

Stoney Creek Local Watershed Planning Team Meeting Overview
Monday, August 2, 2004
Wayne County Courthouse Building
9:30 -11:30 am

(next meeting: September 15, 9:30 am, Wayne County Cooperative Extension Center)

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Overview of the NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program
- Overview of the Local Watershed Planning Process
- Description of Funding Possibilities (including restoration, buffer and nutrient offset payments)
- Memorandums of Understanding for Wayne County, City of Goldsboro, and possibly Seymour Johnson Air Force Base
- Logistics Coordination for Seymour Johnson AFB (entrance to base)
- Assistance with resource professional/stakeholder identification for the Local Watershed planning Process
- Ideas about existing watershed problems
- Adjourn

Attendees:

Deborah Anderson	NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program
Johanna Arnold	Seymour Johnson AFB
Patrick Beggs	Cooperative Extension – WECO
Rob Breeding	NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program (currently with NCDWQ)
Bonnie Duncan	NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program
Patty Gabriel	USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service, Wayne County
Bryan Henderson	Seymour Johnson AFB
Natalie Jones	Division of Soil and Water Conservation
Tasha Logan	City of Goldsboro
Andy Miller	Soil and Water Conservation District, Wayne County
Kathy Paull	NC Division of Water Quality
Guy Pearce	NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program
Joe Pfeiffer	KCI Associates
Connie Price	Wayne County Planning Department
Ronnie Wilson	Seymour Johnson AFB

A separate contact list will be sent out.

A more complete contact list will be available after the September 15 meeting.

The overall purpose of the meeting was to informally introduce the Stoney Creek Local Watershed Planning process to resource professionals in the watershed. The NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) is undertaking Local Watershed Planning in Stoney Creek to help mitigate for potential Transportation Improvements in the future. EEP is looking for possible stream and wetland mitigation sites, along with buffer improvement sites and nutrient management possibilities. Although the EEP is focused on these types of projects, the planning process the EEP will be pursuing the local resource professionals will also work to identify other watershed improvement and protection recommendations that could be funded in other ways.

Stoney Creek lies within the Neuse River Basin. Buffer protection monies, along with Nutrient Offset monies are therefore available in this project area.

Bonnie Duncan is currently the lead planner for EEP for this project, and as of August 20 Rob Breeding of the Eastern Planning Section of EEP, will assume leadership for this planning project. Deborah Anderson is the In-Lieu Fee Specialist at EEP and is the contact for both nutrient offset monies and buffer monies.

Both Bonnie and Deborah briefly introduced their respective parts of the program as they would pertain to the planning project.

EEP is working on obtaining Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with The City of Goldsboro and Wayne County. They are working with Seymour Johnson AFB to see if there is a similar mutual agreement that can be made for access and assessment purposes. Johanna Arnold of Seymour Johnson AFB will be the contact for facilitating entrance to the base.

KCI Associates is the consulting firm that has been contracted to do the technical assessment in the watershed. An initial characterization describing current watershed conditions, based on available data and information has been completed by the NC Division of Water Quality. It will be available on line shortly at the WECO and EEP websites. KCI will be basing their future assessment work on the information developed in this initial characterization.

It would be great to find an early project to be constructed as a demonstration project also. This would help the community to understand what the Planning process is about and will help to educate citizens, making them more receptive to the eventual recommendations from the Local Watershed Plan. Tommy Road Elementary School property may be a good possibility for a site.

Some of the topics brought up during a brief discussion of watershed issues:

- Stoney Creek is an impaired and 303(d) listed stream.
- Chicken houses are present (potential manure application issues), but no hog operations or lagoons
- The 70 Bypass will be going through the upper portion of the watershed, leading to additional growth and development in this area
- There are no spray irrigation fields in the watershed
- Stoney Creek main channel has riparian buffer, but feeder blueline streams lack buffer in many cases
- Conservation tillage is prevalent in the area
- Lots of Rains soils are prevalent
- Cotton farming can be a large source of sedimentation
- Beaver in watershed causing drainage problems. Hard to find a main channel without a beaver pond.
- We should have a representative from Wayne County Community College. They teach both forestry and soil classes so there should be someone appropriate. Could be a potential project opportunity on their campus.
- Other potential demonstration project locations were also discussed

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EEP: www.nceep.net

The first official stakeholder meeting for the Stoney Creek Watershed Planning Team has been scheduled for **September 15, 2004, 9:30-11:30 at the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Center**. The September 15 meeting will officially introduce the project and the Ecosystem Enhancement Program. Please feel free to let us know who else should be invited to this meeting.

The WECO website will be periodically updated with minutes, technical documents, and updates from the project. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Beggs, project coordinator at WECO for the Stoney Creek Local Watershed Planning Team.

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