

Stakeholder Meeting Notes
Eden Area Watershed Restoration Plan
 March 5, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.
 City Hall, Eden, NC

Participants:	Kelly Stultz – City of Eden	Shari Bryant – Wildlife Resources Commission
	Tiffany Hayworth– Dan River Basin Association	Kevin Moore – Rockingham County Soil & Water Conservation District
	Elizabeth Jernigan – Piedmont Triad Regional Council	Melinda Ward – City of Eden
	Dick Everhart – Field Consultant	Moni Bates – Field Consultant
	Joe Mickey – Field Consultant	

Purpose of Meeting

- To update stakeholders on field work progress
- To receive continued guidance from stakeholders on field work

Introductions, Agenda Review, & Meet our Consultants

Eden Area Watershed Summary – Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC

PTRC is currently conducting the watershed assessment portion of the project. This phase includes; field work, project identification, water quality modeling, stakeholder advisement and a detailed watershed policy analysis. We anticipate completion of this phase in July 2012.

The planning phase will follow and entails prioritizing identified restoration or preservation projects, estimating load reduction and water quality benefits of projects, compiling a project atlas, recommending policy and programmatic approaches for improving water quality, issuing an implementation timeline for efficient and effective remediation and sustainable stewardship and presenting watershed planning products to stakeholders and the public. We anticipate completion of this phase in December 2012.

While there are water quality issues, much of our field work shows parcels with high quality conservation potential. Consultants and staff have been impressed with the percentage of high quality forested buffers and stream conditions. Thus far, impacts are the result of urban growth, illicit discharges, dams, agriculture, forestry practices, and invasive exotic plants. Kelly Stultz requested staff contact the City immediately with any issues regarding septic or sewer system failure.

Maps of each sub watershed were presented (both on screen and on paper) showing all field data points, however conservation and restoration points were not delineated. These maps are primarily to show where the highest percentage of points have been taken and which areas of the city/county we have walked.

Sub Watershed 1:

- Issues: agriculture, forestry
- Strengths: buffers, rural

Sub Watershed 3:

- Issues: agriculture, crossings, forestry operations and historic culverts
- Strengths: high quality waters, buffers, logging stewards

Sub Watershed 8:

- Issues: sewer, septic, agriculture, dams integrity, crossings, trash
- Strengths: greenway potential, buffers, wetlands

Field Consultant Overview

Each field consultant then provided roundtable commentary on what they were seeing in each watershed.

Moni Bates:

- sand bags to prevent erosion
- invasive species (including trifoliolate orange which should be eliminated immediately to prevent spread)
- farm impacts
- logging operations (good and poor)
- llama access to stream
- permanent roads putting sediment in stream
- cattle access
- leaky septic

Joe Mickey:

- biggest problem site is a logging operation with debris in creek
- cattle access
- breached and almost breached dams

Dick Everhart:

- breached dams (many in the middle of nowhere)
- minimal erosion from logging
- livestock access
- very few floodplain pools.

Conclusion:

Liz concluded the meeting and field consultants spoke with stakeholders individually about individual sites they had concerns with.