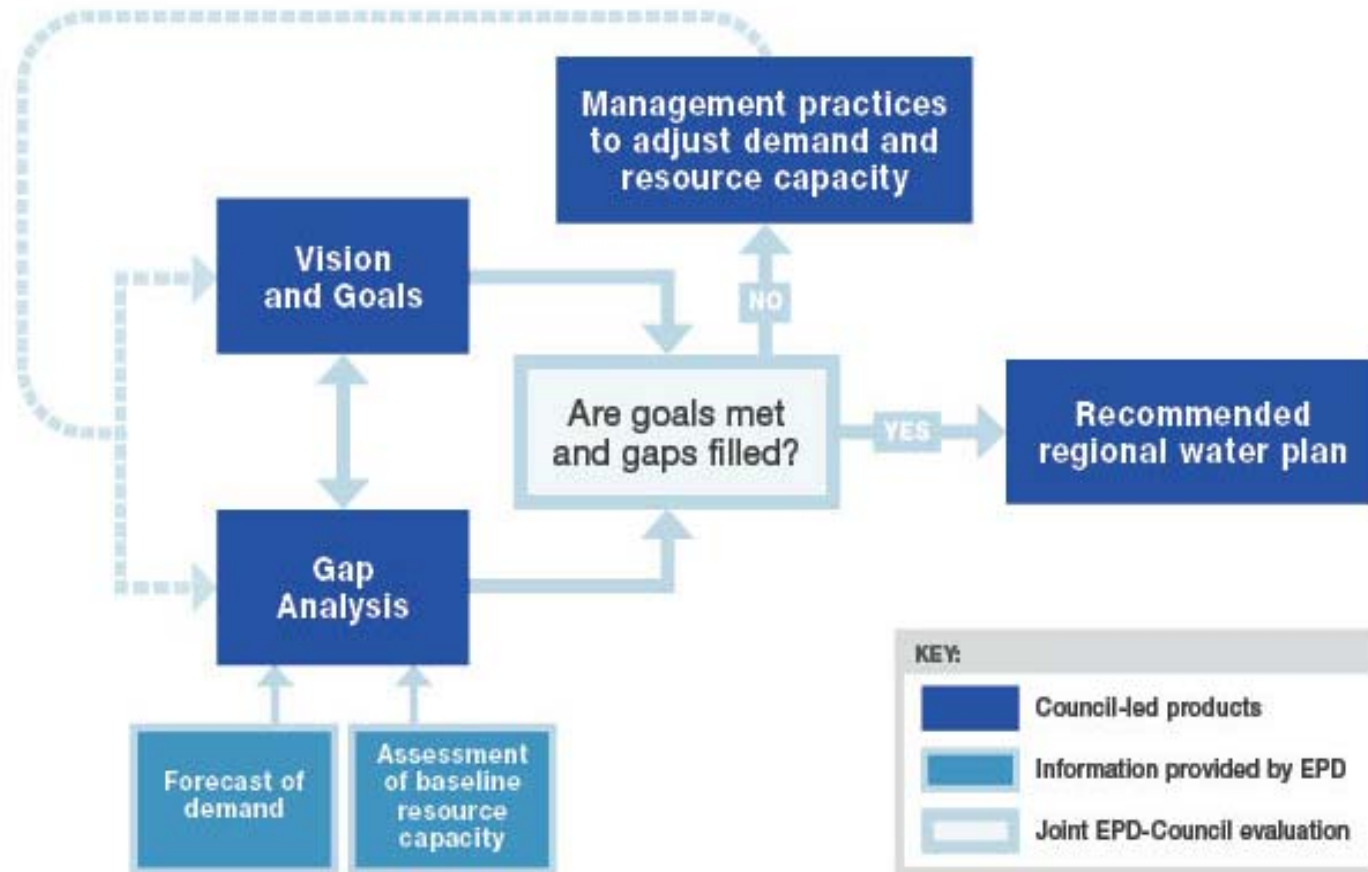
## Differences among planning regions in 2011 anticipated surface and groundwater withdrawals



