

ANGLER'S POCKET GUIDE

to Erosion & Sediment Control

Erosion and sedimentation are serious threats to river wildlife habitats and the people that enjoy them. Excessive sediment in a waterway can harm fish populations. As an angler, you are uniquely situated to regularly observe and report on erosion control and sedimentation problems in Georgia's rivers. These problems typically arise when land disturbing activities do not comply with proper erosion control practices and laws. You can help get them back into compliance. This guide will advise you on ways to deal with these issues when you see them.

1. IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

- Find the source, or sources, of the sediment. Access the site by using paved, public access roads or up the waterway by boat. **Do Not Trespass on Private Property!**
- Sedimented waters appear cloudy or muddy. Also lookout for land clearing or tree cutting within 25 feet of the stream bank – 50 feet for designated trout streams.
- Observe as much of the site as possible. Write the violation down and be as specific as possible about what you see and where you see it. If you can, take photographs of the problem areas.

2. CONTACT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & EPD DISTRICT OFFICE

- Call the local government's erosion and sediment control section.
- Call the Georgia Environmental Protection Division District office. See the list on the back of this pamphlet.
- Follow your phone call with a letter developed using photos and notes to send to both local government and EPD.

3. FOLLOW-UP!

- Continue to monitor the site when possible. After a heavy rain is a great time to do this since the muddy runoff will be obvious.
- Call and follow-up with the local government and the EPD after about a week. Persistence pays off!

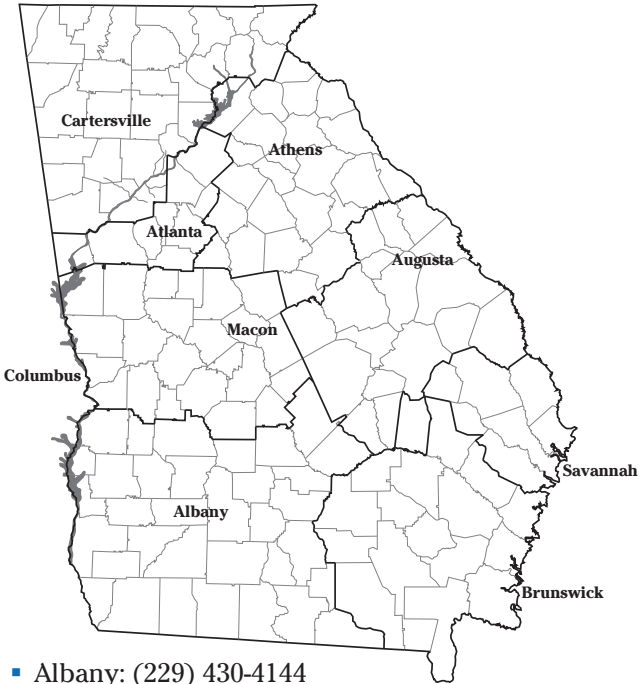
***Remember that if you don't
make the call, no one else will.
Protect Georgia's environment
for future generations!***

TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

- Go to www.gaswcc.org
 - Click on Regional Office
 - The regional office can provide contact information for you to call/contact your local government.
- Or call your EPD District Office to find out if your local government is a Certified Issuing Authority.

TO CONTACT YOUR EPD DISTRICT OFFICE:

- Identify the county where the problem is occurring and call the appropriate EPD office.



- Albany: (229) 430-4144
- Atlanta: (404) 362-2671
- Athens: (706) 369-6376
- Augusta: (706) 792-7744
- Brunswick: (912) 264-7284
- Cartersville: (770) 387-4900
- Macon: (478) 751-6612
- Savannah: (912) 353-3225

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