

# Franklin County Staff Review of Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan June 11, 2003 Meeting Summary

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*UNRBA mission: To preserve and protect the water quality in the Upper Neuse River Basin through innovative, cost effective and environmentally sound strategies and to create a coalition of local governments and stakeholders in a water resources partnership.*

On June 11, 2003, Chris Dreps of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met with staff from Franklin County in Louisburg. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Review the Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan (the Plan);
- Discuss the management strategies proposed for Franklin County; and
- Receive staff guidance for proceeding with the introduction of the Plan.

Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Department/Program
Matthew Winslow	Planning
Sandra Wood	Health Department
Chris Hedrick	Health Department

## **Presentation**

Chris Dreps summarized the Plan's analysis and the general recommendations. He then presented the recommendations specific to Franklin County:

- Enhanced peak flow management
- Upper Neuse long-term monitoring program
- Septic System Recommendations
- Enhanced construction site inspections and enforcement
- Enhanced animal operations inspections
- Education for "Low-Impact Development" and buffer maintenance
- Targeted lands acquisition
- Forestry/Agriculture BMPs
- Adopt-a-stream program
- NPDES Program Requirements
- Stream and wetland restoration projects
- Stormwater retrofits

A general estimate of the marginal costs of implementing the Plan in Franklin County is \$5,000 per year in year 1. Costs will increase with inflation and growth.

## **Discussion**

The group discussed the implications of a septic system inspections and maintenance program, which the Health Department staff feels the Department would not be able to handle without additional staff. Chris Dreps replied that the cost estimates for the program (shown in the plan) would include the cost of additional staff.

The Planning Board is the appropriate body to begin sharing the plan and recommendations. The board meets the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is July 8 at 7:30 p.m. The following meeting will be August 12 at 7:30 p.m.

**Next steps**

Chris Dreps will:

- Call Matthew Winslow and discuss the individual recommendations and the issues associated with each.
- Contact Kevin Martin soon and meet with him prior to the Board meeting to receive feedback on specific recommendations.
- Work with Matthew Winslow to arrange a presentation to the Franklin County Planning Board.