

Upper Neuse News



UPPER NEUSE RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION

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Falls NMS Stakeholder Project Gets Underway this August

A comprehensive stakeholder group is to work with the NC Division of Water Quality in developing a Nutrient Management Strategy for Falls Lake and its watershed starting this Summer.

TJCOG has developed a stakeholder process that includes 8 meetings to draft a Nutrient Management Strategy for rule making. Following an initial draft set of nutrient management rules, one meeting is scheduled during the process of developing the fiscal analysis, and one meeting is scheduled immediately prior to the public comment period for the proposed rules. Supplemental meetings on technical topics are likely to be scheduled as needed.

The Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Stakeholder Process kickoff meeting is scheduled for 1:00 to 4:00 pm on August 21st, 2008 at the Triangle J Council of Governments office in Durham. Subsequent meetings will be held approximately monthly thereafter.

Triangle J Council of Governments has developed a web site for the Falls Lake stakeholders involved with developing a Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy. The web site URL is www.FallsLakeStakeholder.org. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the content already available on the website prior to the kickoff meeting, particularly the material available under "Resources" (link on the left side of the home page, above).

If you would like additional information or to be kept apprised, please contact Sydney Miller at smiller@tjcog.org or (919) 558-9392. We will continue to include regular updates in this newsletter.

Upper Neuse Focus Areas: Please Comment!

UNRBA has set up a blog to facilitate stakeholder review of Focus Areas for strategies recommended in the Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan (<http://unrba.wordpress.com>) as part of its Implementation Planning Process.

The Focus Areas analysis will tell us WHERE we need to focus our efforts by looking at growth patterns and environmental characteristics such as soils, hydrology, and impervious cover. For example, it may be more important to have a local Sediment and Erosion control program in a fast-growing area with highly erosive soils.

The goal of this process and the blog is to get input on these characteristics and their relative importance so that we can determine which areas should be "Focus Areas". UNRBA will make a map of Focus Areas for each strategy once we have received input on the criteria.

Focus Area maps are available for all completed Recommendation Sheets and a link to the Recommendation Sheet for each strategy, which explains the strategy and how it can be implemented at the local level, is included on each Focus Area blog page.

You need only first register with WordPress, a simple process that takes just a couple minutes. Input is requested on these maps by July 31. Please contact Sarah Bruce at (919) 558-9343 or sbruce@tjcog.org for more information.

Public Invited to Comment on Nat'l Bio & Agro-Defense Facility Draft EIS

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is holding public meetings to present the impact analyses in the *National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility Draft Environmental Impact Statement* on siting, constructing, and operating the proposed facility at six site alternatives, including one at the Umstead Research Farm Site in Butner.

Two one-hour open house sessions to register to provide oral comments, view information materials, and speak informally with subject matter experts will be held in Butner on July 29, 2008 at the Butner-Stem Middle School (501 East D Street, Butner, NC, 27509) from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm and then from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The open house will be followed by a presentation by DHS and public comments will be heard and recorded by a court reporter.

The comment period is June 27 through August 25, 2008. You may request the Draft EIS or submit comments online at <http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf> (click on Public Involvement). If you require special accommodation to attend the meeting, please call toll-free to 1-866-508-NBAF (6223) or visit the website.

Looking for Past Issues of the UNRBA Newsletter?

Past issues of the UNRBA newsletter are available on the UNRBA website at <http://www.unrba.org/downloads.htm>. In addition, you can find descriptions of UNRBA projects with supporting documents, technical reports, annual reports, maps and images, and meeting materials. Visit the website to see how we're working with you to protect your local watersheds!

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Upcoming Meetings

UNRBA Board of Directors:
September 17, 2008
11:30 am

Upcoming Events

July 8 to August 5: Stormwater Management & Non-Point Source Pollutants (Pittsboro) A 10-hour course for homeowners, planners, and developers. Learn how stormwater and non-point source pollutant impacts of homes and developments can effect hydrology, watersheds, land use, water quality, and aquatic life and what your management options are. Taught by Fred Royal and hosted by the Green Building Program at CCCC.

To register, call Laura Lauffer at (919) 542-6495, ext. 228 or email her at llauffer@cccc.edu. \$50

July 16: Green Design and Dev Workshop (Winston-Salem)

Designed to provide an overview of green planning, construction, building, and development. Learn techniques associated with green planning and low-impact development and the LEED certification.

<http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/topic/lid/WinstonSalem.htm> \$75 or \$125 if Professional Development Hours requested.

Who Is the UNRBA?

The Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) formed in 1996 to provide an ongoing forum for voluntary regional cooperation on water quality protection and water resource planning and management within the 770-square-mile Upper Neuse Basin (Falls Lake watershed). We are a coalition of public entities in the watershed, including municipalities, counties, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and South Granville Water and Sewer Authority. (See UNRBA Participants, below.)

What Is the UNRBA's Mission?

Our mission is to preserve the water quality of the Upper Neuse River Basin through innovative and cost-effective pollution reduction strategies and to constitute a forum to cooperate on water supply issues within the Upper Neuse River Basin.

Aug 19-20: BMP Reviewer Certification Workshop (Winston-Salem) Designed for local government staff directly involved in review and approval of Stormwater Management Plans (Water Supply II, III, and IV; Phase 2; Nutrient Sensitive Waters; Universal Stormwater Management Program; and Randleman Lake Water Supply Watershed Program). Pass of examination meets requirements associated with the State's 401 Certification Program.

http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/workshops/bmp_review/index.php; \$200

Oct 1-3: Southeast Stormwater Association's Annual Conference (Charleston, SC) Held at the historic Francis Marion Hotel, the conference will focus on "Lessons Learned and Experience Gained" in the Southeast from BMP's and TMDL's to establishing stormwater utilities and low impact development.

<http://www.seswa.org/pages/Meetings.htm>; Prices vary from \$40-\$535 depending on number of days and member status.

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