**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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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.