Status Report of Watershed Protection Plan Development

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Nine Elements of Watershed Protection Plans

1. Identify the sources and causes of pollution Complete
2. Estimate the necessary load reductions Complete
3. Describe Point Source and Non-Point source management measures Complete
4. Assess the technical and financial assistance needed In Progress
5. Design an informational/educational component Complete
6. Develop a schedule of implementation In Progress
7. Set interim measurable milestones for progress. Complete
8. Establish criteria to determine load reductions Complete
9. Create a monitoring component Complete

Changes to latest draft:

• Added revisions driven by stakeholder feedback and review of watershed protection plan.
• Eliminated descriptions of management practices unlikely to be utilized in the Cedar Creek Watershed.
• Development and inclusion of 9 Elements Matrix to overview watershed protection strategy.
• Expanded discussion of potential funding sources for implementation of best management practices.

In the works:

• Expand discussion of city specific water quality improvement measures
• Incorporate SWAT/Economic BMP analysis and outline most desirable courses of action as indicated by technical advisory group and stakeholders
• Add photos of local and historical images from watershed.
• Expanded discussion of water quality monitoring protocol to be used for determining progress in watershed.
• Timeline for implementation.

Reviewing the Plan:

To read latest draft of plan:

http://nctx-water.tamu.edu
Click on “Meetings” tab
Click on “Presentations” tab
Plan is last link under “November 20, 2008” listing

Providing Feedback

– Does the plan meet the 9 Elements?
– Is the information accurate?
– What are the barriers to implementing the plan?

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Tentative Timeline for Production of Watershed Protection Plan:
1. Next stakeholder meeting (September 2009):
   New draft available
2. Final incorporation of stakeholder input
3. Plan submitted to EPA for approval in October.

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Stakeholder Workgroups:
1. Implementation Timeline
2. Interim Goals/Adoption
3. Potential local funding opportunities
4. Key watershed contacts for the implementation of Best Management Practices