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Re.: 205(j) Grant – Contract #5082

Dear Mr. Manning:

Please find enclosed the closeout reporting documents and final invoice for the 2012 205(j) grant awarded to Centralina Council of Governments for Phase IV of the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan. The final invoice is for the full contract amount of \$16,000.00, payable to Centralina Council of Governments. All work for this project was completed by September 30, 2013. Thank you again for selecting our project for this grant funding and we look forward to future opportunities to work with you.

If you have any questions please contact me at (704) 348-2731 or jhill@centralina.org.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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205j Program Closeout Report

Project Title: *Phase IV of the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan, Implementation*

DWQ Contract Number: 5082

Contract Period: 1/1/13 through 9/30/13

Project Manager(s): Jessica Hill (working in coordination with and supervised by Jason Wager)

Reporting Period: 1/1/13 – 9/30/13

Project Outputs and Deliverables (*cut and pasted from approved workplan*):

1. Q1: Re-convene Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Technical Team (WTT) to undertake action planning for the Watershed Management Plan recommendations. Work with WTT to rate projects within Project Atlas. Develop plans to work with local land holders.
2. Q2: Work with local jurisdictions in conjunction with NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NC EEP) to help adopt or accept Water Management Plan. Develop written materials for public.
3. Q3: Establish a coordinated management plan to continue efforts in the long term. Finish development of materials.

New Data/Activities/Project Progress by Output/Deliverable:

1. The Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Technical Team (WTT) met twice in August to establish a criteria and rating system to select projects from the Project Atlas. Ten highly rated projects were identified by the WTT. In addition two community meetings, August 26th and September 23rd, were held at the Town of Indian Trail's Cultural Arts Center with the purpose of informing and educating local citizens and land owners about the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan and potential water quality improvement projects. The meetings were held in the evenings with attendance from local elected officials, landowners, and private consultants. An interview was given and aired on the Union County Government Channel highlighting the Goose and Crooked Creek LWP.
2. Local jurisdictions were informed of the availability of EEP staff to present the Local Watershed Plan to elected officials now and in the future. Written materials were developed for the public, and were reviewed by the WTT. These included an informational flyer on the Goose and Crooked Creek LWP process, landowner/citizen water quality behavioral changes, and riparian buffer information (copies included).
3. At the second and third WTT meetings on August 26th and September 23rd, the Coordinated Implementation Plan (copy included) was developed to continue the efforts



of the WTT, identify watershed partners, and establish expectations of watershed partners with the goal of identifying resources for implementation of projects.

Narrative:

Although this has been a condensed process we believe that the outcome is no less valuable, the materials and implementation plan produced will be utilized, and, as an unanticipated side effect, stakeholder time and energy has been maximized and efficiently used. The Coordinated Implementation Plan was developed by the WTT. It reflects realistic and measurable goals for the next year with an evaluation point to discuss the next steps and action items.

Enclosed Documents:

1. Final Invoice
2. Goose and Crooked Creek Coordinated Implementation Plan
3. Goose and Crooked Creek Watershed Technical Team Meetings (3 total):
 - a. Agendas
 - b. Powerpoint presentations
 - c. Meeting notes
4. Goose and Crooked Creek Community Meetings (2 total):
 - a. Outreach activities to advertise community meetings
 - b. Meeting Boards used at the August and September Community Meetings
 - c. Sign-in sheets from both meetings
 - d. Comment forms from attendees
5. Goose and Crooked Creek Informational/Educational Materials
 - a. LWP Project History
 - b. Safeguarding our Water Resources
 - i. Citizen awareness
 - ii. Riparian Buffers

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205 J Project Expenses for FY13

PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Total Amount Eligible for Reimbursement to Date	16,000
Less Previous Payments	0
Net Amount Payable This Invoice	<u>16,000</u>

The above amount includes the following categories:

Salary	9,232
Fringe	5,079
Indirect	1,455
Contractual Services	0
Training	0
Materials, Supplies and Meeting Expenses	<u>234</u>
TOTAL	<u>16,000</u>

