

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AGENDA

Wake County, North Carolina

Fiscal Year 2005-2006

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VISION

Wake County will always be a great place to live, work, learn and play. In Wake County, people can breathe clean air and enjoy clean water. People can enjoy open space that is adequate and conveniently located. They know that their solid waste is properly managed and that the environment is healthy and protected against natural and man-made threats. Residents and visitors are knowledgeable about the environment and take personal responsibility to support this vision.

1. WATER QUALITY GOAL

Wake County will provide leadership to protect and restore the uses and functions of the County's water resources, including its sustainability and quality in a manner that is consistent with the community's values for balancing economic development, future demands upon water resources, environmental protection and natural resource conservation and management. To achieve this goal, Wake County will take the following actions:

- A. Carry out water quality actions as outlined in the Growth and Environmental Initiatives Implementation Plan.**
- B. Implement the Comprehensive Groundwater Investigation Implementation Plan**
- C. Comply with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II requirements**
- D. Implement the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District Business Plan**

2. PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE GOAL

Wake County will define and provide leadership to maintain the "green infrastructure" of Wake County, including environmental, recreational, wildlife habitat, cultural and historic open spaces. A primary objective of the open space plan is to help maintain water quality. Wake County will, through a collective, collaborative and efficient process, develop recreation facilities for current residents and future generations. To achieve this goal, Wake County will

- A. Carry out open space actions as outlined in the Growth and Environmental Initiatives Implementation Plan.**
- B. Implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

3.SOLID WASTE GOAL

Local governments in Wake County will implement and administer a comprehensive, integrated solid waste management system that will provide coordinated services to the residents, institutions and businesses of all local governmental jurisdictions. To achieve this goal, Wake County will take the following action:

- A. Implement the 10-Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and update for 2003-2013

4. AIR QUALITY GOAL

Wake County will eliminate code red and purple ozone action days by 2010, comply with National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone by 2007 and ensure continued compliance with standards for fine particulate matter. To achieve this goal, Wake County will take the following action:

- A. Carry out the recommended actions in the Implementation Plan for the Air Quality Task Force control measures.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GOALS

Wake County will protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of people and pets throughout the county. To achieve this goal, Wake County will take the following action:

- A. Implement the Environmental Health and Safety Business Plans

6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION GOAL

Wake County will provide quality environmental education and environmental information to its employees and officials, government agencies, the regulated community, schools and the public at large. Wake County will advance environmental literacy and stewardship to support the goals and realize the vision of the Environmental Stewardship Agenda. To achieve this goal, Wake County will take the following action:

- A. Implement the Environmental Education and Environmental Information Business Plan

(Note- environmental education and environmental information are essential to implementing all the above goals of the Environmental Stewardship Agenda, so the environmental education and environmental information actions are a part of each of the above goals.)