

Stakeholder Meeting Notes
Eden Area Watershed Restoration Plan

August 23, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, Eden, NC

Participants:	Shari Bryant – NC Wildlife Resources Commission	Malinda Ford – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments
	Brian Grogan – NC Rural Water Association	Elizabeth Jernigan – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments
	Frankie Legeaux – Rockingham County Planning Department	Kevin Moore – Rockingham County Soil & Water Conservation District
	Dena Reid – City of Eden	Chip Rice – VA Department of Conservation & Recreation
	Terry Shelton – City of Eden	Cy Stober – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments
	Kelly Stultz – City of Eden	Melinda Ward – City of Eden

Purpose of Meeting

- To update stakeholders on watershed planning progress
- To discuss next steps as PTRC more fully characterizes this watershed

Welcome and Self-Introductions

- PTCOG is now the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) which covers twelve counties, including the entire Dan River Basin in NC
- Meeting primarily focused on where we are going – no deliverables for anyone to look at
- PTRC needs match forms from stakeholders to be reimbursed

Watershed Characterization

- Mapping
 - Have most of the layers needed for the full characterization of the watershed
 - Malinda Ford will communicate with Kevin Moore to get the data on all of the Rockingham County agricultural BMPs
 - Once PTRC has all data, then they can evaluate the watershed for its most stressed areas, based upon land use and land cover data
 - Using EPA and Center for Watershed Protection forms to evaluate Eden and Rockingham County’s ordinances and policies related to watershed management
 - Cy Stober needs to meet with Frankie Legeaux and Kelly Stultz to confirm the accuracy of these forms

Public Outreach & Involvement Campaign – Liz Jernigan & Joy Fields, PTCOG

- Meetings held in May went okay – the weather was bad, but between 10 and 20 people showed up

- PTRC will expand on the feedback we got here with surveys distributed to streamside landowners during field work
- Kelly Stultz recommended placing them next to the sign-in sheet at Board and Council meetings
- PTRC needs boxes like ballot boxes, where people can stuff the surveys after they fill them out, and not have them lost
 - Where should future outreach meetings be held? Libraries? Middle of the day?
 - Riverfest will be held in September, and that offers a good outreach opportunity

Discussion

- VA Update, Chip Rice
 - Dan River jurisdictional meeting was held and the Danville Planning District Commission (COG peer) did not attend
 - Currently no representation by any planning/regional entities in this part of the Roanoke River basin in VA
 - VA DCR still interested in having a locally-focused effort to fund
 - Dan River Basin Association
 - Perhaps supported by PTRC
- Dan River Basinwide Planning effort, Malinda Ford
 - Still in data collection stage
 - Difficulties getting data – especially local land use and land cover – from VA
 - Malinda and Chip will meet so that they can nail down the loose ends
- Cy Stober requests input and guidance from stakeholders at this point
 - Next meeting will focus on fieldwork, and how to best address the watershed's needs
 - Need all of the best data prior to heading into the field
 - Melinda Ward offered all of the City's data from the last five years that they are collecting anyway for their NPDES permit renewal
 - Frankie Legeaux would like more tools available to deal with clearcutting within the City limits
 - City has drafted ordinances to ban clearcutting within the city as part of zoning, which has worked well
 - City will share its history and solutions with County (and Virginia parties)
 - She is told by foresters that the FPGs are a Division of Land Quality concern
 - Kevin Moore advised her to contact NC DFR and she if they can offer support
- Kevin Moore wanted to make sure that PTRC knew about NC DWQ's WRIT program and what they are doing for the entire Dan River Basin
 - Cy Stober will look into it and report back

For next meeting, late October/early November:

- Report back with priority subwatersheds for field work, and a summary of how these priorities were determined
- PTCOG will meet with NC DWQ to discuss parallel efforts and minimize overlap
- VA DCR will continue to build efforts for watershed planning in VA
- PTCOG will continue to analyze policies and land use in the watershed, and report back findings
- Kevin Moore will send PTRC BMP files for GIS integration
- PTRC will attend Riverfest and work with City on outreach
- PTRC will begin preparing for field work for Jan – March 2012