

## **Local Program Report to the SCC**

### **Jackson County**

Jackson County's Local Program was previously reviewed September 21, 2010. The September review revealed problems with the adequacy of plans and enforcement of ground cover requirements. At the November SCC meeting, staff recommended "continuing the review to the February, 2011 SCC meeting. The County has been asked to arrange for the Asheville Regional Office to assist with plan reviews. The County has also been told to take effective enforcement action against projects that remain in violation"

Winter weather prevented a follow-up review before the February 2011 meeting. The review was conducted April 7, 2011. The three problematic sites were inspected. The planning director and the field inspector attended. Two had been provided with ground cover. The third did not have sedimentation damage, but continued to have exposed slopes. Jackson County wrote an inspection report on April 7, and then did another inspection on April 13, 2011. A Notice of Violation was issued on April 15, 2011. The deadline for compliance is May 20, 2011. Continued delegation is recommended with quarterly assistance from the Asheville Regional Office on plan review and compliance monitoring.

### **Watauga County**

The Watauga County Local Program (Est. 1975) was previously reviewed August 26, 2010. At the November 2010 SCC meeting, staff recommended that "the review of this program should be continued until May 2011 while the Winston-Salem Regional Office staff work with the Local Program to obtain organization and structure while training staff on erosion control plan review and strengthening the ability to conduct formal inspections and document them appropriately. A follow-up review of the program will be conducted before the May 2011 SCC meeting where it is hoped a recommendation to continue delegation of the Watauga County Local Program will be expressed."

The Winston-Salem Regional Office has been assisting the program through the winter months. A second review was conducted on April 28, 2011. Currently the program has 23 projects in various stages of activity. One person contributes one-half a Full-Time Equivalent. File management and record keeping was much better. All the projects selected for review had well-organized file folders. One new project had been received for plan approval. The site was visited and guidance provided on requesting additional information. Five active projects were inspected. It had rained heavily the night before as severe weather swept the Southeastern United States. Four of the sites needed maintenance, and one had measures that needed major repair. One site was in complete compliance. The inspection reports prepared by the Watauga County inspector were reviewed afterward, and are accurate. Land Quality provided an updated inspection report form for the County to use. WSRO staff will continue to assist the program. Continued delegation is recommended.

