



# Wake County Water Partnership

## Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 11, 2025

1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.

Virtual Teams Meeting

**Committee Members Attending:** Daniel Wiebke, Chair; George Matthis, Vice Chair; Jeff Adkins; Suzanne Harris; Nancy Daly; Leah Harrison; Rachel Jones; Lisa Booze; Mark Spanioli; Emily Bateman; Lori Avent; Ed Buchan; Michael Wagner; Steven Quarcelino, Michael Kendall, John Burt, Ike Archer; Samantha Krop; Timothy Watson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Daniel Wiebke, Chair

**Item Title: Opening Remarks** **1:00**  
Daniel Wiebke, Chair

**Item Title: Adoption of February 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes** **1:05**  
Motion: Ed Buchan  
Second: Michael Wagner  
Approved

**Item Title: State Updates on Stormwater and Resilience Planning** **1:10**  
Marlena Gutiérrez Byrne, Deputy Chief Resilience Officer, NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency  
Nicole Goddard, Resilience Outreach and Engagement Manager

- NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) is within Dept. of Public Safety; program established in 2019
- 2020 Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan
  - Core principles combine: acting quickly, thoughtfully and collaboratively, invest in safe communities, strengthen regional collaboration, support healthy communities, implement resilience best practices
  - Four focus areas
    - Policy advising: developed uniform floodplain management policy
    - Interagency coordination
    - Local assistance
    - Tools and resources: NC Resilient Communities Planning Guide
  - Program established in 2019
  - NC Resilience Exchange website: <https://www.resilienceexchange.nc.gov/>
    - Includes funding database, actions database, experts database
- NC Uniform Floodplain Management Policy: applies to state construction on state lands
  - 1990 requirements did not limit construction 100-year floodplain; 2024 prohibits construction in 100-year floodplain unless variance
  - 1990 requirements did not limit construction; 2024 construction not permitted

- in 500-year floodplain unless variance
  - Incorporates nature-based solutions
- NC Resilient Communities Planning Guide
  - Volume 1: Playbook of good planning process
    - Prepare, Assess, Plan, Implement
  - Volume 2: Idea book; fourteen different sectors with case studies and resources
- Virtual support for community resilience planning
  - Planning for Extreme Heat Cohort-Winter 2025
  - Stormwater Working Group-Spring 2025

**Item Title: One Water Updates**

**1:40**

Nancy Daly, Wake County Water Resources Manager

- Jordan Lake One Water
  - Jordan Lake One Water hosted NC Delegation meeting; many new members joined
  - Subcommittee working on strategic action plan
  - Rules workgroup working on recommendations with NCDEQ
  - Goal is to have rules complete in 2027
- Falls Lake-Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA)
  - Continued work on Rules Recommendation
    - Purpose and Scope, Wastewater, New Development, Existing Managed Land
    - UNRBA will work with NCDEQ to gain feedback from the community
    - Currently in informal stakeholder process
    - Goal is to have rules by first quarter 2027
- Walnut Creek
  - New Community Ambassador began work on March 31; connecting community with resources and connecting with national Urban Waters Federal Partnership
  - Spring Cohort of Watershed Learning Network in progress
  - Partners for Environmental Justice website: <https://www.pejraleighnc.org/>
  - Walnut Creek StoryMap developed by NC Division of Water Resources
  - Ongoing wetland and water quality sampling
- Wake One Water
  - Seven total Community Input Sessions
  - Prioritization Survey is live and will be open through first of May
  - Next steps:
    - Early June workshop to review results of WaterFALL scenario analyses
    - Summer 2025-developing draft plan
    - Draft Plan will be posted for public comment
    - Winter 2026-Final Plan

**Item Title: Subcommittee Updates**

**2:00**

- Education and Outreach-Steven Quarcelino, Chair
  - March meeting to discuss opportunities
  - Michael Kendall suggested visuals/talking points would be beneficial in sharing information on topic (water quality sampling for wells, septic maintenance)
  - Field trip in June
  - Joint meeting with GSI subcommittee in May
- GSI- Leah Harrison, Chair
  - Reviewed priorities from retreat
  - Schedule joint meeting with Education and Outreach to discuss how to better distribute educational materials and messaging
  - Interested in exploring future topics/speakers
- Comprehensive Planning-Marc Collins, Chair
  - Committee did not meet this month due to scheduling conflicts
- Coordination-Jeff Adkin, Chair
  - Working with Jeri Grey (volunteer) to develop Coordination Report

**Item Title: Membership Updates**

**2:20**

- Tim Maloney:
  - Wake County completed 4 of 7 small area plan; currently working on East Wake Local Area Plan; first community meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 16 at Wake Eastern Regional Center;
  - Wake BOC adopted staff-initiated ordinance amendment that allows pervious concrete pavers when designed as stormwater control measure to offset pervious surface
- Jeff Adkins: Triangle Water Partnership working with Tri River Water (City of Sanford, Chatham County, and Siler City merged utility); incorporating information into regional water supply plan; report should be complete end of 2025
- Daniel Wiebke: Restoring Coastal Waters Resource workshop on May 16 in New Hanover County: <https://ncwra.org/meetinginfo.php?id=25&ts=1744204756>

**Next meeting:  
Water Partnership Tour  
June 13, 2025, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**Adjourn**

**3:00**

- Motion: Michael Kendall
- Second: Steven Quarcelino
- Approved