## Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan Summary of Stakeholder Meeting #1 January 24, 2007

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# **Introductions & Agenda**

The Stakeholders guiding the Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan met at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 24 in the East Branch Durham Library on Lick Creek Road. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Project Partner or Stakeholder	Organization	Contact Information
Bev Norwood	Stakeholder	Triangle Greenways Council	Ndesign@bellsouth.net / 743-3399
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Lee Patrick	Stakeholder	Watershed resident	596-1692 / 475-4131 (cell)
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Joe Mitchell	Stakeholder	Century 21 (Apprx. 25 landowners)	C21home4you@aol.com
Sue Harris	Stakeholder	Shaw Hills Neighborhood Resident	Dbharris66@nc.rr.com / 596-3054
Judy Riggins	Stakeholder	Shaw Hills Neighborhood Resident	RigginsBJ@nc.rr.com / 598-8171
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Jerry and Sylvia Detweiler	Stakeholder	Watershed residents	
Shari Bryant	Stakeholder	NC Wildlife Resources Commission	Bryants5@earthlink.net

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The meeting agenda included (decision items marked with \*):

- 3:00 Welcome & Announcements
- 3:20 Lick Creek Planning Process
- 3:35 Establish Group Charter and Meeting Schedule\*
- 3:50 Housekeeping
- 4:00 Watershed Background
- 4:30 Discuss Lick Creek Watershed Management Goals (part 1)
- \*=decision items

#### Introductions

Stakeholders paired up and introduced each other to the group.

#### **Lick Creek Planning Process**

The Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan is funded by the NC Division of Water Quality under a Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant. Forty percent of the funding is match from Durham City/County, the UNRBA, and other project partner organizations. The goal of the 319 grant is to restore aquatic life and water quality to Lick Creek, and impaired system.

Chris Dreps discussed the following steps involved in the process.

- 1. Convene a stakeholder group
- 2. Evaluate current watershed conditions
- 3. Analyze possible causes of stream impairment
- 4. Predict future water quality conditions
- 5. Identify management strategies
- 6. Conduct additional water quality monitoring to address gaps in data
- 7. Develop and implement the plan

#### Lick Creek Group Charter

The Lick Creek Stakeholders will agree to operate by a set of ground rules and responsibilities described in the Lick Creek Group Charter. The Stakeholder Group received the draft charter one week before the meeting and reviewed the ground rules. Chris Dreps shared the following list of ground rules.

- A. Make every effort to attend the meetings, and send alternates when possible.
- B. Treat each other with respect at all times and put personal differences aside in the interest of a successful team.
- C. Stick to the topics on the agenda, be concise, and not repeat themselves.
- D. Speak one at a time.
- E. Work as team players and share all relevant information.
- F. Ask if they do not understand.

- G. Openly voice any disagreement with other members.
- H. Look for mutually beneficial solutions.
- I. Follow through on their commitments.
- J. Share information discussed in meetings with the group they are representing.
- K. Encourage free thinking and sharing of all ideas.
- L. Commit to issues in which they have an interest.

The group agreed to observe these rules. Joe Pearce suggested adding that project partners and stakeholders agree to make every effort to make their technical writings and recommendations unbiased.

The group will make decisions using consensus. Stakeholders were provided with a description of the 5 finger process for gaining consensus and will make a decision whether to adopt this approach at the beginning of the next stakeholder meeting.

Chris discussed the difference between stakeholders and project partners. Stakeholders are people who can affect or are affected by this effort. Project partners are people who work on this project as a part of their regular jobs. In some cases, such as with City and County Staff, there is an overlap and a person might be a stakeholder and project partner.

Chris presented a proposed meeting schedule, which includes 10 meetings between now and April, 2008. This is a general schedule which may need to be altered to accomplish our objectives.

### Housekeeping

The stakeholders discussed several housekeeping issues, summarized below.

- We agreed to the exiting meeting time (3-5 p.m.) and place (library). When the library is not available, we will try to hold meetings at the Rollingview Community Center.
- The project budget does not include money for snacks. The stakeholders agreed that they prefer to have snacks, and Amy Poole volunteered to bring some of the snacks. In addition, the stakeholders will "pass the hat" to pay for snacks at each meeting.
- If anyone is interested in taking photos for the project, they may do so. Please use the
  photo log sheet to keep track of the photos you provide to Chris Dreps (the photo log
  sheet will be available on the website's download page
  www.unrba.org/lick/downloads.html
- The Project Partners will be conducting fieldwork during the week of Feb. 26 March 2. If any stakeholders are interested in participating (either with stream walks or just facilitating them in your area), please contact Chris.

### **Lick Creek Watershed Background**

Chris Dreps presented a brief background presentation on the Lick Creek Watershed geography, geology, hydrology, water quality, and land use. Technical memorandum #1, to be drafted in February, will characterize the watershed in greater detail.

#### **Lick Creek Watershed Management Goals**

Chris began a multiple step process for determining the watershed management goals that will guide the Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan. The first step in the process is to understand the driving forces behind the need for restoration in Lick Creek. The second step is to develop appropriate goals for this project. Once the goals are established and watershed fieldwork and data gathering have begun, the Project Partners will begin to establish measurable objectives.

To a large extent, the forces driving the Lick Creek restoration planning process are regulatory ones. The NC Division of Water Quality has provided the Section 319 grant to create a plan for addressing the impairment of Lick Creek because of the listing of the creek as an "impaired water body" under Section 303(d) the Clean Water Act. The Act requires for impaired systems either the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of the impairing pollutant (e.g. sediment or nutrient) or a watershed restoration plan.

This restoration plan is not a TMDL process. This is a voluntary planning process that will attempt to create recommendations that the stakeholders can agree upon. Involvement of the NC Division of Water Quality, local governments, and other stakeholders will improve chances of using the resulting plan to support regulatory processes.

#### **Next Steps**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 7 at 3 p.m. in the Durham East Branch Library. Before the meeting:

Review consensus handout and come ready to make a decision;

If you have not, please review the draft charter and come prepared to make a decision; and Review the goals and objectives handout.