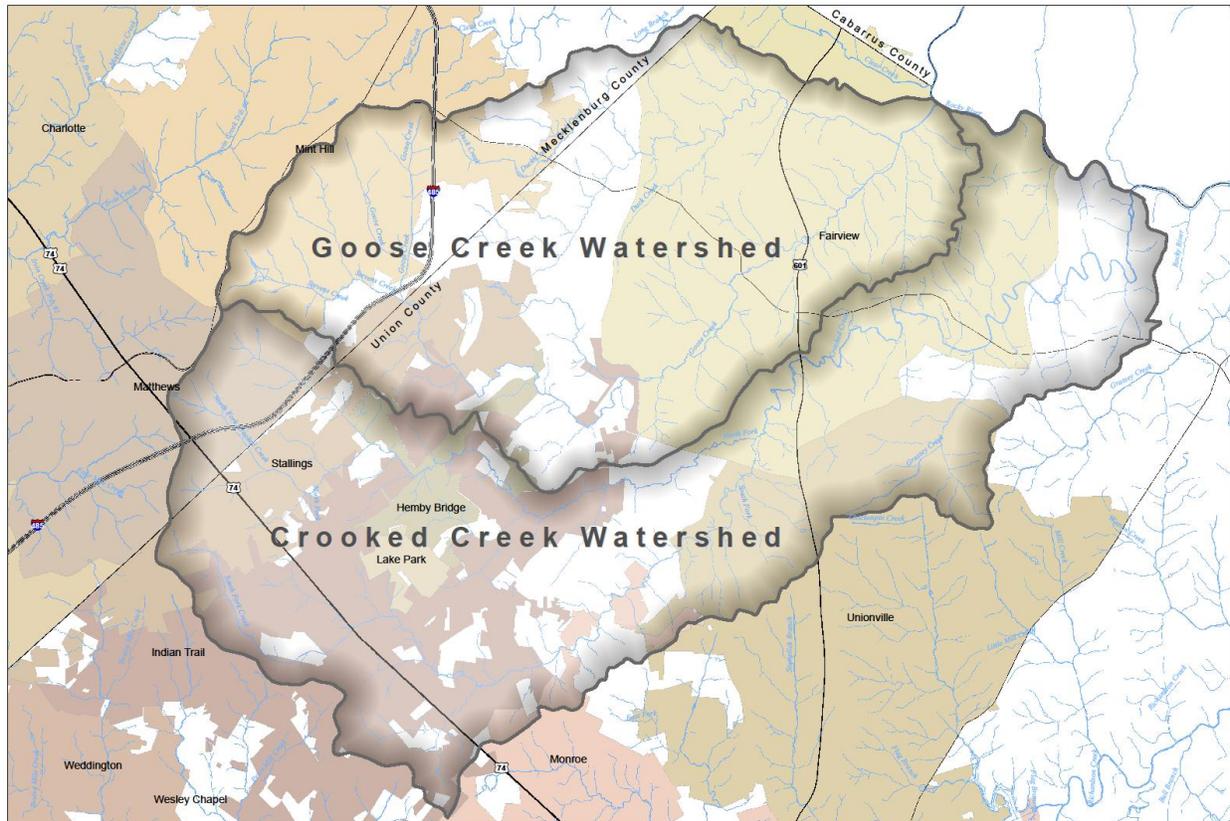
Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan

Coordinated Implementation Plan-Phase IV



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Coordinated Implementation Plan - Phase IV



Goose Creek & Crooked Creek Watersheds



September 2013

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Executive Summary

The success of the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan (LWP) is dependent on the continued participation and active interest of community members, local governments, state and federal stakeholders. The Watershed Technical Team consists of active stakeholders in these watersheds and represents several of these organizations and interests. The effective implementation of the LWP and specifically the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) and Project Atlas will require a coordinated effort and will rely largely on stakeholder engagement and partnerships among these watershed stakeholders.

