

Tennessee Duck River Development Agency

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Media Release: Duck River Comprehensive Regional Water Supply Plan

The Tennessee Duck River Development Agency (DRA) has undertaken a Comprehensive Regional Water Supply Plan for Bedford, Coffee, Marshall, Maury, and southern Williamson Counties to meet future water demands and address concerns with possible water shortages brought on by drought conditions. The goal is to develop a plan with a 50-year projection and a 100-year planning horizon that will provide direction to the DRA for the management of available water resources, including the implementation of specific water supply infrastructure projects. The plan will include specific recommendations, including budgets and implementation timelines, on water supply and water management projects.

The first step in the Comprehensive Regional Water Supply Plan is the assessment of the need for additional water supply. The Needs Analysis combines an assessment of the available supply from Normandy Reservoir and the Duck River, with a projection of water demands for domestic, commercial, industrial, and agricultural purposes. Water demands are being projected using studies by USGS, and population projections developed by the University of Tennessee Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER).

The Comprehensive Study is being conducted using a uniquely open process, with extensive opportunities for input from the public, elected officials, and governmental agencies through the use of public workshops and informational meetings, routine updates via our web-site, agency briefings and press coverage. Six public workshops and nine public meetings provide extensive opportunities for public participation. Among the many stakeholders are the public water systems, represented by the Duck River Agency Technical Advisory Committee (DRATAC), and the DRA's Water Resources Council, which includes over 25 governmental and non-governmental agencies.

Phase 1 is coming to a completion and the Duck River Agency is inviting the public to review the Needs Analysis. Public Open Houses will be conducted from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on the following dates at the 3 listed locations:

- September 22, Henry Horton State Park, Conference Room C
- September 23, Manchester City Hall, Board Room
- September 24, Maury County Court House, Commission Meeting Room

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