



"Protecting Your Drinking Water at its Source"

Conference Program

Friday, April 30th

10:00 AM Registration, check in and snacks. All sessions in **Blades Building**.

10:30 Welcome and Overview Hope Taylor-Guevara, Exec. Director, Clean Water for NC and Sherry MacQueen, Source Water Program Coord., Public Water Supply, DEH, DENR

10:40 "Building on a Victory for Public Involvement in Source Water Protection"
Paul Schwartz, National Campaigns Director, Clean Water Fund, Washington, DC

11:10 " A Success Story: The Unifour Septic Tank Repair Program" Michael Struve, Water Quality Administrator, Western Piedmont Council of Governments & Bert Gibson, Environmental Health Program Coordinator, Alexander County

11:40 Geographic Groups, Introduction and Goals Source Water Leadership Team

12:30 PM Lunch—Dining Hall

1:30 "It Takes All of Us to Let Water Justice Flow" Rev. Carrie Bolton, Pastor, Alston Chapel Church, Pittsboro

1:55 "North Carolina's Source Water Assessment Program: Getting to Know Your SWAP Report" Bob Midgette, Protection & Enforcement Branch Head, Public Water Supply, DEH, DENR

2:30-3:45 Geographic Group Meetings with introduction to Source Water Assessment Reports Source Water Leadership Team

3:45 Break with snacks

4:10-5:40 Topic Breakouts: Getting to know the threats & strategies for protection

A "Health & Environmental Issues: Pathogens, Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals from Non-Point Source Pollution" Dr. Barbara Grimes, Non-Point Source Pollution Coordinator, Div. of Env. Health., and Sharon LaPalme, Assoc. Dir., NC Rural Communities Assistance Project

B "Water Quality Costs of Our Urbanizing Landscape" Laurie Moorehead, Env. Specialist, Div. of Water Quality, Asheville Regional Office ("Stormwater Pollution and Solutions"), Phillip Gibson, French Broad RiverKeeper, RiverLink ("Sediment and Erosion Impacts and Strategies")

5:45-6:30 Relaxing, access to computer cluster to look at SWAP reports, or Phillip Gibson presenting **"Using GIS for Water Quality Protection: The French Broad River"**

6:30 Dinner—Dining Hall

7:30 "A Unified Approach to Source Water Protection: The Rutherford County Experience", Dr. Richard Whisnant, Assoc. Professor, UNC Institute of Government

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8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast—Dining Hall

9:00 "Success Story: Woodfin Watershed Protection Movement Elects a New Water Board," Robin Cape, watershed activist and newly elected Woodfin Water Board member

9:20 "Dollars and Sense of Source Water Protection: Tips for Communities" An interactive overview of local government management and finance issues that impact how source water protection efforts are implemented and funded at the local level Jeffrey Hughes, Director, UNC Environmental Finance Center

10:15-11:45 Topic Breakouts: Local Strategies Toward Source Protection

A "Political Action and Local Ordinances to Protect Drinking Water Sources" Robin Cape, Woodfin Water Board and Dr. Halford House, Aqua Neoterics, Pittsboro

B: "Emergency Response and Security Issues for Water Sources" Ray McCall, Public Water Supply Section, Div. of Env. Hlth., and Hope Taylor-Guevara, Clean Water for NC

11: 45-12:30 Geographic Groups: Relax, review Source Water Assessment Reports

12:30 Lunch in Geographic Groups—Dining Hall with Source Water Team Leaders

1:30-2:30 Local Source Water Protection: Next Steps Source Water Team Leaders

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