

# Wake Forest Staff Review of Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan June 16, 2003 Meeting Summary

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*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.*

On June 19, Chris Dreps of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met with staff from the Town of Wake Forest. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Review the Upper Neuse Watershed Management Plan (the Plan);
- Discuss the management strategies proposed for Wake Forest; and
- Receive staff guidance for proceeding with the introduction of the Plan to Council members.

Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Department/Program
Roe O'Donnell	Public Works
Mark Williams	Town Manager
Chip Russell	Planning
Scott Miles	Engineering
Eric Keravuori	Engineering

## **Presentation**

Chris Dreps summarized the Plan's analysis and the general recommendations. He then presented the recommendations specific to the Town of Wake Forest.

The recommendations applying to Raleigh are:

- Enhanced peak flow management
- Upper Neuse long-term monitoring program
- Enhanced construction site inspection/enforcement
- Stormwater quality BMP inspection/enforcement
- Education for "Low-Impact Development" and buffer maintenance
- Targeted lands acquisition
- Adopt-a-stream program
- Stream and wetland restoration projects
- Stormwater retrofits

A general estimate of the new costs of implementing the Plan in Wake Forest is \$1,717 per year in year one. Additional grant proposal writing would necessitate staff time; however, some of this time could be offset through working with the UNRBA on grant proposals.

## **Discussion**

Roe O'Donnell suggested talking to Dale Crisp about Raleigh's current drinking water issues.

Mark Williams suggested that, for the Board meeting, Chris should clearly address what the town would have to do to reach the recommended water quality standards. The numbers shown in the recommendations slide will be meaningless to the council without such clear explanation.

Roe O'Donnell mentioned that, for peak flow control enhancement, Wake Forest looks at all commercial development and not at subdivisions. However, they don't allow curb-and-gutter systems in subdivisions.

Roe O'Donnell mentioned that the costs of the recommendations to a town would increase if the town did not already send out any utility bills.

Mark Williams suggested focusing on impacts, costs, as well as implications of recommendations for development in Wake Forest and for Wake Forest staff involved for the board meeting that the board will be interested.

### **Next steps**

Proposed date for the Council's Work Session – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM

Chris will contact Scott Miles by the end of June with an updated presentation and questions specific to preparing for the Town Council's work session. Chris will focus generally on:

- How the Upper Neuse analysis worked (simple version);
- Recommendations specific to Wake Forest;
- Where the recommendations would apply;
- How those recommendations differ from what is currently being done; and
- New costs that would be required of Wake Forest.