Stormwater Reduction Strategies for Coastal Communities: Watershed Management Planning



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Conventional Land Use and Stormwater Management



Low Impact Development A Smarter Way to Manage Stormwater





North Carolina Coastal Federation's Stormwater Strategy

- Work in urban and rural landscapes
- use low-impact development (LID) techniques
- slow down the flow of stormwater runoff
- reduce the volume reaching surface waters



Model Effort: The Bradley and Hewletts Creeks Watershed Restoration Plan

Goals for Plan Development

- Collaborate with multiple partners
- Turn back the clock on water pollution
- Restore shellfish harvesting
- Prevent swimming advisories (WB)
- Remove from State's impaired list

BRADLEY AND HEWLETTS CREEKS WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN

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Proven Strategies

Monitoring results from stormwater retrofit sites indicate a 50-90% reduction in stormwater volumes (reducing pollutant loads).



Bradley and Hewletts Creek Planning Effort:

Serves as modelLeads to guidebook



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- Funded by the EPA, North Carolina Coastal Federation developed a Watershed Restoration Guidebook
- Emphasis on reducing the volume of stormwater runoff to limit the conveyance from the land to coastal waters
- Framework for local governments and communities to develop plans
- Meets EPA Nine Minimum Elements

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Watershed Management Planning Guidebook



A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO DEVELOPING A COASTAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN



Goals of Watershed Management Planning

- Reduce instances of flooding
- Turn back the clock on water pollution
- Align future capital improvements with stormwater retrofits
- Increase community awareness
- Position jurisdictions for future funding opportunities



<u>Chapter 1</u> - Provides introduction to the volume reduction philosophy





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<u>Chapter 2</u>- Provides regulatory background about the CWA, impaired waters, etc.





<u>Chapter 3</u>- offers strategies for building partnerships and community support





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<u>Chapter 4</u>- provides instruction for setting planning goals and defining watersheds





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<u>Chapter 5</u>outlines how to collect watershed data and create a watershed inventory

Physical and Natural Properties	Land Use and Population Characteristics	Waterbody and Watershed Conditions	Pollutant Sources	Waterbody Monitoring
Vatershed ooundaries	Aerial photography	Water quality standards	Point sources	Water quality
Hydrology	Land use and land cover	305(b) report	Animal operations	Flow
opography	Existing management strategies	303(d) list	Wastewater	Biology
oils	Demographics	TMDL report	Nonpoint sources	Geomorphology
yr./ 24 hr. storm		Source Water Assessments	Stormwater	
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<u>Chapter 6 -</u> Instructs on how to establish stormwater volume reduction goals





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<u>Chapter 7</u> reviews how to identify management strategies



<u>Chapter 8</u>- shows how to put all the pieces together including goals, objectives actions, implementation schedule and monitoring





Collaborating To Reduce Runoff With Watershed Planning

- Lockwood Folly River (Brunswick County, Oak Island) 2007
- Bradley and Hewletts Creek 2008 (Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach)
- White Oak River (Cedar Point) 2009
- Stump Sound (Surf City, Pender County, Onslow County) in progress
- Swansboro 2017

- Beaufort 2017
- Nags Head *in progress*
- Lower Cape Fear and Lake Mattamuskeet in progress
- Pine Knoll Shores, Emerald Isle,