

## **Information Item C. Report on Local Program Assistance by Regional Offices**

### **Rowan County**

Tamera Eplin, PE of the Mooresville Regional Office met with the County staff on October 15, 2013. The County has 20 active projects and had conducted 41 inspections in the past 12 months. Three projects were reviewed and inspected. Two of the three sites inspected were out of compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following recommendations:

- An emphasis needs to be placed on reviewing the plans in light of the more stringent requirements of the NPDES general construction stormwater permit issued in August, 2011, which requires surface dewatering for drainage areas greater than 1 acre, and 7/14 day stabilization timeframes bases on slope.
- It is recommended that site inspections assure that the approved plans are being followed. For example, baffles must be included in sediment basins and traps, and silt fence inlet protection is no longer an accepted practice.
- Every visit to the site should be documented with an inspection report.

### **Iredell County**

Tamera Eplin, PE of the Mooresville Regional Office met with County staff on October 22, 2013. The County has 84 active projects, and had conducted 634 inspections in the past 12 months. Three sites were inspected, only one site was in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: This program is well-organized, with all activities documented. Inspections are frequent, with a goal of once per month. Plan reviews take less than 2 weeks, and appeared to be thorough. The files appeared complete. Enforcement is being utilized as a compliance tool, with waivers given if the projects are brought back into compliance.

### **Town of Beech Mountain**

Tim Latham and Sue White of the Winston Salem Regional Office met with the Town's staff on October 16, 2013. The town does not have any new or active projects at this time. The town's staff discussed that a plan may be submitted in the future for commercial development. The Town's staff continues to submit monthly reports. Land Quality staff encouraged the Town's staff to make contact if they need any assistance.

### **Catawba County**

Ryan Kormanik of the Mooresville Regional Office met with Catawba County's staff on October 17, 2013. The County has 28 active projects, and has conducted 294 inspections in the past 12 months. Three sites were inspected. One of the three sites was in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: Overall, the program continues to progress. The sites are being inspected in a timely manner and the paperwork, tracking and reviews are being done well.

### **City of Newton**

Ryan Kormanik of the Mooresville Regional Office met with the City of Newton's staff on October 31, 2013. The County has 1 active project, and has conducted 9 inspections in the past 12 months. One site was inspected, and found to be in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: The City of Newton program is doing a good job of reviewing plans, approving plans in a timely manner and overseeing their active projects. Since our last review they have only had one active project. The Dollar General locations (2) have been completed and stabilized with sod and are closed.

### **Gaston County**

Ryan Kormanik and James Moore of the Mooresville Regional Office met with Gaston County's staff on October 16, 2013. The County has 218 active projects, and has conducted 992 inspections in the past 12 months. Three sites were inspected. One of the three sites was found to be in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: Gaston County's Staff are doing a great job overseeing all the active projects. The projects are inspected at least once every 30 days, more if needed. The documentation is very thorough and the communications with engineers, FR/O's and site personnel are done in a professional manner.

### **Lincoln County**

Ryan Kormanik of the Mooresville Regional Office met with Lincoln County's staff on October 31, 2013. The County has 52 active projects, and has conducted 696 inspections in the past 12 months. Three sites were inspected. All three sites were found to be in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: Overall, the program continues to do a good job. The sites are being inspected in a timely manner and the paperwork, tracking and reviews are being done well. Although the permit approval for the Villages of Denver Phase II exceeded the 30 day limit, no additional plans have exceeded the 30 day limit since our last audit in April 2013.

### **Mecklenburg County**

James Moore of the Mooresville Regional Office met with Mecklenburg County's staff on October 23, 2013. The County has 177 active projects, and has conducted 962 inspections in the past 12 months. Three sites were inspected. Two of the three sites were found to be in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: Overall, the program is well run. They frequently inspect their sites with an emphasis on erosion control and stormwater NPDES compliance. The online files contained complete information on the projects reviewed including FR/O, approved plans, inspections, authorizations, and calculations. A Notice of Violations was issued for the one site that was not in compliance.

### **Village of Whispering Pines**

Diane Adams and Kick Mills of the Fayetteville Regional Office met with Town's staff on October 23, 2013. The Town has 11 active single family home projects, and conducts weekly informal and monthly formal inspections. Three sites were inspected. All three sites were found to be in compliance.

Land Quality staff had the following comments: The Town of Whispering Pines has improved in record keeping and in the frequency of site inspections for projects. Since the last visit by DEMLR two Notices of Violations have been issued. Both have been resolved. The Town's staff has since attended an Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop. Assistance is being provide to the Town's staff to help aid in the inspection process.