

AGENDA

North Carolina Land and Water Fund

Restoration, Innovative Stormwater, and Planning Committee Meeting

February 25, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 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 to request a meeting invitation/call-in number or directions.

Committee Members:

Clement Riddle (Chair), Jimmy Broughton, Lydia Olander, Terry Shelton, John Wilson

I) COMMENCEMENT

A) Call to Order (Committee Chair)

1) Welcome

2) Roll call

3) 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.

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

5) Revisions, additions, and adoption of the agenda

6) Approval of minutes from the November 14, 2025 committee meeting

B) Executive Director's update (Will Summer)

II) PUBLIC COMMENTS

A) The public is invited to make comments to the Board (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 be limited to three minutes per person.

III) BUSINESS

A) **Program Manager's update** (Will Price)

Staff will provide an update on the state of the Program.

B) **Request to modify matching funds budget for 2025-1003 – Smithfield – College Pond Retrofit** (Will Price)

Staff will present a request to modify the budget for this project.

IV) ADJOURNMENT

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Restoration, Innovative Stormwater and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2025

Virtual meeting - A Microsoft Teams link was also made available for guest attendees. A physical location at 121 W Jones St., Room 4508 was available for anyone who wished to attend the meeting in person.

Committee Members present: Clement Riddle (chair), John Wilson, Jimmy Broughton, Lydia Olander, Terry Shelton

Other Board Members present: None

Staff Present: Will Summer, Steve Bevington, Will Price, Zoe Hansen Burnet, Jessica Winebrenner, Hannah Bowen, Ginny King, Marie Meckman, Isaac Merson, Nicolle Montero, Terri Murray, Ambar Torres Molinari

Visitors: None

Call to Order (Clement Riddle, Chair)

Meeting was called to order by Clement Riddle, Chair, at 9:01 am

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Compliance with General Statute § 138A-15 – no conflicts noted.
4. Revisions, Additions and Adoption of the Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda was made by Jimmy Broughton, seconded by Terry Shelton, and unanimously approved.
5. Minutes – **Motion** to approve minutes of August 12, 2025, as revised, made by Jimmy Broughton, seconded by John Wilson, and unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Update (Will Summer)

Will Summer outlined the agenda and made brief comments concerning Steve's replacement and some historical data on the Guidelines & Practices manual.

Public Comments

No public requests for comment.

Business

- 1) **Program Manager's Update** (Steve Bevington)
Steve announced his retirement and welcomed Will Price as the new Restoration Program manager. He gave a summary of active projects and a brief presentation on 2 recently closed projects.
- 2) **Construction Contract Extensions** (Will Price)
 - a. Will Price presented the request for extension of Grant 2022-FRR30 Charlotte Mecklenburg SWS, Barlowe Rd Flood Mitigation & Water Quality Improvement Project. The construction contract was delayed due to permitting issues.

- b. Will presented the request for extension of Grant 2023-410 Forsyth County, Brushy Fork Creek Restoration. The construction contract was delayed due to easement issues. Several members had general questions concerning the project.
 - c. Will presented the request for extension of Grant 2022-FRR48 The Nature Conservancy, Restoring Former Ag Land in the Cape Fear River Basin. The construction contract was delayed due to permitting issues.
 - d. A **motion** to approve extension request for Grant 2022-FRR30 and 2022-FRR48, by Jimmy Broughton, seconded by Lydia Olander and passed unanimously.
 - e. A **motion** to approve extension request for Grant 2023-410, by John Wilson, seconded by Lydia Olander and passed unanimously. Jimmy recused himself from this vote due to a potential conflict of interest.
- 3) **Modify Scope of Project 2024-409** (Steve Bevington)
- a. Steve presented a request to modify the scope of this grant. Several board members had questions about the scope change and new scoring.
 - b. A **motion** to approve the scope modification for Grant 2024-409 by Jimmy Broughton, seconded by Lydia Olander and passed unanimously.
- 4) **Review of Guidelines and Practices** (Will Price/ Steve Bevington/Will Summer)
- a. Review of RES-002 Construction Contingency Funds (Will Price)
Will Price presented this request. A **motion** to recommend removal from the working draft of the Board Guidelines and Practices manual of RES-002 by John Wilson, seconded by Lydia Olander and passed unanimously.
 - b. Review of RES-003 O&M Plans for Stormwater (Steve Bevington)
Steve explained current practice and need for updates. A **motion** to recommend the update to the working draft of the Board Guidelines and Practices manual of RES-003 by John Wilson, seconded by Lydia Olander and passed unanimously.
 - c. Review of RES-005 Agricultural Best Management Practices (Steve Bevington)
Steve explained current practice and need for updates. A **motion** to recommend the update to the working draft of the Board Guidelines and Practices manual of RES-005 by Jimmy Broughton, seconded by Lydia Olander and passed unanimously.
 - d. Review of RES-006 NCLWF and Mitigation Projects (Will Summer)
Will Summer explained current practice and need for updates. A **motion** to recommend removal from the working draft of the Board Guidelines and Practices manual of RES-006 by Jimmy Broughton, seconded by Terry Shelton and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by John Wilson and seconded by Jimmy Broughton. Motion passed unanimously and Clement Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.

