

MINUTES  
NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION  
COMMISSION'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
July 18, 2024  
ONLINE WEBEX MEETING

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission's Commission Technical Committee met on July 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in-person and online via WebEx. The following persons were in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Mark Taylor (Chair)  
Ms. Karyn Pageau (Vice Chair)  
Mr. Donald Pearson  
Mr. AJ Lang, PhD  
Ms. Kristi Anspach  
Mr. Jay Wilson (Absent)  
Mr. Jonathan Bivens  
Mr. Jeremy Goodwin  
Ms. Lauren Witherspoon  
Ms. Danielle Rudisill  
Mr. John Parrish (Absent)  
Mr. Nash Hardy

**OTHERS**

Ms. Julie Coco, State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ  
Mr. Graham Parrish, Assistant State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ

**Minutes:**

Vice Chair Pageau began the meeting at 3:05pm.

Draft meeting minutes from 6/20/2024 were reviewed. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Ms. Pageau moved on to updates of workgroup assignments. Discussion was had regarding the idea of reorganizing the workgroups to form 3 groups as opposed to 4.

Ms. Pageau moved on to DEMLR updates. Ms. Coco provided guidance on the extent of edits that may be needed for Chapter 8 appendices. Some sections of the appendices do not need to be reviewed due to no changes being made in the information referenced. While some sections

such as glossary, AASHTO soil types and classifications, soil characteristics, trees and shrubs guide may need to be reviewed along with the practice standards if being referenced within the standard. Discussion was had on considering if precipitation and runoff coefficients currently being used in design are relevant or should be updated. Other sections of the appendices such as local ordinance references and guides could be removed or incorporated via links or a QR code to the ESC webpage.

Mr. Parrish gave an update on practice standards which DEMLR staff have drafted as a final version. A reminder was given to workgroups to indicate if there are additional photos or figures that they would like to see included. Also, to check the references section of each practice standard to ensure existing references are still relevant and include new references utilized if necessary.

Ms. Pageau asked DEMLR staff if there are provisions and a process public comment of the final draft of changes. Mr. Hardy commented that this is a guidance document and not a set of requirements or law being considered, a public comment period may not be necessary. It was also discussed that all of the committee meetings are open to the public and this already provides an opportunity for external comment.

Ms. Coco commented on the hard work that has been accomplished so far and commended the members for their dedication and continued time and effort committed to reviewing and editing these practice standards.

Ms. Pageau moved on to Practice Standard 6.31 Riprap channels. A last call for comments from committee members was made. A consensus was reached to move this practice standard onto DEMLR for review.

Ms. Pageau moved on to review Practice Standard 6.13 Trees, Shrubs and Vines. Ms. Witherspoon presented an update on the changes that were made based on the committee's discussion during previous reviews and that the group would plan to update the appendix 8.02 with links to external sources based on the discussion with DEMLR staff earlier in the meeting. Discussion was had regarding changing the symbol from GC to VGC or similar. Mr. Hardy asked if recommendations on tree planting density was considered or added to the practice standard. Discussion regarding density and how or why this may be needed ensued. Discussion was had on the utilization of links to external sources that may be updated more frequently and more completely than the design manual itself. Ms. Witherspoon proposed removing the referenced appendix and replacing with direct references to external lists as applicable. No objections were voiced. These changes will be made, and members notified once the draft has been completed and ready for review by members ahead of the next meeting.

Mr. Taylor moved to discussion on the scheduled date for the next meeting and open discussion. It was agreed that transitioning to 3 workgroups would be beneficial, and discussion was had regarding the committee and DEMLR standard process for moving practice standards through review and towards a final draft.

Mr. Taylor presented a standard process for a workgroup to follow should aim to conduct two thorough reviews of a practice standard before moving to DEMLR for a final review and draft. DEMLR will then conduct a final review and may present questions or seek further clarity based on the updates made by the Committee. Upon the follow up from the workgroup or committee, DEMLR will draft a final format. Mr. Lang commented that it is important to come to the meetings with comments or questions prepared ahead of the meeting to facilitate efficient discussion. It was recommended to adopt the practice of having the practice standard at least 1 week prior to the meeting in which a review would be presented at the committee meeting. DEMLR also provided a recommendation to potentially have a staggered schedule for bringing a practice standard for the second review. Allowing for 2 months between the first and second full committee review would allow workgroups to fully address the comments from the first review and potentially allow for other workgroups to review the standard as a group. This staggered schedule would also allow for a variety in the standards being reviewed at one time and promote progress on additional standards. Mr. Lang also commented that following the first review presented to the committee, members should also consider if a second review is needed or if the standard is ready to be moved onto DEMLR. Ms. Pageau requested clarification on this. The idea would be that if no significant comments from the committee were heard and all minor comments would be quickly addressed, the practice standard could then be moved on to DEMLR.

Mr. Taylor requested if any members knew of conflicts for the next meeting in August. Ms. Witherspoon and Ms. Pageau noted that they would be unable to attend. The meeting will remain scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.