

The Sign the State of Georgia Posts



Official State of Georgia sign, Highway 108 (Waleska Highway), Jasper, Georgia. Photographed February 13, 2026 — filed as Exhibit 11, Hawkins v. Georgia EPD.



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34.406112, -84.421227

2101 Waleska Highway 108,
Jasper, Georgia

The State itself tells the public:

a 50-foot undisturbed buffer is
REQUIRED on every trout stream.

O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(b)(16).

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**THERE IS A REQUIRED 50
FOOT UNDISTURBED BUFFER
ALONG ANY STATE WATERS
CLASSIFIED AS TROUT
STREAMS**

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PROTECTED STREAM BUFFER

DO NOT DISTURB

MOUNTAINTOWN CREEK — DESIGNATED TROUT STREAM

50-FOOT UNDISTURBED VEGETATIVE BUFFER

No clearing, grading, excavation, or construction
within the buffer without a written variance
from the State of Georgia.

Vegetation, canopy, and stream bank
must remain in natural condition.

**Georgia Erosion & Sedimentation Act
O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(b)(15)**

This buffer is protected by state law on all state waters.

Violations may be reported to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division

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PROTECTED RIVER CORRIDOR

COOSAWATTEE RIVER — STATE PROTECTED RIVER 100-FOOT NATURAL VEGETATIVE CORRIDOR — EACH BANK

ALLOWED BY LAW

- ONE single-family home per tract of at least TWO ACRES
- Septic tank may sit inside — the LEACH FIELD must be OUTSIDE the 100-foot corridor
- Road and utility crossings built to code
- Timber harvesting and agriculture under best practices
- Paths and boat ramps that do not impair the corridor

NOT ALLOWED

- Clearing the riverbank
- Grading to the water's edge
- Stripping natural vegetation
- ANY disturbance inside the 25-foot state waters buffer without a written State variance

“Nobody will check” is not an exception.

The 25-foot state waters buffer applies INSIDE this corridor.

If someone tells you the corridor rules don't apply, ask which of the exceptions above they are claiming — in writing.

Mountain & River Corridor Protection Act
O.C.G.A. § 12-2-8 · DNR Rules 391-3-16-.04 · Local Ordinance

This corridor is protected by state law and local ordinance.

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