

(2) Areas Requiring Special Attention Defining Narrative

THREATENED REGIONALLY IMPORTANT RESOURCES

In October 2011, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission completed and adopted a Regionally Important Resource (RIR) Plan and Map. The Regional Important Resources Plan furthers the work being done on the local, regional, and state levels to preserve environmental resources, historical sites and unique cultural landscapes. The Plan promotes balanced growth and sustainable development practices to enhance the quality of life in communities throughout the region. As part of this update, the previously identified regional important resources were reviewed and updated where needed. **Expand intro as needed after completion of review.**



Quality Community Objectives applicable to Conservation

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

Promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

EFFICIENT LAND USE:

Maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space in agricultural, forestry, or conservation areas.