Our Whole Future is Bound up in this Project: The Making of Buford Dam

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Abstract
Twentieth Century Americans witnessed the construction of numerous massive dams that controlled the flow of rivers across the country. Many of these dams were built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve navigation and to provide inexpensive electricity and flood control. This paper will seek to shed light on Georgia’s current water crisis by analyzing the initial purposes behind the building of Buford Dam in North Georgia, investigating how water supply issues were addressed in the first half of the twentieth century, and exploring how expectations of the Chattahoochee River changed over time due in part to metropolitan Atlanta’s population growth. This paper will show that Atlanta area leaders secured appropriations for Buford Dam primarily to obtain a reliable water supply and additional electricity for their burgeoning community.

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Hotels near Buford Dam Park. Hotels near Margaritaville at Lanier Islands. Hotels near Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center. This was a afternoon well spent walking the trails around Buford Dam. There had been lots of rain and the gates of the dam were open releasing water from Lake Lanier into the Chattahoochee River. It was exiting to watch the water flow. we spent...More. Date of experience: July 2018.