



Vision and Goals Development

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Setting the Long-term Vision and Goals

- By the end of Phase 1, the RBC should develop a **Vision Statement** and **Goals** for the basin.
- The **Vision Statement** and **Goals** should summarize the RBC's **priorities** for water resource use and management in the Saluda River Basin.



Saluda RBC-Identified Basin Priorities

- Support and Balance Human and Ecosystem Needs
- Source Water Protection and Land Management
- Maintain Water Storage
- Understand and Manage Low Flows
- Promote Collaboration and Equity
- Use Sound Science and Data
- Conduct Public Education and Outreach
- Provide Legislative Recommendations



Example Vision Statements

- 1** *“A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected.”*
- 2** *“Empowered stakeholders taking coordinated actions to conserve and enhance the resilience of the Broad River Basin to provide water resources for quality of life, while accounting for the ecological integrity of our shared water resources.”*
- 3** *“To make sure water is available for all in the Pee Dee River Basin.”*



Saluda RBC Vision Statement

Listed below are three initial, member proposed vision statements (before RBC edits).

1. Coalition of thoughtful varied interests dedicated to maximizing beneficial water management while minimizing risks.
2. Sustainably managing the Saluda River Basin by balancing ecological and human uses with water availability.
3. To be stewards of our water resource, meeting the needs of all users, such that the environment, communities, businesses, and individual users can thrive in a resilient Saluda River Basin.

Saluda RBC Vision Statement

Listed below are revisions to member proposed vision statements, and others that are being considered.

1. A resilient, comprehensive, and science-based approach to sustainably manage the Saluda River Basin by balancing ecological and human needs and uses with water availability and maintaining water quality.
2. ***“A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected.”***
3. Sustainably managing the Saluda River Basin by balancing ecological and human uses with water availability. (Original)
4. Sustainable quantity and quality water balancing all human and ecosystem needs and uses within the Saluda River Basin.

Saluda RBC Vision Statement

Listed below are revisions to member proposed vision statements, and others that are being considered.

1. The Saluda River Basin, plenty of clean water for all.
2. ***“A resilient and sustainably managed Edisto River Basin where stakeholder and ecosystem needs are recognized, balanced and protected.”***
3. Sustainable quantity and quality water balancing all human and ecosystem needs and uses within the Saluda River Basin.
4. We believe the Saluda River Basin should be a resilient and sustainable system where ecosystem and stakeholder needs are recognized, balanced, and protected.
5. A resilient Saluda river basin that provides a clean, abundant, and sustainable water supply that balances human and ecological needs and uses.

Example Goals from the Edisto RBC

1. *Develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the Edisto River Basin in order to:*
 - a. *Ensure water resources are maintained to support current and future human and ecosystem needs.*
 - b. *Improve the resiliency of the water resources and help minimize disruptions within the basin.*
 - c. *Promote future development in areas with adequate water resources.*
 - d. *Encourage responsible land use practices.*
2. *Develop and implement a communication plan to promote the strategies, policies and recommendations developed for the Edisto River Basin.*

Example Goals from the Broad RBC

- 1. Enhance the understanding of regional water issues and the need for support of policies and behaviors to protect resources through promotion and education.*
- 2. Use sound science and data driven practice to support collaboration for all entities to effectively and efficiently manage the basin.*
- 3. Provide policy and legislative recommendations.*

Saluda RBC Goals

Listed below are initial, member proposed goals (before RBC edits).

1. To perform a review and update of the plan every 5 years at a minimum or sooner should a catalytic event occur requiring plan update. This update should rely on the most up to date and reliable data available.
2. Develop and implement a communication plan to promote the strategies, policies and recommendations developed for the Saluda River Basin.
3. Given the importance of water management in the Saluda River Basin, the Saluda RBC shall continue to meet to help manage Saluda River resources under changing conditions. (specific time to come later)

Saluda RBC Goals

Listed below are initial, member proposed goals (before RBC edits).

1. Develop management strategies that are science-based. resource availability and allocation
2. Meet or exceed South Carolina water quality standards basin wide
3. Promote conservation
4. Improve the accuracy and accounting of modeling, water use, and needs.
5. ***Develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the Saluda River Basin in order to:***
 - a. ***Ensure water resources are maintained to support current and future human and ecosystem needs.***
 - b. ***Improve the resiliency of the water resources and help minimize disruptions within the basin.***
 - c. ***Promote future development in areas with adequate water resources.***
 - d. ***Encourage responsible land use practices.***