<http://www.nespal.org/sirp/waterinfo/State/awd/agwaterdemand.htm>

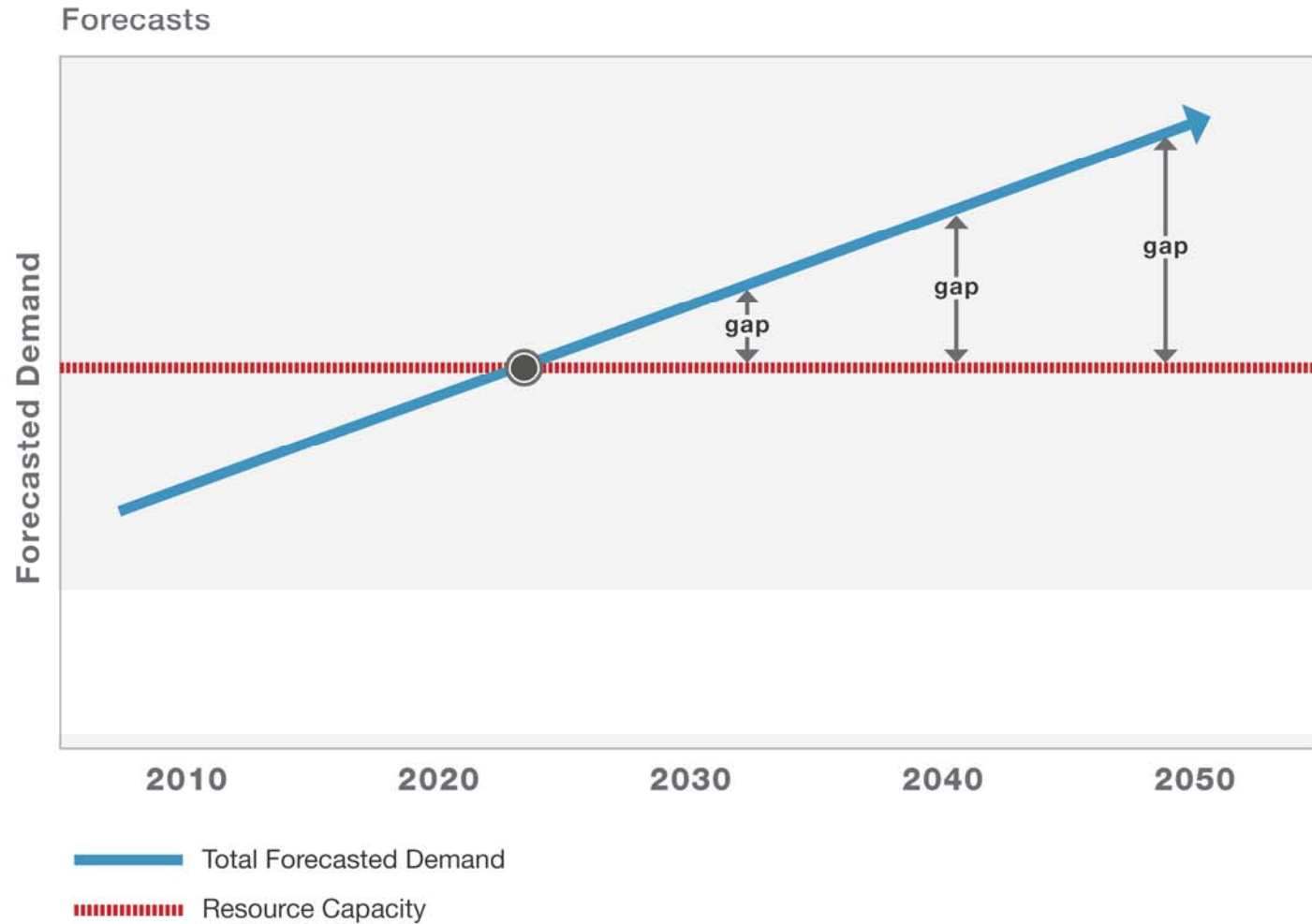


