

# EPA Updates

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# Presentation Outline

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- EPA Region 4 Reorganization and Priorities
- Reading the Future
- Examples of EPA Activities



# Changing Old Roles and Memes

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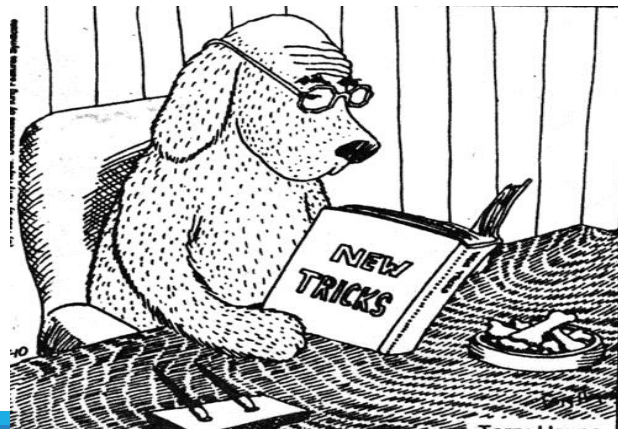
Programs and policies

Oversight

Grants

Focus on Program Integrity

State



## ADDING OUTWARD FOCUS

Partnerships

Help Communities Help Themselves

Environmental Justice

Climate Change Adaptation

Focus on Environmental Results

Citizens & Communities



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# Vision

Region 4 Communities having the **Desire** and the **Capacity** to:

1. Make informed decisions regarding sustainability of their water resources & be equipped with the knowledge and skills to participate meaningfully in the process; and
2. Achieve water quality improvements.

EPA a responsive & relevant partner.



# Mission

We will administer assigned programs and provide or broker:

- a. Training
- b. Information
- c. Technical Support
- d. Tools for Organizational Stability
- e. Grants & contracts where available
- f. Decision tools and assessments
- g. Access or introductions to other federal programs or partners
- h. Facilitation/mediation

to internal, and external partners to realize our Vision...

# 8 Focus Areas

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Proctor Creek, Atlanta, GA

Birmingham, AL

Turkey Creek, MS

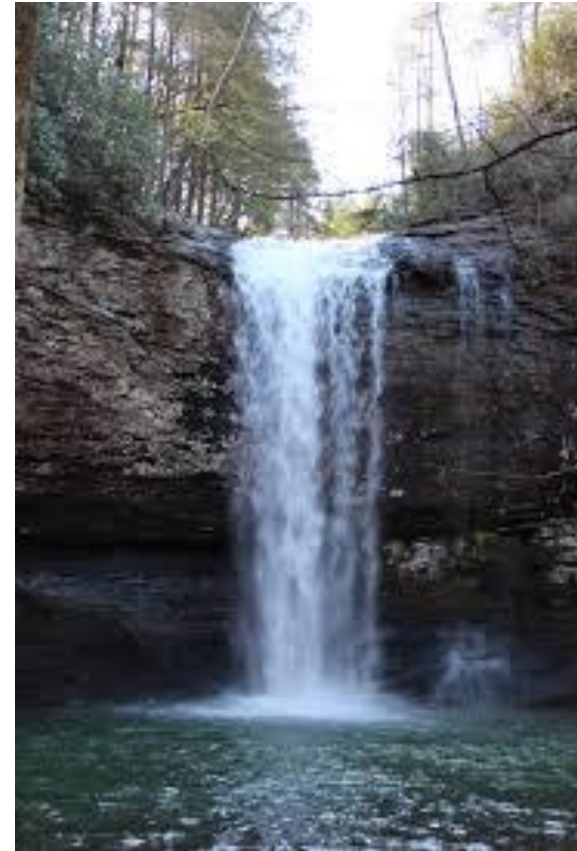
Cherokee Nation, NC

Pigeon River, NC/TN

Chattahoochee River, GA

Selma to Montgomery, AL

Clinch/Powell, TN/VA/WVA





# Reading the Future

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Population Will Increase  
Impervious Cover Will Increase  
Climate Extremes Will Increase  
Federal Spending Will Decrease  
State Budgets Will Decrease



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States Will Continue to Take On Greater Roles in Determining Regulatory Outcomes

Local Decisions and Funding Will Determine Environmental Outcomes

Partnerships and Collaboration will Increase

Public/Citizen Engagement & Local/State Political Support



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# Future Themes in Watershed Protection

Stormwater management through capture, reuse, natural treatment and infiltration (GI)

