

A scenic view of a river flowing through a dense forest. Several groups of people are floating down the river on inflatable tubes. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery. The sky is overcast, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and recreational.

Chattahoochee Corridor Plan Amendments Update

Presented Proposed Chattahoochee Corridor Plan Amendments in August

- ▮ To allow trails in the 500-foot buffer
- ▮ To allow for streambank restoration and removal of invasives with revegetation
- ▮ Additional amendment has been proposed to address height limit in river floodplains





Floodplain Standards

- No increase in fill volume
 - In River 100-year floodplain
- No structures except bridges over 35 feet
 - In River 100-year and 500-year floodplains



Staff Opinion and Recommendation

- Exempting public water supply reservoir dams from height limit affects no other facilities in Corridor
- Requires additional amendment to the Corridor Plan
- Staff proposes amending the Corridor Plan to exempt public water supply reservoir dams from 35-foot river floodplain height limit

Dog River Reservoir

- Proposed Increase in Storage Capacity
- Requires increase in Dam Height
- In both River 100-year and 500-year floodplain
- Both existing and proposed dam over 35-foot height limit



Part II.A. of ARC MRPA Rules and Regulations

Amendment process requires public hearings:

- In each county in which any land to be affected lies
- Must advertise the time and place of each such public hearing once a week for two weeks prior to the hearing(s) in a newspaper of general circulation in each county
- Proposed revision to amendments caused us to miss deadlines
- Requires moving vote to November to meet all requirements

In Summary

Proposing following Amendments to the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan:

- Allowing public trails and paths in the 500-foot buffer
- Add language to allow streambank restoration in buffers and to not count against land disturbance limits if design and permitting conditions are met
- Add language to allow removal of invasive species and revegetation with native plants in buffers and to not count against land disturbance limits if approval conditions are met
- **Add language to exempt public water supply reservoir dams from 35-foot height limit in River floodplains**