

UNRBA Technical Advisory Committee April 10, 2003 Meeting Summary

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Our mission: To preserve and protect the water quality in the Upper Neuse River Basin through innovative, cost effective and environmentally sound strategies and to create a coalition of local governments and stakeholders in a water resources partnership.

Introductions and Meeting Objectives

The Technical Advisory Committee of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 10, 2003 in the Triangle J Council of Governments conference room. Perry Sugg, TAC Chair, began the meeting by asking participants to introduce themselves. Chris Dreps presented the meeting objectives:

- UNRBA Update;
- Watershed Management Plan Review;
- Discussion of Plan Endorsement; and,
- Discussion of Implementation.

Meeting attendees are listed below:

Name	Organization	E-mail Address or Phone
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UNRBA Update

Financial Update:

- \$70,961 collected for Fiscal Year 2003
- \$85,000 projected budget for Fiscal year 2004
- \$100,000 remaining in state appropriation for planning and implementation

Ellerbe Creek Local Watershed Management Plan

The draft ECWMP is being reviewed by City/County staff in Durham. The NCWRP objective is to have the Ellerbe Creek Plan adopted this Spring.

Site Evaluation Tool

The UNRBA TAC has been exploring possible development of a SET for use in the Upper Neuse. Mark Senior will meet with Bradley Bennett on Tuesday, April 15 to discuss the state's interest.

Wake County Schools LID Pilot Project

The project has made progress and is looking to apply for 319 funding.

Watershed-wide Monitoring

USGS has presented a proposal to develop a National Hydrography Dataset watershed assessment tool and monitoring plan. UNRBA and USGS are exploring the option of seeking 319 funding for this tool.

Natural Heritage Inventory

The NC Natural Heritage Program will match 50% of costs for a Person County (and possibly Granville County) inventory. Person County has contacted the program about their

willingness to offer in-kind matches for the effort. Jeff Fisher of the Tar River Land Conservancy is willing to write a letter of support.

Local Government Booth at the Eno River Festival

UNRBA would like to share a booth with local stormwater services and other local watershed protection efforts. The display could be focused on what local governments are doing to protect the watershed.

Upper Neuse Nonpoint Source Team

Mark Senior (Raleigh Stormwater) discussed the Upper Neuse NPS Team and its efforts to provide outreach and pilot projects to address nonpoint source pollution. The NPS Team:

- Was established to identify projects in the Upper Neuse and finding money to launch projects such as stream restoration;
- Historically has focused on Durham and Wake Counties;
- Solicits more volunteers to support and continue the Team's efforts; and,
- Solicits good project ideas.

Next UNRBA Board Meeting

The Board will meet on 4/29/03 at 10:00 a.m. to endorse the Plan. TAC members are encouraged to contact their respective UNRBA Board members and express support or answer any remaining questions.

Watershed Management Plan Review

Chris Dreps presented details of the major changes made to the Plan. The timeline is:

- Comments from the TAC requested by 4/17/03
- Board to vote on Plan endorsement 4/29/03

George Norris (NCWRP) raised the issue of the alternative strategy for a reservoir on the Flat River in Person County. Mr. Norris feels that this is not a plausible alternative that the State would accept. Cam McNutt (NCDWQ) agreed that the state is unlikely to support any recommendation that would use a reservoir for water quality protection. Kimberly Brewer

(Tetra Tech) responded that this alternative was modeled in order to respond to Durham's concern that current regulations are not sufficient to protect Lake Michie. Paula Murphy (Person County Planning Director) explained that Person County's Commission is against such a measure. Chris Dreps recommended that the alternative should be left in Appendix A of the Plan and that local governments would be free to debate the alternative on the local level. Becky Heron recommended seeking a response from Terry Rolan on this issue. Chris will contact Mr. Rolan.

Chris noted that he would correct the errors in Table 9.

TAC agreed with all of the proposed Plan document changes.

Plan Endorsement

Chris presented the definition of endorsement agreed upon by the Board of Directors on February 25. The UNRBA and its members:

- Believes the Plan is a valid analysis of water quality change;
- Believes the recommended management strategies can achieve the UNRBA's management goals;
- Agrees to work within our respective local jurisdictions to implement all or portions of the Plan's management strategies; and,
- Understands that endorsement does not commit any individual partner to implementing all of the Plan's specific recommendations.

Chris presented a timeline for the endorsement process.

After endorsement, the UNRBA will be seeking to establish "Local Implementation Teams" to help guide Chris in the process of introducing the Plan to the appropriate councils, commissions, or boards.

Next Meeting

The TAC will schedule a meeting to address Plan implementation objectives once the Board has voted to endorse the Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.