Riparian Buffers, Passive Solutions

Climate adaptation

Nutrient Management

Soil Conservation & Agriculture

Must pay attention to Hydrogeomorphology

Non-Traditional Funding Sources

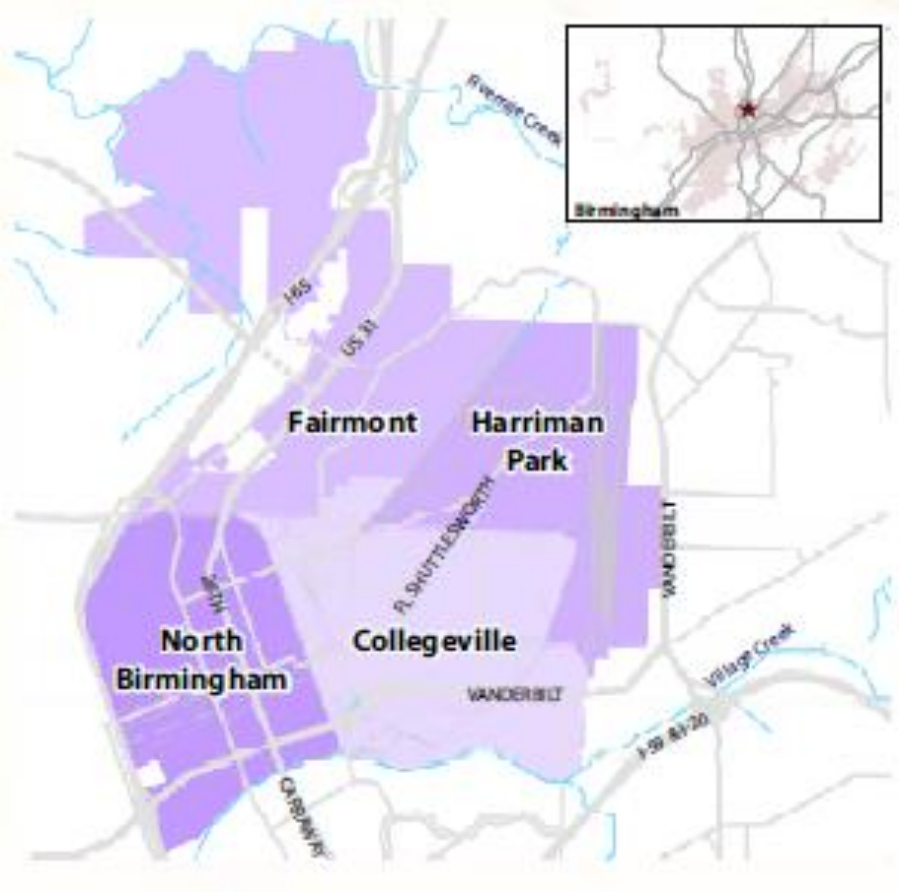


# Examples of EPA Region 4 Activities

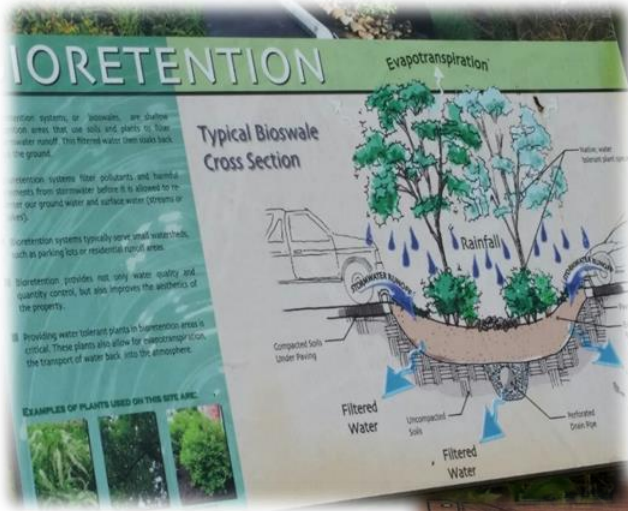
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# North Birmingham, AL

## North Birmingham Environmental Collaboration Project



# Visit to Nashville, TN



# MS4 Training Workshops

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- Hattiesburg, MS
- Hernando, MS
- Biloxi, MS
- Columbia, SC
- Hilton Head, SC
- Frankfort, KY (upcoming)



# EPA Region 4 Rain Catcher Awards

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## Four Categories:

- Municipal
- Tribal
- Commercial
- Neighborhood/Community



## Criteria:

- The Quality of the Nomination
  - Design in the Watershed Context
  - Innovation
- Results
  - Water Quality/Quantity Results
  - Social Results
- Environmental Significance
- Broad Support
- Peer Outreach and Information Transfer
- Financial Integrity/Budget
- Regulatory Integrity



# Questions

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