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Statewide water plan info session tonight

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Area residents can find out how the proposed Statewide Comprehensive Water Management Plan will affect their supply — and what they can do to protect it — at a meeting set for 7 o'clock tonight at the Rome-Floyd County Library.

The Coosa River Basin Initiative and Environment Georgia are hosting the session, which will start with an overview of the plan slated for action by the Georgia General Assembly in January.

Following an assessment of how the proposal will affect

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Northwest Georgia and Northeast Alabama, attendees will learn how they can weigh in on the issues.

"This water plan will determine the health of our rivers and the vitality of our communities for years to come," said Joe Cook, CRBI execu-

tive director and Riverkeeper. "We need this plan to protect our rivers from upstream water diversions in Metro Atlanta, and, right now, the plan doesn't do that."

Cook said the Coosa River Basin already loses 25 million gallons of water a day to Metro Atlanta counties.

"The plan contains some restrictions on interbasin transfers, but the language is weak," he said. "We want to make sure the ones already in place are subject to the state plan."

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division is accepting public input through the end of the year about the plan.