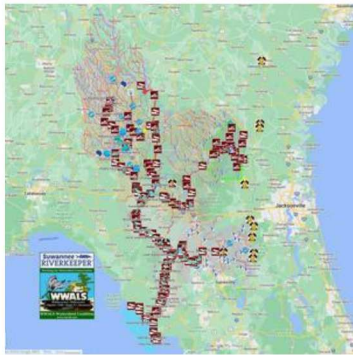
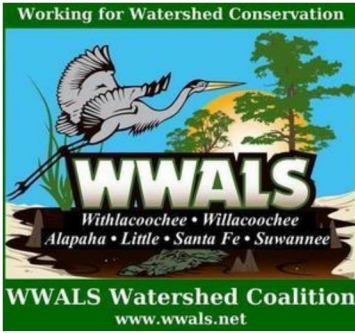


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WWALS advocates for conservation and stewardship of the surface waters and groundwater of the Suwannee River Basin and Estuary, in south Georgia and north Florida, among them the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, Santa Fe, and Suwannee River watersheds, through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.



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Re: Project Arrowhead, DRI Project #4689

James,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Suwannee Riverkeeper and its parent body WWALS Watershed Coalition are affected, since we work for conservation of the entire 10,000-square-mile Suwannee River Basin, including the Alapaha River watershed, and the underlying groundwater.

According to the Suwannee-Satilla Regional Water Planning Council in their [WATER & WASTEWATER FORECASTING TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM](#) of March 2024, population growth projections have been decreased, causing water use and wastewater use also to be less.

Datacenters could reverse that trend.

Power and Water

Datacenters require additional power plants, which need cooling water. While none of those power plants are likely to be in the Suwannee, Satilla, or St. Marys Basins, if they are anywhere above the Floridan Aquifer that will affect us. We all use groundwater for drinking, agriculture, recreation, and industry.

None of the many state bills to rein in datacenters passed; not even any to prevent other ratepayers having to pay for datacenter electricity.

Citizens expecting to benefit from the promised \$20 million a year in tax revenue may be surprised to discover their lowered property taxes eaten up by increased power bills.

The DRI application says: “Georgia Power is in the process of completing an energy study for the project.”

The DRI should not proceed without a firm commitment by Georgia Power for energy for the project, including not passing on charges to other ratepayers, and using renewable energy for the extra power, rather than more water-using gas plants.

Better yet, such a datacenter should be required to generate its own energy from solar and batteries. Many of those could be on top of its own buildings and parking lots.

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