

# UNRBA Technical Advisory Committee December 12, 2005 Meeting Summary

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*UNRBA mission: To preserve and protect the water quality in the Upper Neuse River Basin through innovative, cost effective and environmentally sound strategies and to create a coalition of local governments and stakeholders in a water resources partnership.*

## **Introductions and Meeting Objectives**

The Technical Advisory Committee of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, December 12, 2005 in the Triangle J Council of Governments conference room. The meeting objectives were to:

- Discuss prioritizing recommendations; and
- Approve recommendations 4, 7, and 13.

Meeting attendees are listed below.

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## **Announcements**

Next UNRBA Board meeting—December 21, 2005 in Hillsborough, Occonechee Farm Steakhouse.

The UNRBA has completed the Little River Riparian Corridor Conservation Plan for the Eno River Association. A summary of the plan will be available on the UNRBA website, [www.unrba.org](http://www.unrba.org).

The UNRBA is also wrapping up the Upper Neuse Site Evaluation Tool project. The Site Evaluation Tool, the SET user guide, and SET model documentation are available on the UNRBA website at [www.unrba.org/SET](http://www.unrba.org/SET). To date, 35 local government and other personnel have been trained on the use of the SET.

### **Prioritizing Recommendations for Implementation**

Chris Dreps led the TAC in a discussion of how to prioritize recommendations for implementation. There are three reasons to prioritize implementation: 1) so that those managing the watershed know we're focusing on the right places, 2) to give UNRBA members confidence that all jurisdictions are using the same criteria, and 3) to provide a way to measure performance.

Chris presented a matrix that shows two axes: one for "priority areas" (the relative importance of implementing the recommendation in a given area) and another for "milestone" (a relative measure of the immediacy of need for the recommendation). For each jurisdiction in the Upper Neuse, each recommendation will fall somewhere in the matrix of priority and milestone between "high-priority, short-term" and "low-priority, long-term".

Chris mentioned that lack of sufficiently detailed information is a significant challenge in determining priority areas.

Chris Dreps then showed several examples of how priorities could be developed for particular recommendations. The TAC discussed various ways of defining milestones to facilitate understanding and implementation of the recommendations. For example, Joe Pearce noted that Stormwater Control Inspections required inspection of all BMPs, which is problematic because that requirement presumably would include BMPs that serve single-family parcels.

The TAC agreed that the specifics of priorities for each recommendation need to be developed, possibly with the help of the recommendation's reviewers. The group also agreed that the UNRBA will show priority levels as part of the gap analysis portion of the implementation plan. The next version of the UNWMP will assess whether short-term milestones have been met and reassess mid and long-term milestones.

### **Approval of Recommendations Sheets**

Sarah Bruce brought several detailed recommendation sheets before the TAC for discussion and approval. The first recommendation discussed was **Stormwater Control Inspections (Recommendation #4)**. The TAC looked over the recommendation text and Mr. Paul Wiebke's comments, and agreed that detailed issues on performance guarantees, GIS databases, and the like could be addressed in an "implementation packet," which would basically include any information that would be assist with implementation, but which was too detailed to include in the recommendation sheet itself.

The TAC decided to replace the term "digital image" (under Basic Implementation Steps and Alternatives) with the phrase "photographs and/or as-built drawings." Joe Pearce requested that the recommendation be amended to reflect the fact that now UNRBA has the sample language referred to. He moved to approve the recommendation sheet as amended. The motion was seconded by Will Autry and carried unanimously.

Next, the group discussed **Recommendation #7, Enhanced Construction Site Inspections and Enforcement Action**. The TAC agreed that a survey of local practices beyond the scope of the gap analysis was not needed, and that an Upper Neuse-specific model

ordinance was also not needed. Will Autry moved to approve the recommendation sheet. Mark Senior seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Finally, the TAC discussed **Recommendation #13, Adopt-A-Stream and Other Watershed Education Programs**. The TAC felt comfortable with the wording of the “Priority Areas” section for this recommendation sheet. Laura Webb Smith moved to approve the recommendation sheet. Will Autry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Next TAC Meeting**

UNRBA will schedule the January TAC meeting via email.