

NORTH CAROLINA SOURCE WATER COLLABORATIVE

Scope: State

Location: North Carolina

SCOPE:

- » Support strategies to preserve the lakes, streams, rivers and aquifers used for drinking water and the land that protects and recharges these sources of water.
- » Partners include non-profit organizations, university programs, professional organizations, state, local and federal agencies.

COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

- » Department of Environment and Natural Resources held December 2011 workshop to launch North Carolina Source Water Collaborative (SWC) with limited EPA funding and participation from EPA and ASDWA.
- » Meeting participants included representatives from non-profit organizations; university programs; state, local and federal agencies; professional associations; and regional councils of government.

MEMBERS:

- » Association of County Commissioners
- » Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- » Division of Soil and Water Conservation
- » DWI - Design Management Unit
- » DWR-Water Planning Section
- » DEMLR-Stormwater Section, Water Supply Watershed Protection Program
- » DWR-Public Water Supply Section, Source Water Protection Program
- » Ecosystem Enhancement Program
- » NC Chapter of the American Planning Association
- » High Country Council of Governments
- » Land-of-Sky Council of Governments
- » Mecklenburg County HD and Groundwater Guardian
- » NC Farm Bureau Federation
- » NC League of Municipalities
- » NC Rural Water Association
- » NCSU - Cooperative Extension
- » NCSU - Watershed Education for Communities and Officials
- » Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy
- » Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC)
- » Triangle J Council of Governments
- » Trust for Public Land

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- » [Western Piedmont COG](#)
- » [Wildlife Resource Commission](#)
- » [Fayetteville PWC](#)
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- » [City of Raleigh](#)
- » [NC Rural Communities Assistance Project, Inc.](#)
- » [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

WATER CONCERNS:

Water concerns are specific to public water systems and depend on the systems' water source.

STRATEGIES:

- » Develop source water protection packets for specific audiences
- » Enhance capacity for collecting and sharing information
- » Develop a Source Water Protection Awards Program to incentivize innovative source water protection actions
- » Foster partnerships to meet mutual objectives

RESULTS:

- » Produced vision, mission, and statement of purpose that reflects diverse membership.
- » Established operating structure, including a steering committee and work teams.
- » Developed the framework for a Source Water Protection Awards program including outreach documentation, nomination forms, criteria documents, and judging instructions.
- » Formed a partnership with NC Water Resources Association to present first round of awards at their 2015 spring conference.
- » Created an autonomous website for the Collaborative.
- » Developed a Source Water Protection primer as well as a promotional post card to be distributed by Collaborative members at various meetings and conferences.