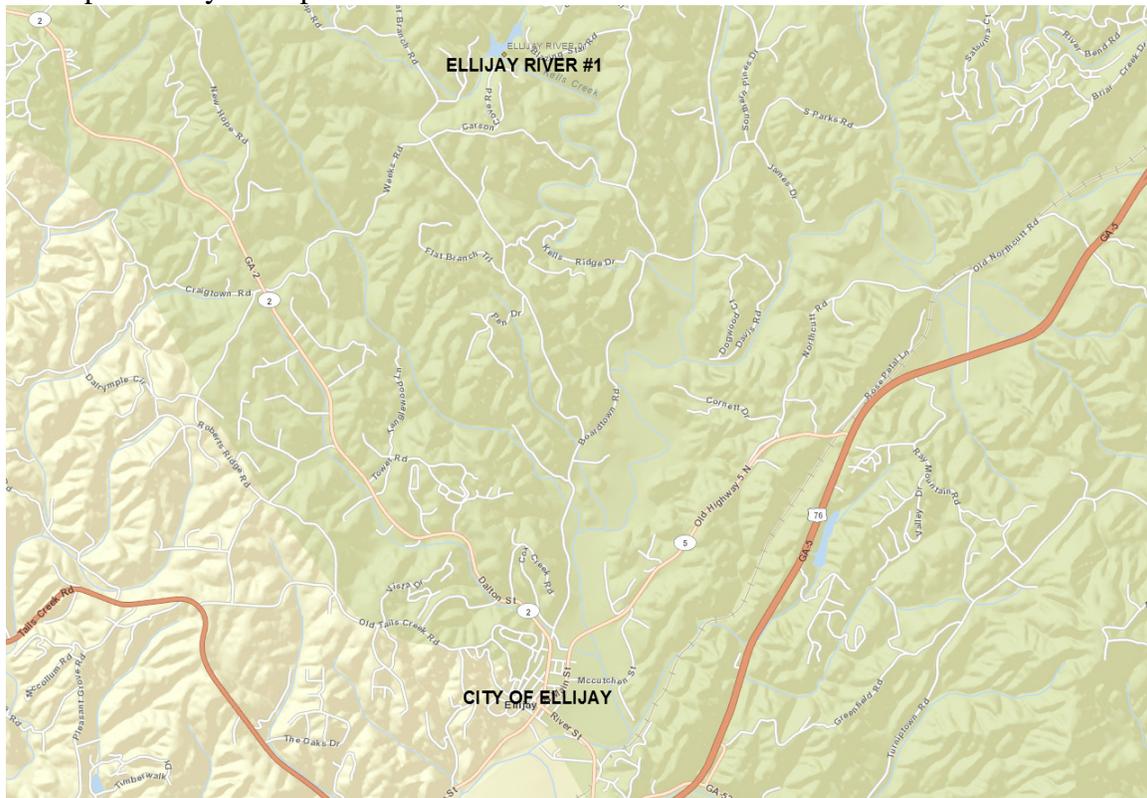


GSWCC receives funding to upgrade Dams in Gilmer and Madison Counties

Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission has received funding from state bond money to upgrade two watershed dams, Ellijay River #1 in Gilmer County and South River #29 in Madison County. Upon completion of construction, these dams will be in compliance with current Georgia Safe Dam standards. Both of these dams are Category 1 dams, meaning there is a probable loss of life downstream in the event of a dam failure in a major storm event.

Ellijay River #1 is located north of the City of Ellijay on Blazing Star Road, off Old Flat Branch Road. Kells Creek flows through this watershed dam and joins into the Ellijay River before it reaches the city. In the event of a dam failure, 30 homes and businesses could potentially be impacted.



South River #29 is located near Lakeview Drive off Colbert-Danielsville Road north of the City of Colbert in Madison County. Brush Creek flows through the South River #29. In the event of a dam failure, 10 homes, 3 roads, and 1 school could potentially be impacted. The proposed plan is to install a concrete labyrinth weir through the center of the dam, similar to the one on the recently completed South River #4.



(Breach zone map attachment)