

## **A TRI-STATE WATER WARS GLOSSARY**

**ACF River Basin:** The Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin. The Chattahoochee and the Flint Rivers, which originate in Georgia, meet at the Florida line in Lake Seminole, and become the Apalachicola River which flows more than 100 miles into Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

**ACF Stakeholders Group:** A group of organizations and people who live, work and use the water resources of the ACF Basin. *See enclosed brochure.*

**Regional Water Councils:** Individuals appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House to represent ten regions in Georgia, as designated by the state water plan, in addition to the Metro Water Planning District (see below).

**Georgia Water Coalition (GWC):** A group of individuals and organizations working to ensure that the waters of the state continue to belong to the people of the state. Currently, GWC consists of 176 organizations representing more than 250,000 Georgians. The GWC is working to ensure that water is managed fairly for all Georgians, with the interest of all citizens, existing businesses and farms in mind. All of Georgia's riverkeepers are members of the GWC.

**Interbasin Transfer (IBT):** The artificial transfer or piping of water from one river basin to another.

**Instream Flow:** The amount of water needed in a stream to adequately provide for downstream uses occurring within the stream channel, including drinking water, aquatic habitat, recreation, wetlands, navigation, hydropower, and water quality, including waste assimilation.

**Metro North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro District):** A 15-county water planning region for metro Atlanta, created by state legislation in 2001 to develop long-term water supply, wastewater and watershed protection plans. Updated water plans were approved in May 2009.

**MGD:** Million Gallons a Day, common measurement for water use.

**Riverkeeper:** A Riverkeeper is both the person who leads a Riverkeeper organization and the organization itself. To be called a Riverkeeper, a group must be licensed by the international Waterkeeper Alliance and meet the criteria set forth by that group. Each Riverkeeper is a nonprofit entity charged with protecting a particular river. There are seven Riverkeeper organizations in Georgia.

**Tri-State Conservation Coalition (TSCC):** A coalition of more than 45 organizations committed to safeguarding the water quality, ecological, and recreational functions of the ACF and Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basins; established in 1999. *See enclosed members list.*

**Water Contingency Task Force:** The task force convened by Governor Sonny Perdue in October 2009 to explore options for addressing the water shortfall caused by the July 2009 judicial ruling invalidating the use of Lake Lanier for Metro Atlanta's water supply.

**Water Stewardship Act:** Legislation passed in Georgia's 2010 legislative session and signed by Governor Perdue, Georgia's most comprehensive water efficiency and conservation legislation to date.