# Path Forward: Information Flow/Products





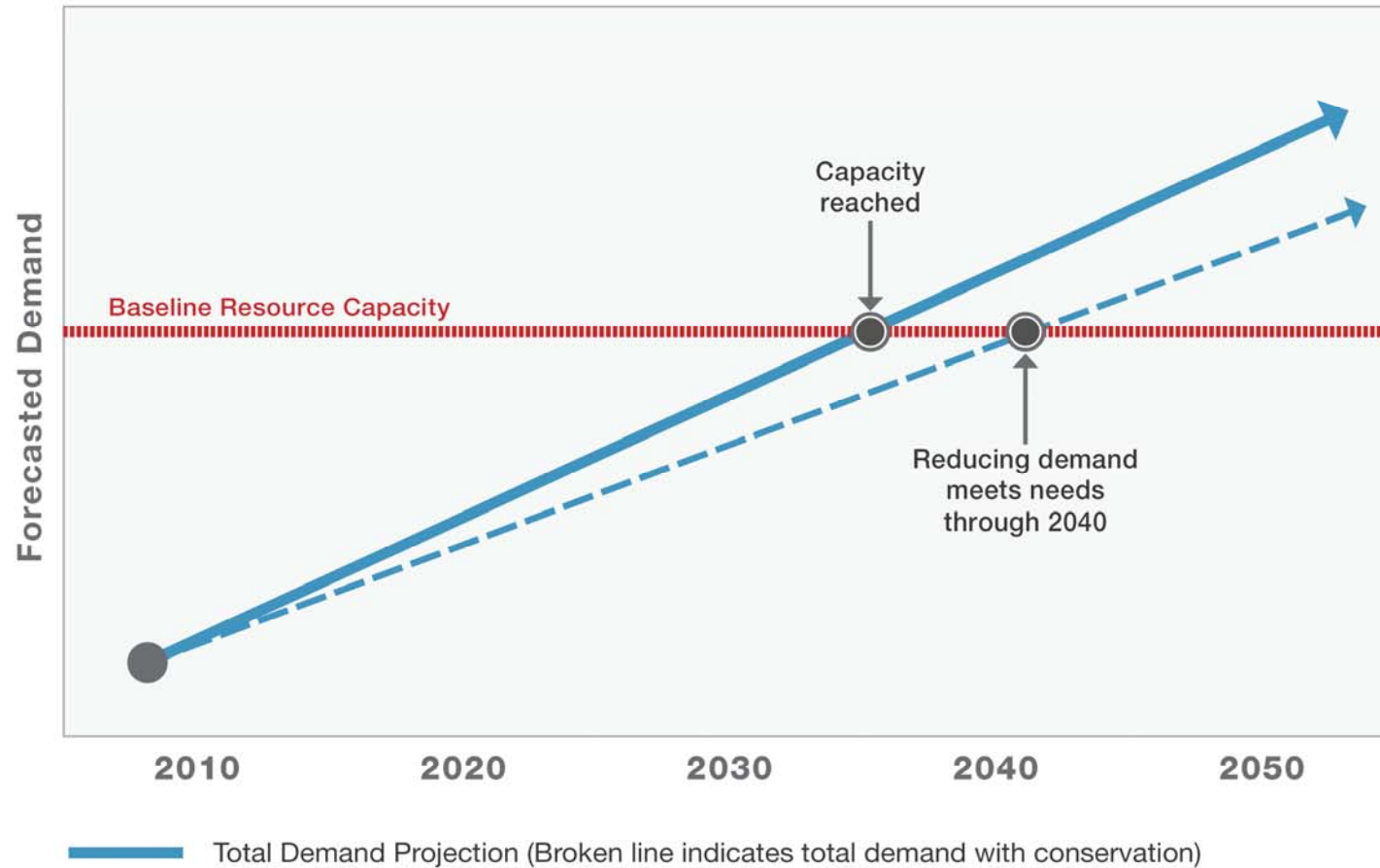
# Identification of Gaps





