



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
FLINT BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
October 22, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint Basin Advisory Council met on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Reynolds Nature Center in Morrow, GA.

Members Present

John Caldwell, Coweta Co. WSA

Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville

Ted Greene, Delta Environmental

Richard A. Greuel

Brant Keller, City of Griffin

Christine McGehee

Tim Thoms, BAC Chair

Ernest Curtis

David Gerson, White Oaks Homeowners

Roger A. Greuel, Fayette Co. Farm Bureau

Michael Harp, GA Farm Bureau

Brice Martin, Coweta Co. Stormwater

Dale Phenicie, Fayette Co. CoC

Members Not Present

Vanessa Birrell, Fayette Co. Board of Comm.

Todd Gullekson

Paul Jones, GA Farm Bureau

Ted McCarter

Bud Butcher, Coweta Co. Farm Bureau

Dorothy Harris, D. Clark Harris inc.

Richard Little

Edward Strong, Newnan Utilities

Metro Water District Staff Present

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner

Steve Haubner, Principal Water Resources Engineer

Heather Moody, Senior Program Specialist

Welcome and Introductions

Tim Thoms, Flint BAC Chair, introduced Citizen Board Member Mr. Jack Elkins who began the meeting by welcoming the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board.

Election of a Vice Chair

Tim Thoms spoke about the need for a Vice Chair position for the Flint BAC and expressed that he would like Brant Keller to serve in that capacity. He called for a motion to establish a Vice Chair position. A motion was made and seconded and the voice vote passed without opposition. Another motion was then made to elect Brant Keller as Flint BAC Vice Chair. That motion was seconded and the voice vote passed without opposition.

About the Metro Water District

Heather Moody gave a brief presentation on key aspects of the Metro Water District. She first explained where the District acquires its funding. Ms. Moody then provided more information on the Implementation Survey process and described the structure of the Annual Report. Lastly, she gave members an overview of the Georgia EPD audit process and how it relates to Metro Water District plan enforcement.

In response to a member's question, Ms. Moody clarified that the Annual Report would be released by the end of the year and would be available at the BAC meeting in January.

Review of the Watershed Management Plan

Steve Haubner of the Metro Water District staff reviewed the newly adopted Watershed Management Plan. Mr. Haubner presented an overview of key watershed management issues and showed the BAC where to find specific information in the Plan. All BAC members were provided with a hard copy of the District's Watershed Management Plan.

A member asked why the Flint basin has such a small watershed in comparison to the other basins in the region. Steve Haubner replied that it is a matter of geography. Most of the central portion of the Metro Water District receives its water supply from the Chattahoochee River. The Flint basin is at the headwaters of several smaller streams and therefore has to rely on a smaller watershed for its water supply. Mr. Haubner confirmed that this does affect the area's watershed management strategies.

A Council member inquired if the old audit checklist was still being used. Steve Haubner said that Georgia EPD is currently in the process of updating the checklist to reflect the new plans. Until the new checklist is ready, audits will be conducted using the old checklist.

Another BAC member asked if any local governments adopted model ordinances other than those in the plans. Steve Haubner responded that the District's legislation gives jurisdictions the option to adopt the model ordinance or an ordinance that is deemed equivalent.

Facility Tour

Kevin Osbey of Clayton County Water Authority led the group on a tour of the East Jesters Creek restoration project at Reynolds Road. The project used natural channel design methods to restore approximately 2,000 feet of degraded stream. BAC members were able to see a major stream restoration project in progress alongside a section of the creek that had already been restored.