

AGENDA

North Carolina Land and Water Fund Flood Risk Reduction Committee Meeting

August 14, 2024 | 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and will have a physical location on the 4th floor of the Nature Research Center located at 121 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC in room 4508. If any member of the public would like to join to the meeting via MS Teams or in person, please contact Terri Murray at teresa.murray@dncr.nc.gov or 919-707-9400 in advance for links or directions.

Committee Members:

Ann Browning (Chair), Amy Grissom, Clement Riddle, Mike Rusher, Jason Walser, John Wilson

COMMENCEMENT

1) Call to Order (Chair)

a) Welcome

b) Roll call

c) Compliance with General Statute § 138A-15

General Statute § 138A-15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any Trustee knows of any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to matters on the agenda. If any Trustee knows of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, please state so at this time.

d) Please put cell phones on vibrate or turn off, and if guests are joining remotely, mute your audio and turn off your video unless you are called upon to speak

e) Revisions, additions, and adoption of the agenda

2) Executive Director's Update (Will Summer)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to make comments to the committee (Chair)

The NCLWF Guidelines and Practices Manual states that comments shall be limited to subjects of business falling within the jurisdiction of the NCLWF. The NCLWF welcomes public comments on general issues. Comments will not be allowed on individual projects before the NCLWF for funding during the regular meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

BUSINESS

1) Program Manager's update (Steve Bevington)

Staff will provide the committee with a program update.

2) Consideration of Supplemental Funding from the NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint Program (Steve Bevington)

Staff will present a proposal to accept additional funding from NCDEQ for NCLWF to administer through the Flood Risk Reduction Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Action Item**Staff member: Steve Bevington**

Agenda Item 2) Consideration of Supplemental Funding from the NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint Program**Background**

In 2021, session law 2021-180 allocated \$15,000,000 to the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) to provide grants to counties, municipalities, nonprofit corporations to protect and restore floodplains and wetlands for the purpose of storing water, reducing flooding, improving water quality, providing wildlife and aquatic habitat, and providing recreational opportunities. Further, the law required NCLWF to develop criteria to score projects based on the ability of a project to reduce flood risks.

A Flood Risk Reduction Committee was formed and a novel application review ranking system was developed and approved by the board. Sixty-one letters of intent were received requesting \$82 million. Of these, 31 of the most competitive applicants were invited to submit a full application for review and 19 completed applications were received.

At its meeting of February 28, 2023, the NCLWF funded 17 flood risk reduction projects at a total of \$15,000,000 with projects capped at \$2,000,000 and one project partially funded. Projects have been contracted and are underway, generally on a three-year schedule.

In May 2024, NCDEQ staff approached NCLWF to discuss the use of NCDEQ funds to further the results of the NCLWF Flood Risk Reduction Program, specifically in the six river basins in which NCDEQ was authorized to use their funds: Cape Fear, French Board, Lumber, Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, and White Oak.

NCLWF staff worked closely with NCDEQ staff to identify opportunities where supplemental funding could enhance the flood risk reduction benefit of NCLWF projects. NCDEQ has identified 11 projects and is prepared to provide up to \$5,847,404 in supplemental funds to produce an estimated 460 acre-feet of additional flood water retention.

Staff will present opportunities to expand the flood risk reduction benefits of 11 previously awarded NCLWF projects.

Staff recommendation

Recommend to the Board that they accept \$5,847,404 from NCDEQ’s Flood Resiliency Blueprint funds to apply to the following NCLWF flood risk reduction projects pending execution of an interagency MOA.

Project	Applicant	Supplemental DEQ funds (\$)	Flood storage as contracted (acre-feet)	Flood storage w/ supplemental funds (acre-feet)
2022-FRR02	Aurora - Town	\$704,809	0	4
2022-FRR03	NC State University	\$305,206	18.6	31.1
2022-FRR12	Durham - City	\$500,000	50	65
2022-FRR16	NC State University	\$107,600	37	46
2022-FRR20	Haywood Waterways Association	\$800,000	224	300
2022-FRR24	Hendersonville - City	\$604,625	145	224
2022-FRR26	Kinston - City	\$472,750	10	12.3
2022-FRR28	Lumberton - City	\$800,000	23	32
2022-FRR29	Maysville - Town	\$355,600	2	4
2022-FRR35	NC Coastal Federation	\$800,000	500	750
2022-FRR61	Whiteville - City	\$396,814	1.5	2.4

Committee action needed

Approve or amend the staff recommendation and make a recommendation to the Board.