

**Stakeholder Meeting Notes**  
**Eden Area Watershed Restoration Plan**  
 February 10, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.  
 City Hall, Eden, NC

<b>Participants:</b>	Tammy Amos – City of Eden	Shari Bryant – Wildlife Resources Commission
	Jenny Edwards – Dan River Basin Association	Joy Fields – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments
	Malinda Ford – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments	Elizabeth Jernigan – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments
	Josh Johnson – Alley, Williams, Carmen, & King, Inc.	Frankie LeGaux – Rockingham County
	Kevin Moore – Rockingham County Soil & Water Conservation District	Bev O’Dell – City of Eden
	Dena Reid – City of Eden	Terry Shelton – City of Eden
	Cy Stober – Piedmont Triad Council of Governments	Kelly Stultz – City of Eden
	Melinda Ward – City of Eden	Michael Ward – Henry County/Roanoke River Basin Association

**Purpose of Meeting**

- To discuss the Dan and Smith River watersheds
- To discuss the stakeholders’ goals for this project
- To discuss the best ways to use funding and resources to produce a restoration plan that will be useful and used by stakeholders

**Welcome and Self-Introductions**

- No NC DENR employees due to travel restrictions. They will be updated and participate as best they can

**Introduction to the Eden Area Watershed – Cy Stober, PTCOG**

The Smith River is impaired for bioclassification, copper, and fecal coliform bacteria.

The Dan River is impaired for turbidity and fecal coliform bacteria.

PTCOG received a \$180,000 NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant to address these issues through planning, as it has done elsewhere.

- The copper levels in the Smith River are a concern – how is NC DWQ measuring them? Matter will be investigated, but copper may be a remnant from past mining operations and/or naturally occurring. Copper levels impounded behind the Spray Cotton Mill Dam in downtown are a concern, as are all pollutants associated with sediments.
- Problem: Much of the pollution – especially in the Smith – originates in VA, and partnership building has been weak thus far.
  - Dean Gall, VA DCR, is a good contact

- City is already working with Pittsylvania County on a water and sewer project, and will build upon that partnership
- Efforts to extend this project into VA must be made
  - Can CWMTF monies be used in VA?
  - Can we receive a 319 grant to serve as match on this project?
  - Partner with DRBA to pursue Z. Smith Reynolds funds in August?
  - NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation finishing up a \$300,000, five county project to put agricultural BMPs in the Dan River basin
  - Other contacts? VA DCR, VA DEQ, Roanoke River Bi-State Commission, West Piedmont Planning District Commission

Data Needs – Malinda Ford, PTCOG

- Piedmont Land Conservancy – would have attended, but had conflict. GIS layers needed to determine conservation priorities in watershed
- Rockingham County is getting new orthoimagery files next week and will pass them on to PTCOG at that time

Outreach Needs – Liz Jernigan, PTCOG

- Need to involve public in the watershed using PTCOG outreach staff (Liz and Joy)
  - Eden Riverfest in September attracts thousands of people
  - What does City need to address through grant?
    - Flash flooding
    - Snakes in Smith River
    - Matrimony Creek is biggest flood concern, and is built out completely
    - Eden Road – in the floodplain – floods regularly

**For next meeting, Tuesday, March 15, 2011:**

- Grant opportunities to involve VA side of watershed – explore the VA Environmental Endowment
- Explore planning scenarios of funding or no funding for the VA side
- Have interested VA folks call in to meeting
- Map of sampling locations in watershed that NC DWQ, VA DEQ, DRBA, and Eden are all using to monitor water quality conditions
- Tammy Amos would like clipped file of study area so that she can send us the mapped stormwater system before we head into field, and be prepared to look for potential infrastructure needs and/or illicit discharges.
- Debra Madison is Eden's GIS Manager and can give PTCOG access to other files
- Frankie LeGaux observed that the Stoneville ETJ is relevant to determining future growth areas in the watershed.