

## Updates Considered for 1997 Plan of Action

- Awards/Recognition Program Incentives
  - i. Reexamine incentives for contractors, etc. The Green Dozer award was discussed, but the program did not generate long term interest, so another solution may be necessary.
- Restoration
  - i. A policy statement/resolution from SCC may still be needed. This would give guidance for local programs on when restoration orders can and should be used.
- Vegetation
  - i. Native seed sources for NC
  - ii. Invasive and exotic species
  - iii. Site sustainability – what you do on site that will stay there with the least amount of energy and maintenance. We need to further our understanding of this concept and incorporate it into plans whenever possible.
- Local Program evaluation
  - i. Examine the review frequency of local programs by DENR LQS
  - ii. Communications should be clear for local programs on where their authority stops for erosion and sediment control and when/how DWQ should be contacted for turbidity issues. One option could be to use the MOU between Land Quality and Water Quality as a model for a Local Program/Water Quality MOU.
  - iii. A plan may be needed for dealing with defunct local programs (if left with short or no staff, etc.). This could be a relief for local programs as a “rapid response” or gap coverage during such times.
  - iv. Consider staffing recommendations to local programs to ensure an average time between inspections of a site or a number of inspectors needed per number of sites, etc.
  - v. Consider new means of submitting monthly activity reports to DENR (online, etc.).
  - vi. Add an additional LQS staff as a reviewer of local programs to meet the goal of reviewing each local program once per year.
- Escrow
  - i. Item should be kept in plan of action since it has not been completed. New staff would be needed to administer the program.
- Review Fee and Civil Penalty Structure Incentives
  - i. Reevaluation of the fee and penalty structures may be needed.

- Risk Assessment
  - i. Item should be kept in plan of action since it has not been completed.
- Budget
  - i. It needs to be made clear that the number of inspectors is top priority.
  - ii. Staff will need to compile new numbers for staffing needs and budget for different inspection targets (ex: 1 month inspection average, etc.).