

Information Item— Local Program Assistance by Regional Offices

Town of Whispering Pines

The Town of Whispering Pines Local Program was reviewed June 7, 2012 by Diane Adams of the Fayetteville Regional Office. Currently a two persons provide one-half a full time equivalent to sediment and erosion control. The staff has approved 14 plans in the last year. No Notices of Violation have been issued in the past year. One stop work order has been issued. There are currently 8 active projects, but only one of those projects is greater than one acre. The staff conducted 13 inspections. The Town of Whispering Pines requires that projects less than one acre complete a grading application, and if the project is in a critical area (greater than 3:1 slopes and within 150' of the lake), the permittee is required to provide 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.

Two projects were evaluated (one was less than one acre and did not require a plan). The sediment and erosion control plan for the project greater than one acre was adequate. The sites were compliant with the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act. The site that was greater than one acre was 3.2 acres in size. The Whispering Pines staff had last inspected the site on May 1, 2012 and found the site in compliance.

General documentation was good. Overall the town is doing a good job keeping records of their inspection reports, but not all inspections of sites have been documented. Discussion was made about the importance of keeping records of all inspections.

This staff recommends continued delegation of the program.