

Upper Neuse News



UPPER NEUSE RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION

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Falls Lake NMS Update

The Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy (NMS) Stakeholder Group met on February 19th, 2009. Two separate meetings took place:

- a supplemental meeting to discuss lessons learned from the Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Strategy was held in the morning, and
- a regular stakeholder meeting was held in the afternoon to discuss stakeholder interests and objectives in the Falls Lake NMS.

Both meetings were well attended by a diverse group of stakeholders. Meeting summaries and presentations will be available shortly on the project website, www.fallslakestakeholder.org.

The Division of Water Quality is seeking additional time to complete the Nutrient Management Strategy from the legislature. As of this newsletter, the next stakeholder meeting is scheduled to be held March 19, but this is subject to change.

Watershed Events

Ellerbe Creek Week, April 4-11, was created to address the massive litter problem where Ellerbe Creek enters Falls Lake. A coalition of local government and community groups will sponsor storm drain labeling, school programs, displays, and a stream clean-up. For more information, visit www.ellerbecreek.org.

Neuse Cleanup Day is April 4: The Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation is conducting its annual clean-up of the Neuse and tributaries. Volunteers and paddlers will be cleaning up trash along the banks of the river, on islands, and around access areas. Please contact the jackie@neuseriver.org for more info.

Muddy Water Watch Citizen Training Comes to Southwest Wake County

A series of four Muddy Water Watch trainings begins April 26th in southwest Wake County. The trainings are hosted by the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation and are a part of the Muddy Water Watch program, a statewide initiative to train citizens on how damaging stormwater runoff from construction sites can be reduced. Citizen patrols work with local inspectors and developers to oversee the enforcement of sediment and erosion control regulations and keep sediment out of rivers and streams.

The first series was held in Raleigh in 2008, and since then, volunteers have reported and helped stop numerous violations, cleaning up streets and waterways all over the Triangle.

The trainings will be held at Middle Creek Park (123 Middle Creek Park Ave, Apex) beginning at 6:30 pm. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, please email jackie@neuseriver.org or call 919-856-1180.

Green Growth Toolbox now available!

More than 100,000 acres of North Carolina's forests and fields are developed each year - an area the size of Winston-Salem and High Point combined. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission introduced the Green Growth Toolbox to help towns, cities and counties grow in a greener, more wildlife-friendly way.

The Toolbox was developed to help communities conserve their most important biological resources while continuing to grow. The Commission has put together a menu of conservation strategies that counties and towns can pick and choose from to develop the best solutions for their situation. The Toolbox contains information on the state's most important habitats, as well as community-planning methods and site-design techniques that can help conserve North Carolina's priority species.

To view the Green Growth Toolbox, visit <http://www.ncwildlife.org/greengrowth>. Trained WRC biologists can offer workshops to introduce the Green Growth Toolbox to local government staff and advisory boards in select counties. To schedule a workshop, e-mail greengrowth@ncwildlife.org.

Development of the Green Growth Toolbox was funded by a State Wildlife Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Carolina Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund, with contributions of time and expertise from dozens of organizations and agencies across the state.

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:
March 18, 2009
11:30 a.m., Person County

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.

Conferences and Workshops

Wednesday March 18 or Thursday March 19: Sustainable Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Symposium

Attendees will learn about decentralized and sustainable wastewater infrastructure options; technologies and monitoring tools for meeting wastewater management needs; wastewater reclamation and reuse concepts; "sustainable infrastructure" for managing wastewater and how to measure sustainability; meeting demands from new land development projects and solving existing problems related to wastewater; rules that affect wastewater management; and incorporating decentralized wastewater options into community planning process.

Cost: FREE. Two day-long dates/locations: March 18 is in Winston-Salem and March 19 is in Rocky Mount. Visit <http://www.ncswastewater.com/symposium2.html> to register or for more info.

March 26-27: American Public Works Association Conference on Sustainability in the Public Works Sector

This national conference will explore the evolving role of public works in the creation of sustainable and livable communities. Sustainability encompasses economic, social, and environmental vitality and is related to all aspects of community life and public works. Public works has the opportunity to take a leadership role in ensuring future communities are more sustainable.

Cost: APWA Members: \$250.00 / Non APWA Members: \$325.00
Renaissance Charlotte South Park Hotel, Charlotte, NC. To register and for more information, visit www.apwa.net/SustainConf or contact Courtney Thompson at (800) 848-2972 or education@apwa.net. Register by March 18.

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