

Gadsden County Management Strategies

Gadsden County has a Comprehensive Plan policy that requires an 100 foot setback for OSTDS from surface waters and wetlands, which helps to minimize loading from OSTDS to surface water bodies. The County also has a policy that requires water and sewer connection for any new development that occurs within 0.25 miles of available service, which will assist reducing the number of OSTDS that will be installed in the future in areas of central sewer connection. In addition, the County has a policy that requires a 50 foot natural buffer around jurisdictional wetlands, rivers, creeks, streams and lakes. Gadsden County has adopted minimum procedures, policies and design standards to manage stormwater runoff, known as the *Gadsden County Stormwater Policy and Procedures Manual*. The County's pollution abatement requirements are increased by 50% (1.5 times the normal treatment requirements) for facilities discharging into waterways and waterbodies recognized by the state as requiring special protection ~~The county has a requirement to provide 1.5 times the normal treatment to~~ reduce stormwater loading. Gadsden County's management strategies are summarized in Table 23.