

DRAFT REPLY

December 18, 1967

Mr. R.S. Howard, Jr.
Executive Secretary
State Water Quality Control Board
47 Trinity Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for your letter of November 17, forwarding a copy of "A Water Quality Study of Proctor Creek", outlining the biological condition of this stream. I am sure that our Water Pollution Control Division will find this information most helpful in working toward relief of the pollution problems in this area.

You should be advised that the City of Atlanta has undertaken several actions to improve the conditions of Proctor Creek from the standpoint of both sanitary sewer overflows and general pollution due to combined storm and sanitary overflows coming from the combined storm sewer system connected to that basin. I will briefly outline in the following paragraphs, some of the major actions planned for the basin in order that your office may be kept continually posted. You and your staff will be advised further and in more detail, regarding each project mentioned below.

The City plans to provide a major temporary treatment facility in the vicinity of Hollywood Road to accommodate a major portion of the sanitary sewer overload that exists in that basin and to allow further development in the months ahead. This plant will be so designed that it may serve as an adequate treatment device for the period from mid-summer 1968 through mid-summer 1970, until such time as the diversion line from the Proctor Creek Basin into the Sandy Creek Basin and into the new enlarged Sandy Creek Water Pollution Control Plant is constructed.

Detailed plans and specifications for the proposed system near Hollywood Road will be provided to your office in the near future.

A contract was recently let to relieve a small portion of the Bellwood Outfall sewer which has badly deteriorated over the years of its use and is an area of frequent break-down and spill to Proctor Creek. This contract will be further extended immediately after the first of the year to provide for a similar relief to the lower end of the Bellwood Outfall and totally prevent overflows in this area. This was a major pollution point mentioned in the report that you offered us.

The items mentioned above are in addition to the major Water Pollution Control Improvement Program laid on in 1966 by the City of Atlanta which will eventually lead to a drastic reduction of polluttional effects on the Chattahoochee River due to the construction of major trunk sewer facilities and new or improved water pollution control plants at the R.M. Clayton and Sandy Creek site. Unfortunately, these major improvements cannot be expected to show marked benefits until approximately 1971. The items mentioned previously are intended to provide a more immediate relief to some particularly troublesome areas that exist at present or that can be anticipated as problem areas with the increasing development in this area.

If this office can work with you in any way to further alleviate identifiable problem areas, please contact us immediately.

Yours very truly,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor