

Huisman, John

From: Denise Hill [denise@seabornefarm.com]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Huisman, John
Subject: Falls Lake Water Quality

Hello John,

I attended the recent public hearing held at the Durant Nature Park regarding Falls Lake water quality. I have had some time to reflect on the information presented at the meeting and research solutions that other states/municipalities have in place to address manure removal.

One such practice is for private contractors to provide the farm owner a roll off type container (dumpster) for collection of manure/shavings/ bedding only. When the container is full, the contractor picks it up and leaves an empty container. BFI used to provide this service to me on my farm but stopped the service when solid waste land fill regulations changed making it too costly for BFI to provide the service. It is more profitable for a business such as BFI to pick up container full of non biodegradable solid waste than the same size container full of horse manure mixed with bedding/shavings. One would think that the benefit of a non-biohazardous material that would help to speed decomposition would (pound for pound) be a good thing for our land fills. I propose that the NCDE&NR consider supporting a animal waste (manure) collection program where manure/bedding deposited in bins would be removed and taken to a suitable location (not the regular solid waste land fill) to be composted. Once properly composted, the resulting product could be used along road ways, landscaped areas around buildings, etc. It was not that many years ago people thought "recycling" plastic, glass, card board, etc. was a nice idea but too had to implement. Now, most people don't think twice about separating recyclables or paying \$1.99 for a .75cf bag of composted manure from Home Depot. I am only one voice, but I would welcome a affordable manure removal program in Wake County, particularly where water quality issues are a concern.

Sincerely,

Denise Hill
Seaborne Farm
2005 Boyce Bridge Rd
Creedmoor, NC 27522

919-528-0331