

Natural Resources Stakeholder Meeting Comment Summary

The following is a list of topics discussed at the Natural Resources Element at the March 5, 2009 meeting:

- 1) More needs to be done about litter control; phone books and circulars are allowed to clutter up public and private property; trucks are not being properly covered when hauling trash
- 2) The element needs to be more specific regarding water quality/quantity regulation; how water supply impacts ISO ratings for fire insurance
- 3) Stormwater management needs to be proactive; the County Engineer has outlined a plan for creating a program in phases; need to work on preventive measures and ways to encourage people to deal with stormwater issues responsibly
- 4) Need to work in the issues identified in the Vision Plan; the Natural Choice element of the Vision Plan contains many good strategies to maintain a rural/small town feel; consider creating a conservation bank supported by the County
- 5) Establish a budget commitment to greenspace
- 6) Incorporate items from the Vision Plan; the critical issue is implementation of identified strategies
- 7) Tourism is major part of economic development; need to plan for surge in tourism, especially how to protect resources; transportation of tourists a possible solution to part of the problem; consider fee arrangements and reservations to limit the number of visitors to particular sites
- 8) Additional regulation needed to protect some sites; Lake Keowee waterfall area is threatened and unsafe due to lack of 'no wake' marker
- 9) Need to create incentives for pervious concrete in development standards to reduce the amount of land required for stormwater facilities
- 10) Create CVB packages for shoulder seasons
- 11) Need to create an education package about radon for newcomers- would allow them to install necessary mitigation during construction, saving many dollars
- 12) Ground-level ozone compact imposed significant expenses on construction projects by not allowing onsite burning- need to consider how to handle C&D landfills/recycling
- 13) Water conservation is critical issue; sediment control must be included
- 14) Enforcement of existing ordinances should be prime consideration
- 15) Education about how to care for natural resources should be a major concern; County should partner with private sector to establish ongoing educational effort; expand Solid Waste Department's recycling program and education efforts; prioritize helping KOBA and other organizations recruit volunteers
- 16) Water quality efforts should be emphasized; consider septic system inspections at time of sale- work to offset cost of inspections and remedies with tax credit; increase county buffer around lakes to 50'; link septic system approvals to soil types, especially with new methods of treating wastewater onsite
- 17) Consider options for leasing landings from Duke Energy
- 18) Work to implement options to piping stormwater directly into lakes
- 19) Look to establish standards and programs that work with developers through incentives- using concepts similar to those contained in the road standards provide for 'win-win' for all parties