

City of  
Thomaston

## Thomaston Water and Wastewater Management

### *...Protecting Your Streams*

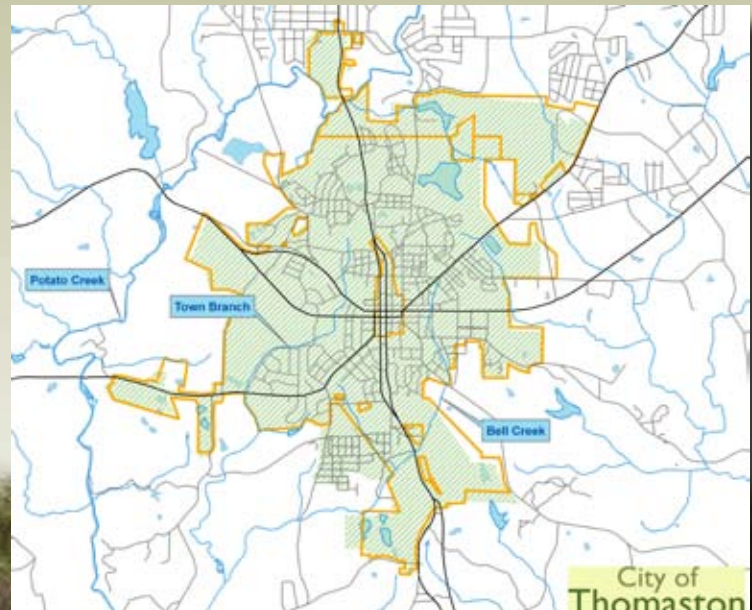
A watershed is an area of land that drains to a stream. Each stream has its own watershed. Thomaston Water and Wastewater Management has conducted watershed assessments to determine water quality and biological conditions for streams within the City of Thomaston. This includes the Bell Creek, Potato Creek, and Town Branch watersheds. The map below presents the study area within City of Thomaston. Water and Wastewater Management has investigated water quality, stream habitat, and other conditions that impact stream health. They have documented conditions and identified protection measures to address existing and future impacts on the streams. Information obtained from the watershed assessment was used to develop a **Watershed Protection Plan** that outlines strategies for long-term water quality protection.



Lack of a vegetative buffer can cause severe stream bank erosion, as shown here along Bell Creek.



Debris and trash in the upper reaches of Town Branch is harmful to water quality and aquatic life.



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### How Can You Assist in Stream Protection?



- ◆ Use caution when applying lawn fertilizers. Chemicals used for greener lawns can run off into streams and pollute the water.
- ◆ Start a compost pile to limit yard waste. Don't blow waste into the stream or storm drain.
- ◆ Proper handling and storage of chemicals like gasoline, motor oil, pesticides and fertilizers can reduce the chance that those substances could contaminate stream water.



- ◆ Limit the access of livestock to streams.
- ◆ Pick up domestic pet waste to help prevent contamination of local water bodies.
- ◆ Repair leaks to automobiles as soon as they are discovered. Automobile fluids can be harmful to humans and pets, and they can pollute streams. Use designated disposal locations and recycling centers to dispose of automobile fluids properly.



- ◆ Avoid polluting streams with soap and dirt from car washing by using commercial car wash facilities.
- ◆ Do not drive cars, trucks or all-terrain vehicles through streams or along stream banks.
- ◆ Maintain your septic system. Pump the tank every 3 to 5 years.



**Be observant! If you notice any potential concerns,  
contact Thomaston Water and Wastewater Management.**

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**For more information, please contact  
Thomaston Water and Wastewater Management at 706.647.9694.**