Action Item**Staff member: Will Price**

Agenda Item III. B) Request to modify matching funds budget for 2025-1003 – Smithfield – College Pond Retrofit

The Town of Smithfield is requesting a modification of their contract budget to remove \$457,420 in matching value that is not consistent with the program requirements. The match was listed as “construction”, but in fact came from an estimate of conservation easement value. While that would have been valid match in the Restoration Program, a permanent conservation easement is not required in the Innovative Stormwater Program, and therefore that match will never be realized.

The budget error was identified during project review last spring and the field rep requested that an updated budget be submitted. However, she left to pursue another opportunity in June and this request was lost in transition between old and new staff. The final budget and scoring that was presented to the board at the funding meeting was based on the incorrect budget.

This change would reduce the match budget by \$457,420. This changes the matching funds from \$612,420 to \$155,000, resulting in a 4-point reduction in the overall score, reducing the score from 62 to 58. This project was also funded with a substantial contribution from DEQ Blueprint funds, \$658,351 of the overall \$783,351 award, so the commitment from the NCLWF is a relatively modest \$125,000.

Staff believes this is still a good project and would have been funded if the updated information in this amendment was presented to the board.

Staff recommendation

Staff recommends approving the change in matching funds from \$612,420 to \$155,000.

Committee action needed

Approve, amend, or deny the staff recommendation and make a recommendation to the Board as appropriate.

Attachment: Corrected budget

⚠ Download/save to local drive - do not edit in browser. ⚠

DO NOT SCAN OR FLATTEN - Submission must be the 'live' form as downloaded.

2025 NCLWF Innovative Stormwater Application Budget Form

Project ID Number (admin use)	3.B.a Corrected budget 2025-1003.pdf
Project Title	College Pond Retrofit
Applicant Organization	Town of Smithfield
Name of Project Manager	Stephen Wensman



Whole dollar amounts only please.

NOTE: Budget guidance from the Funding Manual is reproduced below - please review before completing this form.

Requested Funds	Matching Funds	Total Cost
\$ 783,352	\$ 612,420	\$ 1,395,772
	\$155,000	\$938,352

GMS #	Item	Requested NCLWF	Matching Funds	Cost
D020	Design and Permitting	\$ 28,097	\$ 30,000	\$ 58,097
D021	Construction	\$ 755,255	\$0 \$ 457,420	\$ 1,212,675 \$755,255
D022	Construction Contingency			\$ 0
D023	Construction Admin/Observation			\$ 0
D025	Monitor;Collect/Eval Data;Report	\$ 0	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
D026	Information Dissemination			\$ 0
D049	Project Administration			\$ 0
D014	Addnl. Expense 1 Maintenance Costs	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
D015	Addnl. Expense 2			\$ 0
D016	Addnl. Expense 3			\$ 0
Total		\$ 783,352	\$ 612,420	\$ 1,395,772
			\$155,000	\$938,352

Matching Resources Table

Sources of Matching Funds (Name of Org/Entity)	Origin/Type of Matching Funds	Matching Funds Primarily Applied To	Amount	Secured/ Committed?
Town of Smithfield	Local government program/funds	Addnl. Expense 1	\$ 50,000	Yes
Town of Smithfield	Local government program/funds	Monitor;Collect/Eval Data;Re	\$35,000	Yes
McCormick Taylor	Private funds/cash (incl. in kind)	Monitor;Collect/Eval Data	\$ 20,000	Yes
Town of Smithfield	Local government program/funds	Monitor;Collect/Eval Data	\$ 20,000	No
Town of Smithfield	Local government program/funds	Design and Permitting	\$ 30,000	No
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Total Matching Funds			\$ 155,000	

NOTE: *Please group match by source and commitment status*. One source/match line may apply to multiple funding lines above, as summarized in the 'Match Funds Primarily Applied To' column.

Check for Match Errors Here