

# **Upper Neuse River Basin Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
February 12, 2009**

**(originally scheduled for Jan. 21, 2009)**

# Meeting Agenda Items

- Welcome
- Agenda
- Introductions
- Order lunch
- Announcements
- Project updates
- UNRBA Treasurer
- Neuse Basinwide Planning Processes
- Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy
  - Update
  - Models
  - Interests and objectives

# Introductions

# Order Lunch

# Announcements

- Next Falls NMS Stakeholder Meetings: **February 19** (one week from today)
  - 10 am session: Jordan Lessons Learned at the North Durham Water Reclamation Facility
  - 1 pm session: Interests and Objectives; Nutrient Mgmt Sources & Techniques, cont. at the Durham Water Management & Maintenance Facility
- Next UNRBA Board meeting: **March 18**

# UNRBA Project Updates

- Project Implementation contract underway with NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program
  - Implementation Team meetings to begin this Spring
- Recommendations for Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan entering stakeholder review process

# UNRBA Executive Committee Position

- UNRBA Treasurer position now vacant
- Requires a few hours a year
- Nominations? Volunteers?

# UNRBA Board Responsibilities

- Read emails from UNRBA staff
- Read UNRBA newsletter
- Advise home board of relevant regional issues
- Advise UNRBA of relevant local issues
- Attend Board meetings



# **Division of Water Quality Neuse Basinwide Plan**

# DWQ's Neuse Basinwide Plan

- Basinwide plans are generated on a 5-year cycle to
  - Identify water quality problems and restore full use to Impaired waters.
  - Identify and protect high-value resource waters.
  - Protect unimpaired waters yet allow for reasonable economic growth.

# DWQ's Neuse Basinwide Plan

- UNRBA comments noted:
  - Suggestions to improve clarity/readability
  - Retrofitting/mitigation should be a last resort (focus more on *preventing* impacts)
  - Data/info don't support conclusions, e.g., Neuse 30% Nitrogen Reduction Goal "achieved"
- LNRBA and Raleigh comments (Dale Crisp)

# DWQ's Neuse Basinwide Plan

- DWQ plans to convert Basinwide Plans to more dynamic, online format
- DWQ seeks input on new process
  - **UNRBA letter** to DWQ\*\* (decision item)
  - Local input also beneficial
- Future presentation from Nora Deamer, Neuse Basinwide Planner

# **Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy**

# Falls Lake NMS

## Stakeholder Process Update

- March 2005 preliminary meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee to participate in technical aspects
- Three stakeholder meetings to date, laying groundwork
- February: Interests, sources, mgmt techniques, overview of remaining meetings

# Falls Lake NMS

## Stakeholder Process Update

- Rule adoption date was extended one year to July 2009
- DWQ seeking another extension (better info on process, timeline)
- Implementation schedule?
- Stakeholder process schedule after February is TBD

# Falls Lake NMS

## Stakeholder Process Update

- TJCOG facilitator Mike Schlegel has developed an online wiki discussion tool
- Any stakeholder can participate from anywhere with internet access
- <http://fallslakestakeholder.wikispaces.com>



# Falls Lake DWQ TAC and DWQ Modeling for NMS

- Lake Nutrient Response Model:  
how much pollution can Falls Lake handle?
- Model is quite complex and not widely used
- Background documentation?

# Falls Lake DWQ TAC and DWQ Modeling for NMS

- DOT is contracting Tetra Tech to conduct independent 3<sup>rd</sup>-party review
- UNRBA participation? Possible decision item for March 18 UNRBA Board Meeting
- Please discuss value of 3<sup>rd</sup>-party review at home

# Falls NMS Stakeholder Process: Interests and Objectives

- Interests and objectives worksheet (homework)
- Local interests:
  - Confer with local staff/participants
  - Representatives express local concerns and interests at February NMS stakeholder meeting
  - Ongoing local work group advisable

# Falls NMS Stakeholder Process: Interests and Objectives

- UNRBA interests
  - Discuss today
  - Will guide UNRBA staff participation in NMS Stakeholder Process

# **Falls NMS Stakeholder Process: UNRBA Interests and Objectives**

UNRBA mission (see bottom of agenda)

**Discussion:**  
**UNRBA Interests and Objectives in  
the Falls NMS Stakeholder Process**

# Wrap-Up

- **Notebooks for new Directors**
- **Handout with updated UNRBA participant contact information for all Directors**

**Adjourn**