

Glades Reservoir Cost Reduced \$200M

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Hall County has amended its plans for [Glades Reservoir](#) to an alternative that is simpler, has less environmental impact, and will cost about \$200 million less than the proposal that was submitted for federal permitting in June 2011. The new plan will be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is currently conducting an environmental review of the reservoir prior to permitting.

On June 25, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that municipal water supply is an authorized purpose of Lake Lanier, and the Corps of Engineers issued a legal opinion affirming that the Corps has authority to operate Lake Lanier to support some amount of water supply. These two decisions have given the Hall County Board of Commissioners confidence that Hall County can apply for and receive a storage contract from the Corps, allowing water from Glades Reservoir to be moved through Lake Lanier to the City of Gainesville's water intakes. This plan eliminates the need for a \$200-million system of pipes to carry water from Glades to a planned treatment plant at Cedar Creek Reservoir in East Hall.