

# 2022 CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN PLAN

In Partnership with:  
DEQ - Division of  
Water Resources  
& Cape Fear River  
Assembly



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# OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN AND PROCESS



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## Timeframe

- **CFRB Plan -and Process Development**  
Q2 2022
- **Attend Community Meetings**  
June - September 2022
- **Gather All Public Comment**  
Complete by October 1, 2022
- **Submit Basin Plan to the EMC**  
end of December 2022  
\*Environmental Management Commission

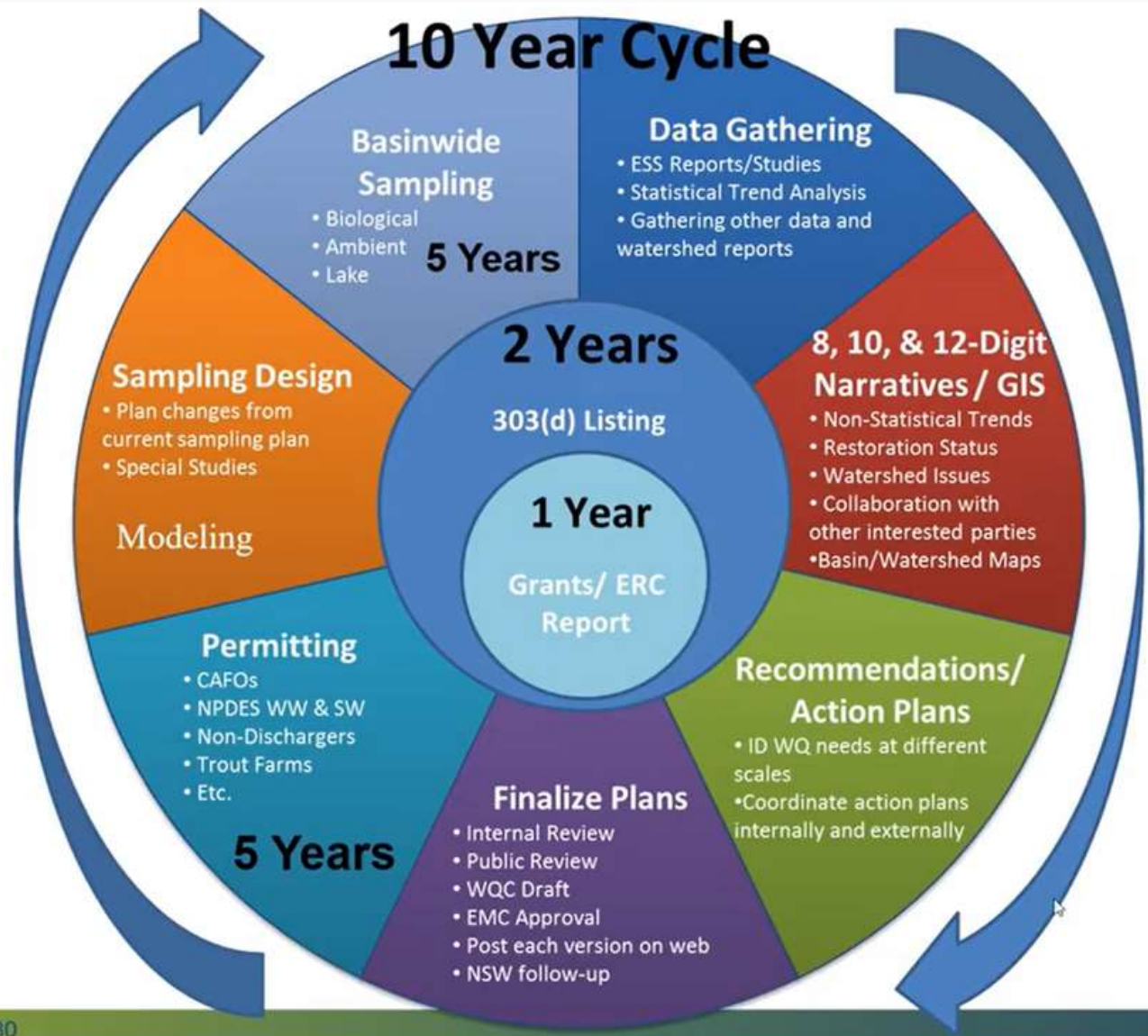
## Goals

- Develop a plan that is relevant, informative and can be adapted as needed
- Include the input of community members, stakeholders, and organizations currently working and living on the river
- Expand our reach to all populations and listen to voices of underrepresented communities, communities of Color and Indigenous Communities
- Identify priority issues from all the input and information gathered



# RIVER PLANNING CYCLE

Note: It has been almost 20 years since the last plan









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## Why is this important?

- Provides a benchmark for where we have been, where we are and where we are going
- Uses scientifically based water quality and water quantity analysis for planning purposes
- Identifies areas where additional monitoring is needed to address impacts or impairments
- Provides guidance to support decisions about water resources management
- Serves as an educational tool for community members, stakeholders, decision makers and organizations focused on water resource management

# WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PLAN?

	<b>Basin Characteristics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography</li><li>• Population and land cover</li><li>• Pollution Sources</li></ul>
	<b>Monitoring Data and Water Quality Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of biological, chemical and physical parameters</li></ul>
	<b>Permitted and Registered Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General descriptions of existing water resource programs</li></ul>
	<b>Local Water Quality Initiative and Funding Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Descriptions of stakeholder groups and watershed activities</li></ul>
	<b>Water Use and Availability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of water use in the basin</li></ul>
	<b>Watershed Chapters (HUC 8)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watershed specific information and recommendations</li></ul>

Basin plans provide guidance to support decisions for:

- Permitting strategies
- Nutrient management strategies
- Watershed resource planning and implementation of Best Management Practices
- Water supply and demand decisions

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE PLAN?

- New rules and regulations, basin plans are for planning purposes only
- Information on all pollution sources across the basin - point and nonpoint sources
- Water quality analysis on all waterbodies
- In-depth evaluation of emerging compounds

# WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE INFORMATION?



## Cape Fear River Assembly

- All comments will be documented and catalogued
- Publish the priorities of the communities, organizations and stakeholders in a transparent way
- Include information that isn't part of the plan in cataloguing process and provide resources and community connection

## Division of Water Resources

- Comments will be considered for inclusion in the plan
- Share information across the divisions of DEQ
- Continue to work with stakeholders and resource agencies to prioritize issues for inclusion in plan updates
- Develop recommendations to address concerns identified during plan development



# WHO ARE WE ASKING TO PROVIDE INPUT?



- TNC Water Group
- Upper Cape Fear River Program
- Middle Cape Fear River Program
- Lower Cape Fear River Program
- Waccamaw Siouan STEM Studio
- Lumbee Led - Eastern North Carolina Coalition
- Coharie Tribal Administrator and Volunteer Coordinator
- Cape Fear River Partnership
- Sandhills Conservation Partnership
- Clean Cape Fear
- Chatham Conservation Partnership
- Loves Creek Watershed Stewards
- Cape Fear Arch
- UNCW, UNCP, Duke and NC State
- Triangle Supply Group
- Jordan Lake One Water
- Haw River Assembly
- YWCA - Lower Cape Fear
- New Hanover County NAACP
- NC Sandhills Prescribed Burning Association
- NC Cooperative Extension
- Multiple municipality utilities

# WHAT'S NEXT?

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Please take a moment to fill out the [Survey for the Cape Fear River Basin Water Resources Management Plan](#) with your questions, comments and concerns.

