

**Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan
Summary of Technical Team Meeting #12
September 21, 2006**

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Introductions & Agenda

The Technical Team guiding the Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan met at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 21, 2006 in the East Durham Regional Library.

Meeting attendees are listed below.

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Chris Dreps presented the agenda:

- 2:00 Welcome & Announcements
- 2:10 Review the draft Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan
- 3:15 Discuss implementation of restoration recommendations
- 3:30 Thank Technical Team members and discuss the Little Lick public meeting
- 4:00 Adjourn

Announcements

- 1) Chris Dreps announced that the City of Durham has issued an RFP to enhance and implement a Local Watershed Plan for Ellerbe Creek.
- 2) Chris announced that the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative land conservation plan, funded by the City of Raleigh, has been released. The plan identifies lands critical to water quality in the Upper Neuse. Raleigh has recently developed funding matching guidelines to help acquire parcels identified in the plan.

Review of the Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan

Chris facilitated a group discussion of the plan and obtained comments from the group. Chris incorporated comments and will issue a revised draft immediately.

Technical Team members agreed that they would review the draft plan and send any final comments to Chris via e-mail by close of business on Friday, October 6. The revision based on these comments will be the final draft of the Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan.

Implementing Restoration Recommendations

Mike Herrmann of NCEEP discussed some considerations for implementing the restoration recommendations included in the Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan, specifically, the stream repair, riparian buffers, and stormwater management recommendations. He mentioned that one restoration identified in the plan is already underway, a stream restoration at The Crossings Golf Course. Mike also discussed the challenges with regard to identifying projects that meet NCEEP's restoration criteria.

The group asked about criteria for riparian buffer restorations; Mike responded that the cost of the project is a primary consideration for feasibility. Rob Breeding said that NCEEP would probably consider cost-sharing to accomplish smaller restorations. Rob noted that stormwater retrofits would be considered more often by EEP in conjunction with cost sharing opportunities, but the long-term maintenance issue is often a deal-breaker for EEP.

Rob Breeding said that NC EEP is strongly considering an implementation ("Phase IV") contract for the Little Lick Creek Watershed. Chris Dreps asked if that contract might be extended to neighboring watersheds with local watershed plans already in place. Rob expressed that this would be a possibility. Chris also asked whether NC EEP would consider such contracts in watersheds with plans meeting EEP planning criteria (Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan, beginning this fall, is funded by a 319 water quality grant from the state). Rob said he would consider this question.

Chris Dreps mentioned that Durham is attempting to treat buffers as a stormwater BMP that would entail period inspections. John Cox said that Durham will educate homeowners on buffer maintenance and consider buffer restorations, but he is skeptical about the feasibility of the easements that buffer restorations would demand.

Rob Breeding mentioned that NCEEP provides cost share for project-specific water quality monitoring in areas with NCEEP plans and projects.

Next Steps

The Technical Team and staff will conduct a public meeting to promote and disseminate the Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan and the strategies it recommends to decision-makers, area residents, and the general public. This final meeting will likely coincide with the public kickoff meeting for the Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan.

The group recommended that an outside entity (e.g., UNRBA) present the Little Lick Creek Local Watershed Plan to the Durham City Council and Durham County Commissioners.