

North Carolina Draft Priority Waters for Restoration Plan Development

TMDL and/or Alternative Plan Development by September 30, 2022

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In December 2013, U.S. EPA released a new framework for managing the Clean Water Act 303(d) program responsibilities, entitled "[A Long-Term Vision for Assessment, Restoration, and Protection under the Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) Program](#)". The Vision was designed to help coordinate and focus EPA and State efforts to advance the effectiveness of the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program direction in the coming decade. To accomplish this, the Vision focuses on six elements including 1) Prioritization, 2) Assessment, 3) Protection, 4) Alternatives, 5) Engagement and 6) Integration.

To address the first element of the Vision (Prioritization), States were to develop a list of priority waters where TMDL development and/or TMDL alternative development could be completed by September 30, 2022. North Carolina's Priority Waters were generated in accordance with the NC DWR [Draft Priority Framework](#) that describes how NC DWR will prioritize waters on the 303(d) list.

North Carolina's Priority Waters are given in the table below. To see the geographic location of these waters, visit the state's [impaired waters map](#). The Priority Waters are considered draft and is subject to change based on data and resource availability.

STATUS	Assessment Unit ID	Assessment Unit Name	Parameter of Interest
Completed	7-3-22	Bald Creek	FECAL COLIFORM
Completed	20-36-(8.5)f	Bogue Sound	SHELLFISHING BAN
Completed	6-34-(15.5)	Davidson River	LOW PH
Completed	7-3-22-4	Elk Wallow Creek	FECAL COLIFORM
Completed	7-3-22-1	Fox Creek	FECAL COLIFORM
Completed	11-38-34-14	Harper Creek	LOW PH
Completed	27-86-8	Hominy Swamp	BENTHOS
Completed	7-3-22-5	Lickskillet Branch	FECAL COLIFORM
Completed	12-94-(0.5)b2b	Muddy Creek	TURBIDITY
Completed	7-3-22-7	Possumtrot Creek	FECAL COLIFORM
Completed	16-11-(9)b	Reedy Fork (Hardys Mill Pond)	FECAL COLIFORM
Completed	17-43-(8)b2	Rocky River (Woody's Dam)	CHLOROPHYLL-A
Completed	11-29-22	Shooks Creek	LOW PH
Completed	7-2-52-(1)	South Toe River	LOW PH
Completed	11-38-32-9ut3	UT to Frankum Creek	LOW PH
Completed	12-113	Swearing Creek (HRL)	FISHCOM
Completed	17-12a	Haskett Creek	BENTHOS
Completed	17-12b1	Haskett Creek	BENTHOS
Completed	17-12b2	Haskett Creek	BENTHOS
Completed	17-12a	Haskett Creek	DISSOLVED OXYGEN
In progress	21-32a	Calico Creek	CHLOROPHYLL-A
In progress	21-32b	Calico Creek	CHLOROPHYLL-A
In progress	21-32a	Calico Creek	DISSOLVED OXYGEN
In progress	21-32a	Calico Creek	TURBIDITY
In progress	27-52-6a	Hannah Creek	BENTHOS
In progress	27-52-6a	Hannah Creek	DISSOLVED OXYGEN
In progress	18-87-9-1	Mullet Run	Shellfish Growing Area Status (CAC)
In progress	13-17-36-9-(1)	Stewarts Creek	BENTHOS
In progress	13-17-36-9-(4.5)	Stewarts Creek	CHLOROPHYLL-A
In progress	18-87-1a	Turkey Creek	Shellfish Growing Area Status (CAC)
In progress	18-87-1b	Turkey Creek	Shellfish Growing Area Status (CAO)
In progress	27-43-(5.5)but7	UT to Swift Creek	BENTHOS
In progress	18-87-9a	Virginia Creek	Shellfish Growing Area Status (CAC)
In progress	18-87-9b	Virginia Creek	Shellfish Growing Area Status (CAC)
In progress	27-34-(1)	Walnut Creek	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
In progress	27-34-(1.5)	Walnut Creek (Lake Johnson)	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
In progress	27-34-(1.7)	Walnut Creek	Fish Community
In progress	27-34-(1.7)	Walnut Creek	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
In progress	27-34-(3.5)	Walnut Creek (Lake Raleigh)	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory

In progress	27-34-(4)a	Walnut Creek	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
In progress	27-34-(4)a	Walnut Creek	Fish Community
In progress	27-34-(4)b	Walnut Creek	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
In progress	27-34-6a	Rocky Branch	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
In progress	27-34-6b	Rocky Branch	PCB Fish Tissue Advisory
Planned	11-129-8-4-(1)	Mill Creek	BENTHOS
Planned	1-63a	Persimmon Creek (Lake Cherokee)	FISHCOM
Planned	2-79-36	Savannah Creek	FECAL COLIFORM
Planned	27-43-(1)d	Swift Creek	BENTHOS
Planned	27-43-(5.5)a	Swift Creek (Lake Benson)	BENTHOS
Planned	7-2-41-(1)	Beaver Creek	Protection
Planned	7-2-59-1-2-1-1	Dobson Branch	Protection
Planned	7-2-27	Gouges Creek	Protection
Planned	7-2-24	Jones Creek	Protection
Planned	7-2-21	Justice Creek	Protection
Planned	7-2-59-1-2	Mine Fork Branch	Protection
Planned	7-2-22-(1)	Pyatt Creek	Protection
Planned	7-2-59-1-1	Stagger Weed Creek	Protection
Planned	7-2-59-1-2-1	Sugartree Branch	Protection