# Management Practices

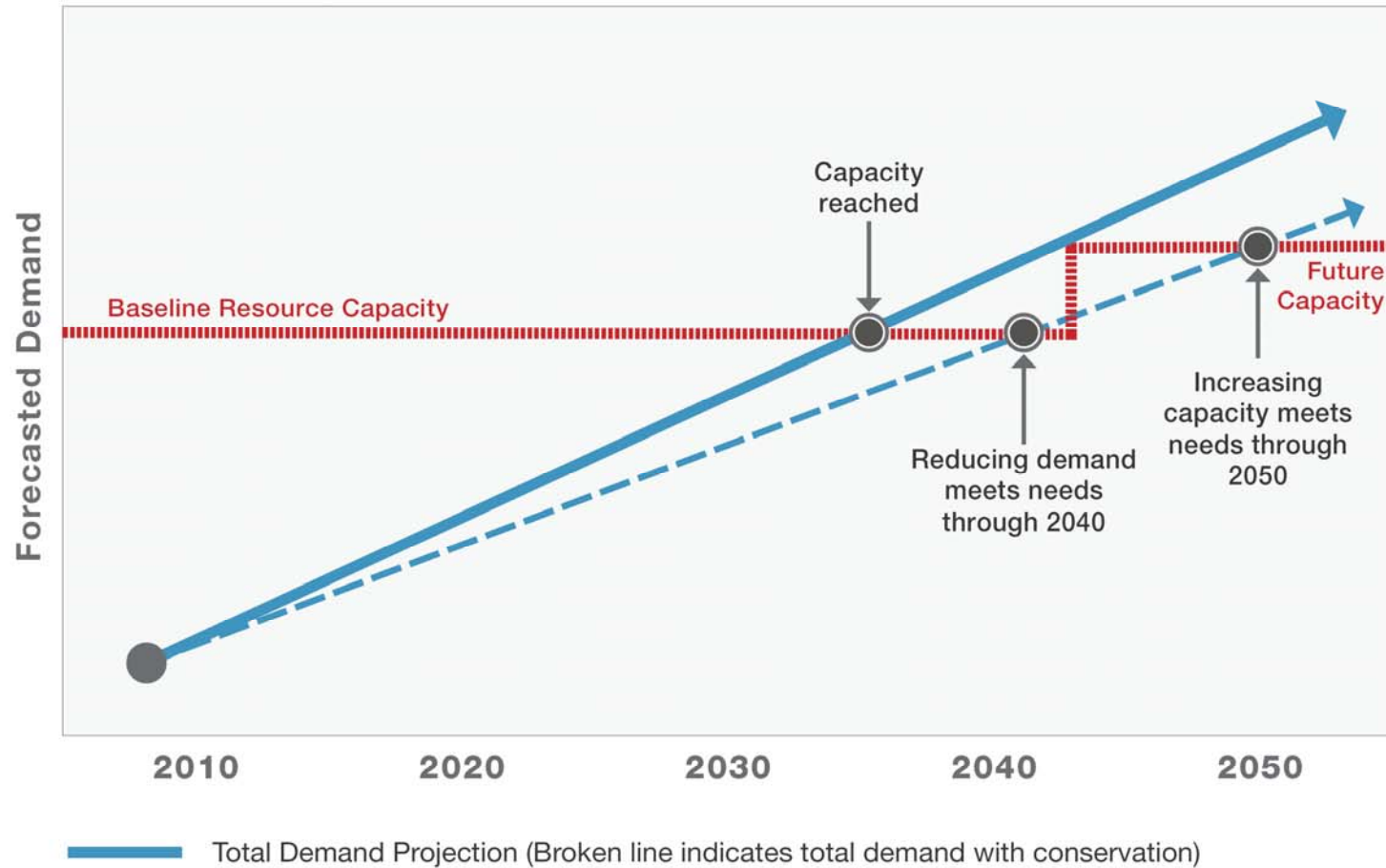
Selecting Management Practices to Reduce Demand





