

April 10, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tar-Pamlico Regional Council Members

FROM: Joan Giordano, APNEP
Public Outreach Coordinator

SUBJECT: Next meeting on April 27, 2001

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2001, beginning at 10:00 am, at the Police/Fire Training Center in Louisburg, NC. The Center is located at 107 Wade Avenue and the phone number is 919/496-4175. Thanks to Mary Jane Jennings and Joe Shearon for making these arrangements. Directions are provided below.

Please find enclosed the agenda for our meeting. We are honored to have Mayor Lucy Allen on-hand to greet us and tell us about some of the activities ongoing in Louisburg. This meeting will focus on what we've accomplished thus far and eventually determine "where we go from here." We intend to review/discuss your 1998-2000 program of work, revisit your primary environmental concerns and see how they fit into the CCMP, discuss new concerns and, hopefully, create a renewed sense of direction. Please bring your program of work and CCMP correlation paper (provided at last meeting) with you to this meeting. If you need copies, please contact me beforehand and I'll send them to you.

After the meeting, we'll adjourn for a short lunch (on your own); then reassemble at the Training Center at 1:00 to begin a tour of Louisburg's Tar River Water Reclamation Facility and another project site located along the river. As you will recall, we toured the water reclamation facility during a previous meeting in Louisburg about three years ago. Since that time, we have added several new members and believe that they would benefit from this tour as well.

This is a very important meeting. Please make every effort to attend. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me at 252/946-6481 ext. 269 or Guy Stefanski at 919/733-5083 ext. 585.

Travel safely.

DIRECTIONS TO LOUISBURG

FROM ROCKY MOUNT: Come in on 56 West. Turn left on Bickett Blvd. Go one block to the next light and turn right onto Wade Avenue. The Police/Fire Training Center is one block on the left.

FROM RALEIGH: Come in on 401 North. At D&J Automotive, bear to the right which is Bickett Blvd. Go through the first light and go past McDonald's to WalMart. Cross the Tar River and turn left at the next light onto Wade Avenue. The Police/Fire Training Center is one block on the left.

Tar-Pamlico River Basin Regional Council
Louisburg Police/Fire Training Center
Louisburg, North Carolina

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by Vice-Chair Paul Blount, and self-introductions were made. Fourteen council members and one staff member were present. Louisburg mayor Lucy Allen opened the meeting with a welcome, and with statements regarding the importance of smart growth, and having an open dialogue between cities, counties and farmers.

Guy Stefanski then led the group through a brief history of the Council, and discussed the 2-year program of work and the handout that correlates the Council's environmental concerns with the APES Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The top three initiatives set out in the TPRBRC 2-year program of work have blossomed into major state and public issues. These were the Extension Service Environmental Education Team, the River's Edge, and Groundwater Contamination and Availability. They have been addressed in North Carolina by the Neuse River Extension Team, the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico buffer rules, by the Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area rules, and by this council's alternative septic system demonstration project. We still hope to be successful in the next few years in getting a Tar-Pamlico Extension Team established.

Guy then opened the floor for discussion on questions of where we go from here, and what issues are of concern for this council to focus on. The first issue brought up was water reuse. Several communities, including Wilson, Louisburg and Cary are reusing wastewater for golf course irrigation. Also, the Eagle Water Corporation will be taking groundwater pumped from aquifers by PCS Phosphate and distributing it in the central coastal plain communities.

A second issue was development of open space. Development and sprawl reduces infiltration, increases sediment load, and increases flooding.

Efforts are needed to conserve buffers, wildlife corridors, and plant community associations. Planning based on soil type (infiltration capacity) is needed, along with more compact development (neo-urbanism). Other issues raised included forestry practices (especially clearcutting), transportation, and hurricane contamination.

Ideas were then discussed for future presentations to learn about some of these issues. These included a Division of Land Quality speaker on erosion and sediment control, one on the Phase II stormwater rules, a planner describing new style development, and someone from the State on Smart Growth.

The next agenda item was nomination of a new member to the APNEP Coordinating Council. Jeff Furness agreed to accept the nomination and will serve on that council.

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