

# Water Tour of Metro Area

**March 23, 2016**

Please have breakfast on your own before boarding the bus.

**8:30 a.m.**      **Bus departs from UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center (Tift County)**  
*15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA*

**9:45 a.m.**      **Bus departs from the Georgia National Fairgrounds Public Safety Building (Houston County)**  
*401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, GA*

**12:00 p.m.**      **Bus arrives at the [Douglas County Reservoir](#) for Lunch**  
*7070 Highway 166, Douglasville, GA*

Enjoy a tour of the Dog River Reservoir, Douglas County's exclusive source for drinking water. See firsthand the reservoir that covers 256 acres and can hold up to 1.9 billion gallons of water. Constructed in the early 90s, the reservoir's withdrawal permit has since quadrupled to match the county's population growth. The tour will be conducted by **Gil Shearhouse**, Executive Director of Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority, who will also speak about watershed protection efforts.

**1:30 p.m.**      **Tour of [Bear Creek Water Treatment Facility](#)**  
*4930 Gray Road, Douglasville, GA*

Your next stop is Douglas County's main water treatment plant. From the original Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant built in 1980, see the transformation to the plant that is now responsible for supplying clean, healthy drinking water to the entire county. Learn more about the facility, including more about its 24/7 staff and certified bacteriological laboratory.

**3:00 p.m.**      **Depart for Cobb County**

**3:30 p.m.**      **Tour of R.L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility**  
*5175 South Atlanta, Road, Smyrna, GA*

Step into Cobb County's largest capacity water treatment facility. Originally constructed in 1971, R.L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility has undergone several expansions to date. It sits on 40 acres, and the treatment plant is equipped to treat 40 million gallons of water per day. **Ken Jacob**, Division Operations Manager for the Cobb County water system, will give you a tour and teach you more about the construction and operations of the facility, including how they use ultraviolet light for disinfection and incinerate solid wastes.

**5:15 p.m.**      **Depart for hotel**

**6:30 p.m.**      **Arrive at Spring Hill Suites**  
*3250 Buford Drive NE, Buford, GA*

**7:00 p.m.**      **Dinner at hotel**

During dinner, we will be joined by **Shana Jones**, Program Manager of the Planning and Environmental Services Unit at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. She will provide a brief overview of the Clean Water Act and how the drought led to regional water planning.

## **March 24, 2016**

Please have breakfast on your own at the hotel and check out before boarding the bus.

**8:30 a.m. Bus departs for Gwinnett County Facility**

**8:45 a.m. Bus arrives at [F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center](#) for Facility Tour**  
*3320 Financial Center Way # C, Buford, GA*

Located on a vast 700 acres, Gwinnett County's water treatment facility underwent major renovations completed in 2005 to keep up with the rapidly growing population. Take a tour of a facility that won a prestigious award for its design and one of the few plants in the southeastern U.S. to use ozone disinfection. Listen to Jeff Boss, Deputy Director of Facilities for Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources, as he tells you more about the day-to-day operations of the F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center.

**11:30 a.m. Lunch at F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center**

**12:00 p.m. Bus departs for Georgia National Fairgrounds**

**2:15 p.m. Bus arrives at Georgia National Fairgrounds Public Safety Building**  
*401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, GA*

**2:30 p.m. Bus departs for UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center**

**3:30 p.m. Bus arrives at UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center**  
*15 RDC Rd, Tifton, GA*