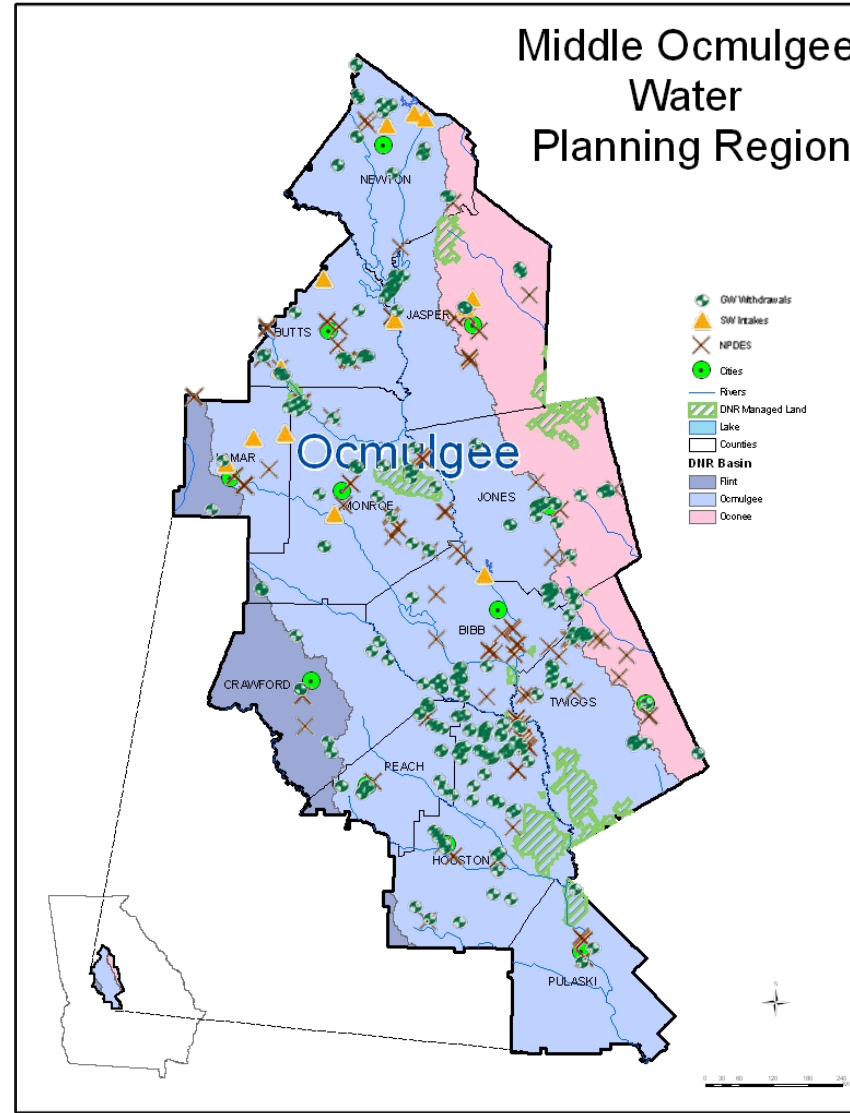
# Management Practices

Selecting Management Practices to Decrease Demand & Increase Resource Capacity





# Middle Ocmulgee Water Planning Region





# Final Product

## Approved Regional Plan

The Director of Georgia EPD is charged with the review of recommended WDCPs as outlined in the State Water Plan, and subsequent approval.

The Director will either:

1. Adopt the recommended WDCP as submitted
2. Advise the regional water planning council of necessary changes to make the plan approvable
3. Adopt a recommended WDCP with conditions

Environmental  
and  
Economic Progress

Approved  
Regional Plan

Agency  
Decision-making



# Recommended Plan and Adoption by EPD

## Council Responsibilities

- Develop a recommended plan
- Submit to EPD by January 31, 2011
- Make revisions based on EPD and public comment and finalize recommended plan by June 30, 2011



## EPD Responsibilities

- Provide guidance and template to ensure completeness and consistency
- Provide public notice and 45-day comment period
- Review recommended plan for consistency with State Water Plan, rules, and guidance
- Adopt recommended plan if consistent with State Water Plan, rules, and guidance
- Use final adopted plan to guide agency decision making



# What You Can Do

- Observe and participate in meetings
- Urge your local governments and local industries/businesses to participate
- Provide comments to forecasts
- Provide comments to draft plans
  - Through council members
  - Through council websites



# Questions?

## Helpful websites for Georgia Water Planning

Statewide:

[www.gawaterplanning.org](http://www.gawaterplanning.org)

Middle Ocmulgee:

[www.middleocmulgee.org](http://www.middleocmulgee.org)

Ag Water Use:

[www.nespal.org/sirp/waterinfo/State/awd/agwaterdemand.htm](http://www.nespal.org/sirp/waterinfo/State/awd/agwaterdemand.htm)