



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## Environmental Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 6, 2009

The Environmental Advisory Committee met on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 3:30 pm at the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King St.

Committee members present were: Chairman Ronald Ehlinger, Ms. Marijane Pell, Mr. Jeff Jennings, Dr. Richard E. DeSimone, Mr. Richard Freudenberger, Mr. Anthony J. Brancato, Mr. Jim Fickes.

Staff present were: Ms. Katie Aultman, Mr. Will Sagar, Mr. Marcus Jones, and Mr. Anthony Starr

### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chairman Ehlinger called meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.*

### **DISCUSSION**

Land Development- The Land Development code was amended to approve small wind turbines. They will be limited to 100 ft. from base to top of blade and must be set back 110% of the height of the wind turbine at its highest point from the property lines.

Small Area Plans- Etowah/Horseshoe plan is under consideration by board, and it is projected that it will be taken up at the September meeting. The Edneyville plan is still being drafted. The Dana plan is about to start. The progress of the Dana plan can be followed on the department website.

Storm Water and Erosion Control- Individuals will be contacted ahead of time if their property will be affected by the Stormwater Master Plan. This effort will affect the most critical areas in the county and streams identified as impaired. The project is state funded by the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

Water Quality- The Environmental Quality Institute has been dropped by the University of North Carolina at Asheville. The program may be picked up by Warren Wilson College. Waterways passing through packaging plants are being tested for quality.

Energy Management- Funds from ARRA should be available for Energy Management. A grant application will be entered this fall.

Fire Prevention Issues- State Forrester Mike Byrd will be our guest speaker at the next EAC meeting. He will be presenting a discussion on fire hazards in Henderson county following drought.

Air Quality- A grant was received to open a Compressed Natural Gas station in Henderson County. Two CNG buses will be purchased by 2011 and a fueling station will be built by July 2010.

Other- The Solid Waste Feasibility Study looks at the existing process and suggests efficient ways to improve it such as generating more revenue from recycling, making recycling more convenient, and renovating existing Henderson County Transfer Station. The target for recycling is a 20% increase in the next 5 years and a 40% increase in the next 10 years.

The next meeting is set for September 3, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned