

UNRBA Implementation Planning Update

The UNRBA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on April 16 to discuss several items related to Implementation of the Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan.

The TAC discussed the Nutrient Reduction for New Development recommendation sheet; specifically, the importance of the standards in Conservation Zones for protection of water supplies from accelerated eutrophication. This document will be forwarded to the UNRBA Board of Directors for their consideration.

The TAC also discussed how to best word the recommendation sheet for Enhanced Peak Flow Controls to ensure that the strategy was not unreasonably burdensome for smaller projects but would still prevent cumulative impacts and hotspots in denser areas with smaller lots. This recommendation sheet will go back to a subgroup of technical reviewers for additional discussion (contact Sarah Bruce if you'd like to review).

Sarah Bruce presented the UNRBA blog set up 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. UNRBA is about to begin making maps of Focus Areas for each strategy and will be posting these determinations to the blog for stakeholder review and comment. To comment, you need only first register with WordPress, which is simple and free.

Sarah is also reviewing local programs to assess progress on implementation of management strategies recommended in the Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan. These assessments provide a way to compare programs and watershed-protective measures that local governments have implemented.

Please contact Sarah Bruce at (919) 558-9343 or sbruce@tjcog.org for more information on UNRBA Implementation Planning, or visit www.unrba.org/mgmtplan.htm.

Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Stakeholder Process

Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Stakeholder Meeting #5 will take place on Thursday, May 21st, from 1-4 pm at the Durham Water Management & Maintenance Facility.

The first half of the meeting will be dedicated to an overview of Water Quality Modeling Basics to help stakeholders better understand an Overview of the Falls Lake Watershed & Nutrient Response Models, which is expected in the second half of the meeting.

Local government officials, planners, stormwater engineers, as well as residents and business owners are encouraged to come to the meeting and get involved in the stakeholder process. We are at the end of the preliminary stages of the process and will begin homing in on details and strategy development in the coming months; therefore, a diverse group of stakeholders and input is needed to ensure that this is as much a successful and progressive approach to nutrient management in the Falls Lake watershed as possible.

Stakeholder Meeting #6 will take place on June 18, from 1-4 pm at the same facility to review the results of the Falls Lake Model.

Details about past meetings, schedules, directions, and the stakeholder process in general can be found by visiting <http://www.fallslakestakeholder.org>. More specific questions can be directed to Sarah Bruce at sbruce@tjcog.org or 919-558-9343.

Volunteers Needed at the Festival for the Eno

This year's Festival for the Eno will take place July 3, 4, & 5. The UNRBA has proudly hosted a booth at this event with the help of volunteers since 2004 and we need volunteers to help out again this year. Volunteers can donate as little as two hours of their time simply talking to festival goers about the important work we do in protecting water quality, and spend the rest of the day enjoying all the music and art of the festival. Contact Heather Saunders at hsaunders@tjcog.org if you'd like to help or call her at 919-558-9319. Festival information can be found at <http://www.enoriver.org/Festival>

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

Falls Lake Nutrient Management Stakeholder Meeting
May 21, 2009

1-4 pm, Durham Water Management & Maintenance Facility

Conferences and Workshops

June 11-12: NC Division of the Society of American Foresters Summer Meeting; Wilmington, NC

The 2009 meeting will focus on the challenges and opportunities to industry, government and not profits alike from changes in industrial forest land ownership. The program will address new partnerships in conservation, industrial fiber supply, research, and policy. An accompanying field tour will focus on management of forest lands associated with a variety of partnerships, including private nonindustrial owners, in collaboration with land conservation organizations, consulting foresters, and forest industry.

Cost: \$35-\$95. The meeting will be held in downtown Wilmington at the river side Coastline Convention Center. Visit http://www.safnet.org/meetings/nc_saf_2009_summer_meeting.pdf to register or for more info.

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.

May 11-13: 2009 IECA Southeast Chapter Muddy Water Blues; Asheville, NC

Everyone from the USEPA down to local government is increasing their scrutiny on stormwater as a major source of pollution. This regional conference will focus on the new requirements and new options for reaching them, particularly for construction sites. Improved erosion, sediment, and turbidity control systems will be the focus, as well as regulatory and policy approaches to achieving reductions in non-point source pollution.

Cost: IECA SE Members: \$100.00 / Non Members: \$280.00. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Asheville, NC. To register and for more information, visit <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=ad0c0576-a14b-4480-8334-45a4a4f21fd2> or send an email to soils_training@ncsu.edu.

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