The Coordinated Implementation Plan was developed by members of the Watershed Technical Team for the purpose of identifying Watershed Partners, ascertaining the levels of commitment/involvement from each Watershed Partner, and evaluating the future of the Watershed Partners group.

Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan

The North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) initiated the development of the LWP for the Goose and Crooked Creek watersheds in 2008. The Goose and Crooked Creek Watersheds are listed on North Carolina's 303(d) list of impaired and threatened waters.

The purpose of the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan is to identify and guide activities and projects that will protect water quality, improve hydrology and natural habitats in these two watersheds. Phase I of the LWP focused on reviewing existing data to characterize what was known about the two watersheds. Phase I was completed in 2009. Phase II focused on field assessment activities and collecting additional monitoring data to fill data gaps identified in Phase I. Phase II also modeled the existing watershed and future conditions. Phase II was completed in 2012. Phase III paralleled Phase II by integrating watershed assessment data with stakeholder recommendations. The Watershed Management Plan and Project Atlas were completed during Phase III. These documents identified water quality improvement projects and made recommendations for implementation of the LWP. Goals and objectives for the Goose Creek and Crooked Creek were established to guide the development and implementation of the local watershed plan.

These three goals were identified in the LWP:

Goal #1: Restore, protect, and enhance watershed functions such as hydrology, water quality, and aquatic and terrestrial habitat.

Goal #2: To minimize negative effects on water quality, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and hydrology in the watershed by supporting balanced, sustainable, and diverse land use and development, in accordance with existing and future policies.

Goal #3: Build partnerships and involve stakeholders in protecting and restoring the watersheds.

There will be benefits that citizens, local communities, the region and the state will receive from the implementation of the recommendations made in the LWP. These benefits will be beyond tangible benefits such as water quality and habitat restoration, they will include intangible benefits such as improvement in quality of life for citizens and the impact on the regional and state ecosystems.

Benefits to Goose and Crooked Creek Watershed

Water quality affects the health of residents and the environment. The benefits of a collaborative effort in implementing the Goose and Crooked Creek Watershed LWP include improvements to water quality, hydrology, and habitat for wildlife. Improving the hydrology of the Goose and Crooked Creek can reduce the risk of flooding and property damage. Repairing and restoring habitats can increase the presence of wildlife and protect federal and state listed species. Improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants in Goose and Crooked Creek benefit the community, the region and the state.

At the local level:

Local jurisdictions benefit from the enhancement of quality of life for their citizen with the opportunity to improve and expand recreation uses, natural open space, and enhance aquatic habitat and increase species diversity in these watersheds. Improving water quality will benefit municipalities with separate stormwater systems to help them comply with NPDES Phase II permitting. In addition there is potential for increased flood management and the opportunity for reclassification of impaired waters once in

compliance with water quality standards. The framework that accompanies this implementation plan will serve developers and municipalities well should future regulatory changes dramatically alter land-use rules in the watershed. Therefore, these improvements can help reduce future compliance and mitigation costs.

At the regional level:

The Yadkin Pee Dee River Basin will benefit from the improvement of water quality and protection of natural resources in these two watersheds. The functional improvement of these two watersheds will contribute to the overall improvement of river basin functions and increase natural habitat for wildlife. Regional recreational users will benefit from water quality improvements in these watersheds and the quality of life for citizens in the region could be positively impacted.

At the state level:

The improvement in water quality could result in these two water bodies being removed from the state's 303(d) list of impaired and threatened waters. It could also result in the protection of state and federal listed species in Goose and Crooked Creeks. These efforts will ensure consistency with TMDLs established for both water bodies and also help with the prioritized leverage of resources by other groups across the State of North Carolina.

Coordinated Implementation Plan Purpose:

Implementation of the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan and water quality improvement projects requires both organization and collaboration between local watershed partners and state and federal organizations. It will require the integration of knowledge, actions, and resources of all watershed partners. Creating a dynamic group of watershed partners will allow for the flexibility and adaptability needed to implement the LWP in a changing political and economic environment.

Priority Watershed Projects

Members of the Watershed Technical Team selected projects from the Project Atlas that rated high based on criteria identified by the WTT as important components of a successful project beyond the water quality and habitat restoration benefits. These criteria rated the projects based on the benefit to the public including education and public access, engagement of landowners and/or cooperator, resource availability (i.e. funding and materials), and impairment rating. The highest rated projects were #W-9, #W-23, and #S-15. Two of the high rated projects (#W-5 and #W-23) are located on park property owned by the town of Indian Trail which removes the uncertainty of

multiple property owners and allows for educational opportunities. The following Project Selection Table rates the top ten projects on a scale from 1 to 10 with a score of 10 being the highest rated project.

Project Selection Table

Goose & Crooked Creek Project Selection		Project Atlas Project #W-5	Project Atlas Project #S-15	Project Atlas Project #W-23	Project Atlas Project #S-14	Project Atlas Project #S-2	Project Atlas Project #S-11	Project Atlas Project #W-16	Project Atlas Project #S-1	Project Atlas Project #S-37	Project Atlas Project #S-4
Rating System											
Public Benefit - Project provides opportunities for public engagement, education and access, as well as improving water quality (By Project Type in Project Atlas).											
1. Education -Project location and accessibility provides opportunities for educational material and/or programs	<i>If Yes=1 or No=0</i>	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Public Access -project location is accessible and owner/cooperator provides easement for public access to site/location	<i>If Yes=1 or No=0</i>	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Project Atlas ranking -Project Atlas ranks water quality improvements projects by type, for this criteria the rating system is based on the project ranking within its project type in the Project Atlas.		3	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	1
a. Top 1/3 ranking within project type	<i>If Yes=3</i>										
b. Middle 1/3 ranking within project type	<i>If Yes=2</i>										
c. Bottom 1/3 ranking within project type	<i>If Yes=1</i>										
Landowner/Cooperator Engagement -Landowner(s) and/or property occupant(s) willing and able to support efforts. This can include cost share, permissions, easements, and long-term maintenance agreements.											
a. Full Commitment	<i>If Yes=2</i>										
b. Partial Commitment <small>*Attach brief explanation</small>	<i>If Yes=1</i>	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
c. No Commitment	<i>If Yes=0</i>										
Resource Availability -Can be a combination of funding sources (i.e. grant(s), private, public), resource allocation (i.e. materials, equipment, labor), and cost share agreements.											
a. Full funding/resource(s) available	<i>If Yes=2</i>										
b. Partial funding/resource(s) available <small>*Attach brief explanation</small>	<i>If Yes=1</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
c. No funding/resource(s) available	<i>If Yes=0</i>										
Impairment Rating -If the project classifies as either a 303(d) or TMDL project		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Total Points (10 Highest possible)		9	8	8	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
		NOTES:									
		Town Park Property	Both HOA and other property controlled here	Town Park Property	Town Greenway plan in future	3+ Landowners= no commitment	3+ Landowners= no commitment		3+ Landowners= no commitment	3+ Landowners= no commitment	3+ Landowners= no commitment
						If forested, CREP a possibility	If forested, CREP a possibility		If forested, CREP a possibility	If forested, CREP a possibility	If forested, CREP a possibility
						CREP may also help w/ buffers	CREP may also help w/ buffers		CREP may also help w/ buffers	CREP may also help w/ buffers	CREP may also help w/ buffers
						W-29 included as part of this, but owner not interested in this component					W-32 part of this project as well

Watershed Partners

Active participation and engagement of the watershed partners will be the driving force in the implementation of the LWP. With the understanding that each watershed partner will likely have constraints and limitations that the organization must work within, there are three proposed partner levels. Each of these three partner levels describe the level of participation and dedicated resources an organization is able to devote to the implementation efforts of the LWP. In order to effectively implement the LWP, there must be a higher proportion of actively engaged watershed partners than merely observers, and there needs to be a broad spectrum of partners from local governments, to regional organizations, to state and federal organizations. The three partner levels proposed range from "interested observer", "active supporter", and "engaged contributor." As the titles imply the levels of engagement range from an organization interested but not able to dedicate resources to an organization committing full engagement and dedication of resources and funding.

Watershed Partner Levels

Interested Observer: Not in a position to dedicate organizational/ personal resources but understand the importance of improved water quality thus knowledge of major occurrences to avoid conflicts or provide ad hoc support is of value.

Active Supporter: Limited organizational/ personal resources, however, in a position to influence in the community and has vested interest in improved water quality.

Engaged Contributor: Direct tie to organizational mission/personal interest; access to resources may include personnel time, in-kind support, and/or project funding and long term management and financial support to assist with improving water quality for the community is in place.

The table below lists the proposed benefits, contributions and resources that each level of a watershed partner implies.

	Personal, Organizational & Mandated Benefits:		
	Interested Observer	Active Supporter	Engaged Contributor
What Might be Gained	<p>Listed on "Membership" website, etc.</p> <p>Notification of major planned events, opportunities, or emerging issues.</p>	<p>Listed on "Membership" website, etc.</p> <p>Notification of major planned events, opportunities, or emerging issues.</p> <p>Invitation "to the table" as strategy is developed, decisions are made</p>	<p>Listed on "Membership" website, etc.</p> <p>Notification of major planned events, opportunities, or emerging issues.</p> <p>Invitation "to the table" as strategy is developed, decisions are made</p> <p>Recognition for leadership role</p>
	Interested Observer	Active Supporter	Engaged Contributor
What is Contributed	<p>Time is contributed to understand major problems watershed group is solving</p> <p>Ad-hoc education of others in their network about the importance of this work at critical milestone points</p>	<p>Time is contributed to understand major problems watershed group is solving</p> <p>Ad-hoc education of others in their network about the importance of this work at critical milestone points</p> <p>Formally speaking in support of watershed group actions and interests</p> <p>Engage in project planning</p> <p>Partner on specific grant/project teams</p> <p>Support project implementation</p>	<p>Time is contributed to understand major problems watershed group is solving</p> <p>Ad-hoc education of others in their network about the importance of this work at critical milestone points</p> <p>Formally speaking in support of watershed group actions and interests</p> <p>Engage in project planning</p> <p>Partner on specific grant/project teams</p> <p>Engage in project implementation</p> <p>Regular participation in watershed partner functions</p> <p>Providing resources of personnel time and/or materials</p>

Watershed Partners

The following table identifies the watershed partners and the level of commitment of each:

Watershed Partner Organization	Interested Observer	Active Supporter	Engaged Contributor	TBD
NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program			X	
NCDA&CS Division of Soil & Water Conservation			X	
NC Wildlife Resources Commission		X		
Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation District			X	
Union Soil & Water Conservation District			X	
Centralina Council of Governments	X			
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services				X
University of North Carolina at Charlotte		X		
NC Natural Heritage Program				X
Mecklenburg County				X
Union County				X
Town of Indian Trail			X	
Town of Fairview				X
Town of Mint Hill				X
Town of Stallings				X
Town of Unionville				X
City of Monroe				X
OTHERS:				X

Listed below are the Goose and Crooked Creek watershed partner organizations that have been involved in the development of the LWP and have expressed their expected level of involvement.

NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program – is a non-regulatory program within NCDENR that restores and protects wetlands and waterways for future generations while offsetting unavoidable environmental impacts from economic development.

Role – will participate in and assist where possible with project implementation efforts including but not limited to stream and wetland restoration/enhancement and preservation projects, assist with the development of and/or partner on grants seeking funding to implement management measures where possible, and assist with the organization and oversight of a continued stakeholder process in this planning area.

NCDA&CS Division of Soil & Water Conservation - The division provides programs, technical services and educational outreach promoting voluntary natural resource management and conservation on the private lands of NC through a non-regulatory, incentive-driven approach.

Role – To implement the agricultural strategy centered around existing land uses and programs, and identifying effective channels for outreach and education of citizens in the watersheds.

NC Wildlife Resources Commission – The commission provides conservation and management planning for North Carolina’s aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources.

Role – To provide technical assistance for conservation and preservation of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife species. The commission has limited funding that may be available for project implementation for each of these watersheds. However, the project must benefit priority species and habitat as detailed in the Wildlife Action Plan.

http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Conserving/documents/ActionPlan/WAP_Chapter5B.pdf

Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation District – is a local organization working with residents, agencies and business owners to plan and direct programs for the conservation and development of natural resources.

Role – To provide technical assistance and funding for eligible projects in Mecklenburg County.

Union Soil & Water Conservation District - is a local organization working with residents, agencies and business owners to plan and direct programs for the conservation and development of natural resources.

Role – To provide technical assistance and funding for eligible projects in Union County.

Centralina Council of Governments – is a local organization working within the nine county region to provide technical assistance.

Role – To provide technical assistance

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services – is a division of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County that manages storm water runoff and eliminates sources of water pollution.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte – is a state funded university located in the Charlotte region of North Carolina.

Role – Engage in partnerships for technical assistance, education, and outreach aspects of project implementation through the Environmental Assistance Office (EAO) and the Infrastructure and Environmental Systems Graduate Program.

NC Natural Heritage Program – The program supports the protection and restoration of rare species and important natural communities through conservation partnership.

Role- To provide technical assistance for conservation planning and education.

Mecklenburg County – is a local government.

Union County – is a local government.

Town of Indian Trail – is a local government with a NPDES Phase II permit. Indian Trail sees water quality as a vital resource for the Town and its citizens as we strive to make IT (Indian Trail) the best place to live, work and play.

Town of Fairview– is a local government.

Town of Mint Hill– is a local government.

Town of Stallings– is a local government.

Town of Unionville– is a local government.

City of Monroe– is a local government.

Funding Sources

The following table identifies examples of current funding available through a variety of grants and programs offered by state and local agencies that could be utilized to fund projects identified in the WMP.

Funding Program and Eligible Activities	Contact Agency
<p>NC Agricultural Cost Share Program (ACSP) – helps address nonpoint pollution by providing technical and financial resources. A landowner or renter of an existing agricultural operation that has been operating for more than three years is eligible to participate. There is some cost share and acreage restrictions depending on the BMPs used, the type of operation involved, or policy set by the local soil and water conservation district or the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission.</p>	<p>Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District & Union Soil and Water Conservation District</p>
<p>The Impaired and Impacted Stream Survey (IISS) (NC Impaired Impacted Agricultural Cost Share Program) - Local Soil & Waters Districts may submit a survey for their counties on streams that not only are impaired (according to the 303d list), but those streams that are also impacted and submit to the NC DSWC. This makes the local districts eligible to request funds for an allocation of the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP).</p>	<p>NCD&CS Division of Soil & Water Conservation</p>
<p>Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - This voluntary, incentive based federal program offers landowners the opportunity to enroll farmland and marginal pastureland into long term agreements to restore and protect riparian buffers and wetlands. BMPs implemented through CREP are designed to reduce nutrient and sediment run-off and decrease negative impacts to the streams, creeks, and rivers. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program serves 76 counties in North Carolina. CREP is open to voluntary enrollment by agriculture landowners in the eligible river basins.</p>	<p>NCD&CS Division of Soil & Water Conservation</p>
<p>Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - is a land conservation program. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality.</p>	<p>USDA-FSA</p>
<p>NC EEP Stream, Wetland, and Stormwater Mitigation – restores streams, wetlands, and riparian buffers by working with local and state partners and willing landowners.</p>	<p>NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program</p>
<p>Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) – a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to improve water quality through the installation of various best management practices (BMPs) on urban, suburban and rural lands not directly involved with agriculture production.</p>	<p>Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District & Union Soil and Water Conservation District</p>
<p>NC Agricultural Water Resources Program (AgWRAP) - The purposes of the program are to: identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability and storage, implement best management practices (BMPs) to conserve and protect water resources, increase water use efficiency, increase water storage and availability for agricultural purposes.</p>	<p>Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District & Union Soil and Water Conservation District</p>
<p>Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) - a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.</p>	<p>USDA-NRCS</p>

Funding Program and Eligible Activities	Contact Agency
NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund - The purpose of the fund is to support the farming, forestry, and horticulture communities within the agriculture industry by supporting the purchase of agricultural conservation easements (on farm, forest, and horticulture lands), including transaction costs.	NCDA&CS NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund
Lands Conservancy – a nonprofit land trust that actively works to conserve land by undertaking or assisting in direct land transactions, primarily the purchase or acceptance of donations of land or conservation easements.	Catawba Lands Conservancy
Mitigation Banks – projects are explicitly limited to “Charlotte’s watersheds”, so there is some potential for stream restoration projects where buffers are needed in Mecklenburg County.	City of Charlotte Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank
Division of Water Resources – Water Resources Development Project Grant Program can be used for stream restoration, Nonpoint Source 319 Grant Program can be used to restore impaired streams and innovative BMPs.	NC Division of Water Resources
NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) - Habitat Conservation Program, Wildlife Conservation Land Program-Priority Habitat.	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Clean Water Management Trust Fund – provides grant assistance to conservation non-profits, local governments and state agencies for the protection of surface waters, significant ecological, cultural and historic sites.	NC DENR
State Wildlife Grants – can be used by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) to fund projects that benefit priority species or habitats as identified in the NCWRC’s Wildlife Action Plan.	NCWRC

Implementation Actions

Action items one through five are designed to determine the level of participation of Watershed Partners to the Goose and Crooked Creek Local Watershed Plan. These five action items are major steps to gauge the local partner involvement and whether or not it is worthwhile or feasible for the involved watershed partners to carry on the LWP.

Action Item 1: Outreach to local government staff

Lead Organization/Person: NC EEP – Anjie Ackerman

Timeframe: End of the year (2013)

- a. Clarification of the “To Be Determined” (TBD) watershed partner category to determine if that organization is expecting to be a participating partner in the implementation process.
- b. Update local government staff on the Phase IV LMP recommendations and project selections

Action Item 2: Pre-implementation monitoring explored with DWR

Lead Organization/Person: NCDA&CS Division of Soil & Water Conservation – Joey Hester

Timeframe: end of year (2013)

- a. Explore pre-implementation monitoring with DWR to take place within Goose and Crooked Creek Watersheds.

Action Item 3: Pursue NC EEP Modified Technical Score Sheet

Lead Organization/Person: NC EEP – Anjie Ackerman

Timeframe: End of year (2013)

- a. The WTT has recommended that if NCEEP releases an RFP for mitigation needs in the Yadkin 03040105 CU that NCEEP develops a “Modified Technical Score Sheet” for the RFP aimed at encouraging projects within the Goose and Crooked LWP area.

Action Item 4: Outreach to local elected officials & boards

Lead Organization/person: NC EEP – Anjie Ackerman

Timeframe: ongoing

- Meeting scheduled for October 10th with Indian Trail Stormwater Committee to discuss LWP and projects.
- In contact with staff from the town of Fairview to present the LWP to town council and appointed boards.

Action Item 5: NC EEP convene Watershed Partners

Lead Organization/Person: NC EEP – Anjie Ackerman

Timeframe: Spring 2014

Evaluation Point: A purpose of this Watershed Partners meeting is to determine whether or not the current level of involvement of Watershed Partners is conducive to continuing a formal stakeholder process. If not, then current, active Watershed Partners will re-evaluate the process and determine actions for the future which could include a timeline to reconvene watershed partners to re-gauge commitment.

- a. Network Structure – discuss organizational decisions, staffing, commitments & projects
- b. Regional Stormwater partnership- Collaborate or unite with the UNCC Idea Center lead Regional Stormwater Partnership.