

UNRBA Technical Advisory Committee August 5, 2009 Meeting Summary

UNRBA 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 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the Triangle J Council of Governments offices.

Meeting agenda:

- Announcements & Project Updates
- Rec. Sheet #3: Enhanced Peak Flow Controls
- Rec. Sheet #8/9: Sanitary Sewer Management and Illicit Discharge Enforcement
- Local Management Strategy Reviews
- Next Steps

Meeting attendees are listed below.

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Announcements & Project Updates

Sarah said that the **Lick Creek Watershed Restoration Plan** will be completed by September 2009. The project is folding nicely into the **Upper Neuse EEP Phase IV Project** that is now underway to implement projects identified through local watershed plans. Sarah said that implementation is nevertheless hampered by the state land valuation process, which typically offers landowners amounts for easements that they do not consider sufficient to undertake a project and its attendant restrictions.

Dan McLawhorn mentioned that the current version of **House Bill 1099** included a provision that impact fees collected in the Upper Neuse be spent in the Upper Neuse. Dan also shared that **Senate Bill 1020** had been effectively consolidated with HB1099.

Sarah provided an update on the **Falls Lake NMS Stakeholder Process**. The August meeting was still planned but might be cancelled if DWQ does not have new information to

share. Dan and Sarah encouraged local governments to communicate with DWQ regarding their expectations for seeing drafts of the nutrient management strategy framework. Sarah also requested that any local governments considering resolutions regarding the Falls NMS contact her for fact-checking (it is important to note that Upper Neuse local governments and DENR voluntarily funded this stakeholder process).

Dan McLawhorn also suggested that the stakeholder group forming subcommittees to help flesh out details of the Falls Lake NMS to help expedite the process. Onsite wastewater management is one issue that is complex enough to justify this approach.

Scott Hammerbacher mentioned Senate Bill 831, which extends the life of development permits; stormwater activities were probably included.

Recommendation Sheet #3: Enhanced Peak Flow Controls

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Focus Areas

Sarah has been gathering GIS data depicting characteristics relevant to Focus Areas. Sarah requested updated GIS information, such as water and sewer infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure mapping, etc. UNRBA participants are invited to weigh in on Focus Areas and data related to them via the blog, <http://unrba.wordpress.com>.

Local Management Strategy Reviews

Sarah has been generating templates for Local Management Strategy Reviews for each strategy based on the Recommendation Sheets. All of the LMSR templates are available on the website under "Strategy-Specific Documents." Sarah will be working with local government staff to complete the applicable LMSRs for each jurisdiction in the coming weeks.

Development of an Upper Neuse Water Quality Monitoring Program

Sarah said that she was considering pursuing a 205(j) regular cycle grant to develop a surface water quality monitoring program for the Upper Neuse Basin. Several data needs have been identified through the Falls Lake NMS and UNRBA should begin working to address these needs. Sarah will convene a Task Group to review existing information and work on the grant application.

Next Steps

Sarah will solicit dates for a UNRBA Technical Advisory Committee meeting in September. In the meantime, she will be working to complete Local Management Strategy Reviews.