

Report on Local Programs Assistance by Regional Offices

Town of Wake Forest

Staff of the Raleigh Regional Office reviewed the Town of Wake Forest E&S control program on October 24, 2012. The program is staffed with seven people, with three plan reviewers and four field inspectors. All field inspectors have received certifications from at least two erosion and sedimentation control related organizations. The four field inspectors have other inspection duties as well as those pertaining to erosion and sedimentation control issues.

The Program currently has sixty-eight (68) projects, four of which were chosen for review and field inspection. Plan reviews in office showed the plans to be generally adequate, but more attention needed to be paid to phasing construction of erosion and sedimentation control measures, notably at stream crossings. NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit Stabilization Timeframes were not on the plans. The files contained complete information on the projects reviewed including FR/O, pre-construction meetings, DWQ/COE letters and authorizations, and calculations. Site visits found three of the projects in compliance. The fourth has issues with installation and maintenance of measures and the phasing of culvert installation. On the majority of the sites inspected, strong emphasis appears to be placed on establishment of ground cover.

Overall, this program is well run by staff that frequently inspects their sites.

Avery County

Staff of the Asheville Regional Office reviewed the Avery County local program on November 6, 2012. The program is staffed by one person, who is also the County Planning Director. Asheville staff discussed the new NPDES construction stormwater permit requirements and reminded that this information should be located on the plan sheets. Local program issues discussed were to improve vegetation on projects. Avery County currently has twelve (12) projects, three of which are in bankruptcy. All active, non-bankrupt projects were reviewed or discussed during the office meeting, three of which were chosen for field inspection. Plans were reviewed with accuracy to current standards. Inspection reports were printed and available for review with each file. The three sites inspected with all in compliance and mostly stabilized.

(Avery County does have an inactive golf course project that has severe erosion and sedimentation issues. Land Quality has requested a meeting on this site.)

Town of Southern Pines

The Town of Southern Pines Local Program was reviewed on November 16, 2012. Currently a staff of two (2) full time equivalents is dedicated to the sediment and erosion control program. The staff had approved 8 plans this past year. A total of 10 plans had

been reviewed with a maximum length of plan review time being 28 days. There have been no Notices of Violation, Civil Penalties or Stop Work Orders issued this past year.

The town of Southern Pines requires that projects less than one acre complete a grading application and requires installation of sediment and erosion control measures. For projects greater than one acre a formal application and sediment and erosion control plan is required to be submitted for approval.

Three projects were evaluated at this review. All three sites were in compliance at the time of the State inspection and review.

The Town of Southern Pines had excellent documentation. Overall the town is doing a very good job with keeping records and conducting regular inspections of all projects. Each file contained adequate inspection reports to document their site visits.