

NEXT TICK CREEK  
MEETING IS MON.,  
AUG. 30

2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M

Chatham Agricultural Building,  
Pittsboro. Snacks provided.

Meeting objectives are to:

- Discuss strategies for aquatic wildlife with NC Wildlife Resources
- Update on agricultural BMP progress
- Share activities you are working on



## MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

For announcements by email send your email address to Christy\_perrin@ncsu.edu or call Christy Perrin at (919) 515-4542 to receive paper copies.

Tick Creek Watershed meetings are open to the public- feel free to join us! We meet as needed- meetings are announced on the listserve. All documents will be posted on the project website:

[www.ncsu.edu/weco/rocky](http://www.ncsu.edu/weco/rocky)



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## The Steamy Summer Edition

The Tick Creek Watershed Group last met on May 26, where they saw the results of the mapping project for the watershed and viewed the Rocky River Heritage Foundation's new educational powerpoint presentation. Thank you to the RRHF for providing us with the opportunity to give feedback on the presentation. Discussion about the mapping project is summarized below. We hope you have enjoyed your summer!

## Projects and progress

The project team proposed cattle exclusion and stream stabilization projects to two landowners. One of the landowners is eager to work with us on a project. An update on this project will be provided at the next meeting in August.

At the May meeting, participants viewed the maps of Tick Creek watershed that were created from the geodatabase. The purposes of the maps are to better characterize the conditions of the watershed, and to better hone strategies to restore Tick Creek. Participants provided feedback on the maps that were presented. Comments included:

- Hardwoods- 60% or more is needed in woodland to support aquatic species
- Be careful with the term "Conservation value". "Restoration potential" and "Preservation potential" are better terms.
- Watershed #22 – need to break this into smaller segments to reflect the biodiversity in the mainstem.
- Maps/ranks are tools to help us find places for projects.
- This watershed ranking exercise is valuable. Shows where the rare things are.
- Where woodlands exist- increase % woodland.
- Get buffers where they don't exist.

We will look into breaking up WS22 into smaller segments, and adding roads to the map.

A link to the maps is on the project website under "Resources".



## Partner projects in the Rocky River

Many overlapping activities are underway within the Rocky River watershed. Stakeholders suggested that we increase coordination and information sharing about the various efforts, to reduce confusion and improve collaboration. We've created an online BLOG where we can post organizations' activities. To see it go to the project page and click on "**Rocky River/Tick Creek Blog**" in the right hand upper corner .

### **The Chatham Conservation Partnership (CCP)**

The mission of the CCP is to develop and implement strategies to build awareness, protection and stewardship of Chatham County's natural resources and working lands. The CCP is working on a Comprehensive Conservation Plan, to help with land protection and development decisions in Chatham County.

CCP meetings are open to anyone that has an interest in Chatham County's natural resources. The CCP next meets on October 21, 2010. For updates visit <http://chathamconservation.wikispaces.com>

**Triangle Land Conservancy** completed a Rocky River Conservation Plan to prioritize areas for conservation efforts– the Tick Creek watershed area is included in this plan. TLC staff have met with landowners along the Rocky River to discuss voluntary easements on agricultural lands. The Conservation Plan is linked on our project site: [www.ncsu.edu/WECO/rocky](http://www.ncsu.edu/WECO/rocky)  
TLC's website is [www.triangleland.org/](http://www.triangleland.org/)

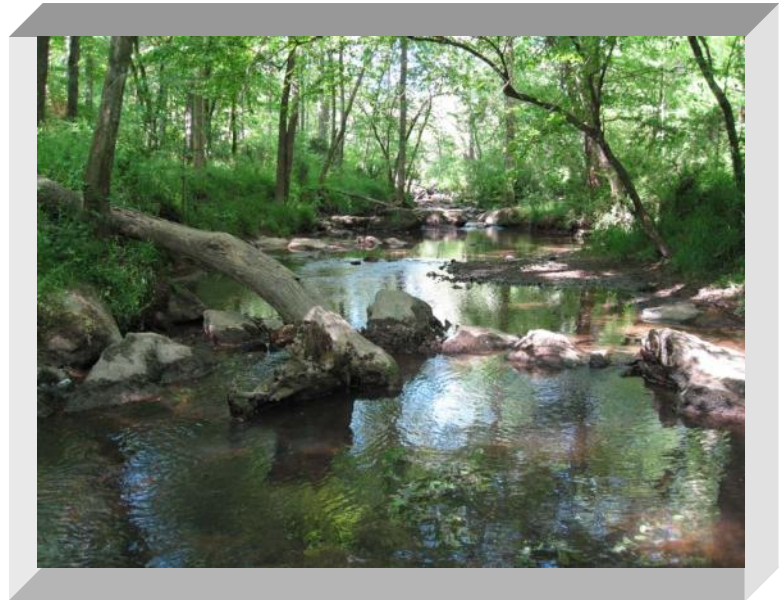
**Rocky River Heritage Foundation** hosted two tours of the Rocky River watershed for local government officials in the spring, and would like to work with other organizations to establish a riverside park. [www.rockyriverchatham.org/aboutrrhf.html](http://www.rockyriverchatham.org/aboutrrhf.html)

**Please send us information on your organizations' efforts in the Rocky River watershed if you would like those posted, too.**



### **May Tick Creek Meeting Roster**

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