



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
FLINT BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
October 19, 2011**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint Basin Advisory Councils met on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Peachtree City Library in Peachtree City, GA.

Members Present

Richard A. Greuel, BAC Chair
Vanessa Birrell, Fayette Co Board of Comm.
John Caldwell
Ted Greene, Delta Environmental
Richard Harp
Brice Martin, Coweta Co Stormwater

Dale Phenicie, Fayette County Chamber
Edward Strong, Newnan Utilities
Tracy Thigpen, Coweta Co WSA
Tim Thoms
Scott Tolar

Members Not Present

Ernest Curtis
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville
Charles Gibson, Georgia Kayak Fishing

Roger A. Greuel, Fayette Co Farm Bureau
Dorothy Harris, D. Clark Harris Inc.
Richard Little

Metro Water District Staff Present

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner
Sarah Simmons, Senior Program Specialist
Steve Haubner, Principal Planner

Board Representatives Present

Tim Thoms

Non-Members Present

Mark Caspar, Peachtree City Public Services
Director

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Sarah Simmons introduced Board Representative, Tim Thoms who welcomed the group to Peachtree City on behalf of the Governing Board. Mr. Thoms turned the meeting over to BAC Chair, Richard Greuel who began group introductions. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Simmons.

District Overview

Ms. Sarah Simmons gave an overview of the District. She explained why the District was created, described the three plans and the process of plan implementation and enforcement. She also gave a brief overview of the District budget process.

Election of BAC Chair

Ms. Sarah Simmons informed the group that she sent an email in September asking for nominations for BAC chair. Ms. Simmons received one nomination for Mr. Richard Greuel to continue as chair of the Flint BAC. Ms. Simmons announced that she would accept additional nominations at this time during the meeting. No additional nominations were made. A quorum of members was present, and the group was able to take a vote to elect a BAC chair. Being that there was one candidate, a motion was made to re-elect Richard Greuel as chair of the Flint BAC. The motion was seconded. Mr. Greuel was named as chair of the Flint BAC for another one year term ending October 2012.

Drought Update

Mr. Matt Harper gave an update on the current drought conditions in the state and highlighted drought conditions for the Flint basin, specifically. Drought conditions have progressed in the metro area during the late summer and early fall months, and most of Georgia is still experiencing extreme drought conditions. The U.S. Army Corps' predicted the lake level for Lake Allatoona is in line with yearly averages, but the Corps predicts Lake Lanier to drop in the coming weeks.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- What is going on at the state level in reservoirs? Governor Deal supports water supply funding.
- Where will money for water supply funding come from? Funding will come mostly from GEFA loans, as well as grants.
- How long does it take for 414 permits to be approved?
- Where do we fit as a BAC and how do we participate in the Army Corps developing operating procedures?
- Although the state is wrapped up in lawsuit over water, are we still developing new reservoirs?

Watershed Management Plan Overview

Mr. Matt Harper gave an overview of the Watershed Management Plan, highlighted some of the key regional issues with stormwater management and provided an in-depth explanation of each of the model ordinances and their role in watershed protection.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Do all cities and counties have to map all structures? How and when do they have to do it?
- It would be helpful to have a plain-English guide to understanding the plans as an executive summary incorporating all three plans.
- Provide more economic analysis in the management plans, i.e. the cost associated with implementing measures of the plans.
- Most local governments cannot even look at the optional measures, however if there were an incentive to do so, it might be more feasible.

Willowbend Road Culvert Replacement Project

Mark Caspar, Peachtree City Public Services Director presented on the Willowbend Road Culvert Replacement Project. He provided before and after images of the site, discussed how the culvert replacement improved stormwater management for the area and gave a brief overview of cost and funding. Peachtree City established a stormwater utility in 2006 to help with EPD and District requirements for the project. The Willowbend project is considered a streambank restoration project and cost approximately \$4 million. The meeting was followed with a visit of this site.

Other

The 2012 Flint BAC meetings are listed on the agenda. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.