

**Table two: SWCD & public roles, resources, suggestions for improvement**

	<i>F. County</i>	<i>G. SWCD Roles</i>	<i>H. Resources supporting NR programs</i>	<i>I. Public Role</i>	<i>J. What is Working well</i>	<i>K. Recommended Improvements</i>
1	Buncombe	Review of ES plans	Education from state office. Proper field equipment that technically supports your findings.	Citizen complaints prompted stormwater ordinance	Work with building permit process – hold permit if SE permit not approved.	Need easy and direct communication with state agency to help answer questions. You must develop that relationship.
2	Cabarrus	SWCD within Dept. Commerce for last 2 yrs Review SEC site plans Provide water quality policy recs Manage stormwater & restoration projects Lead agency for open space conservation, accepts easements Coordinates WIC CCAP program (urban yard BMPs)	3 staff for SEC in Env. Prot. Section, (hired by Asst. Mgr., SWCD, Commerce) paid by county budget & revenues UNC SOG class Heath’s Guide NRLI	Appointed Watershed improvement Commission (WIC), attended by city & county reps	SWCD within Dept. Commerce promotes dialogue with planners, zoning staff, SEC staff	Regional approach would be better than multiple entities in a county making decisions  Land should be conserved ASAP

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3	Gaston	<p>SWCD roles undertaken by Natural Resource Dept. (SWCD staff became NR Dept. staff)</p> <p>All natural resource program admin with NR Dept. except water supply watersheds (under code enforcement) &amp; Extension programs</p>	<p>Employees paid by permit fees</p>	<p>Quality of Natural Resources Commission (QNRC) provides recs to county on all NR issues, staffed by Extension.</p>	<p>Locally run SEC is an improvement.</p> <p>Better communication with developers, they know expectations.</p> <p>Higher level of inspections hold them accountable.</p> <p>No change in regs, just increased enforcement.</p>	<p>If all munis joined the stormwater ordinance it would be more efficient, save money with staff for whole county rather than multiple staffs, easier for public &amp; developers to understand.</p> <p>Also currently Code Enforcement does Water Supply Watersheds in county (vestigial) need to consolidate.</p>
5	Haywood	<p>SWCD helps with education, and helps &lt;1/2 plots develop an erosion plan since these are usually homeowners</p>	<p>3 staff</p> <p>Resource Assessment for Mountainside Development – partnership with Haywood Community College and Haywoods Waterways</p>		<p>Haywood program is working well. People know there are 3 staff, that it is important to commissioners and community. It is a small area and we know everyone. It works best when people feel you are</p>	<p>If all the current rules could be adhered to, things would be working well, such as buffers and groundcovers, etc.</p> <p>We could always use another staff member</p> <p>“there isn’t enough people and money to go around for</p>

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			Association		<p>trying to help them, instead of hinder them.</p> <p>The &lt;1/2 acre permit is very important tool for education of homeowners, etc.</p> <p>The best thing we do: Technical Advisory Committee: all agencies that work in county – fed, state, local, NGO, even private businesses sometimes – sit down together once a month to “resolve seemingly unresolvable issues”</p> <p>Haywood has an EPA approved watershed action plan</p> <p>Remember that</p>	agencies to get involved in turf wars”

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					the goal is improved water quality, not collecting fines.	
5	New Hanover	<p>Provides technical support to public agencies and local governments in County.</p> <p>Provides soil inventories and assessments of preliminary plans for the Planning Dept permitting process, soil surveys to citizens</p> <p>Reviews the vegetation specs for SEC plans</p> <p>Assistance with aerial photos</p> <p>Conservation projects (BMPs, CCAP, etc)</p>	SEC fees pay staff (originally paid by grant), stormwater review fees, grants, Env. Planner has county funding	<p>Smith Creeks Watershed Group (informal)</p> <p>Formerly had appointed Watershed Management Advisory Board</p>	SEC program works well- we monitor water quality & haven't seen a lot of turbidity. Developers respond when we do. Water quality monitoring is important- the state can't do much - more monitoring helps get to root of problems.	<p>A stormwater utility in the county would be useful- City of Wilmington has it and it enables them to use fund for drainage projects. We have to ask citizens to take care of problems themselves.</p> <p>SEC fines are not high enough, they don't always discourage poor maintenance of devices. Enforcement is important.</p>
6	Wake	Review local S&E plans		Ad hoc committees as needed (Watershed planning, stormwater)	Local S&E works well, have high compliance, received state award. Good triggers to require permits.	Need money to monitor stream projects. Must start that soon, so data can be tracked.