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The Gainesville Times

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Reservoir proposed for Dawson Forest site

By Michele Hester

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DAWSONVILLE — Long before a federal judge threatened to limit water withdrawals from Lake Lanier, officials with the Etowah Water and Sewer Authority had begun making plans to build a reservoir in Dawson County.

Last week, the authority unveiled plans to join with an Atlanta developer to dam a portion of Shoal Creek, a tributary of the Etowah River. **The proposed reservoir, covering about 2,000 acres in Dawson Forest, would supply drinking water to the area, as well as Atlanta.**

The area is part of 10,000 acres the city of Atlanta bought in the early 1970s as a potential site for a second airport.

The Macon Telegraph

<http://www.macon.com/local/story/820791.html>

Adams shares thoughts on UGA's present, future

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--**Water:** Adams said the university's **water needs are "pretty well" taken care of by the Bear Creek Reservoir**, unless state leaders decide to pipe water from the Athens area to Atlanta to meet the metro area's needs. Adams said he'd like to see the state "building reservoirs rather than waiting on Congress" to address the metro area's water problems.

The Oconee Enterprise

<http://www.oconeeenterprise.com/articles/2009/08/27/news/doc4a9560538af82303127093.txt>

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Hard Labor Creek Reservoir on fast track

by Vinnie Williams

When a federal judge ruled that Atlanta could no longer draw water from Lake Lanier after 2012, Walton and Oconee County's commission chairmen sprang into action.

Question: Could Hard Labor Creek Reservoir fill the void of supplying Atlanta with water?

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"There weren't any promises. They just wanted an update. They wanted to learn what Georgia could provide and what Hard Labor Creek could provide. Then I got a second call from GEFA, an official named Phil Farr, and this makes us more hopeful," said Davis.