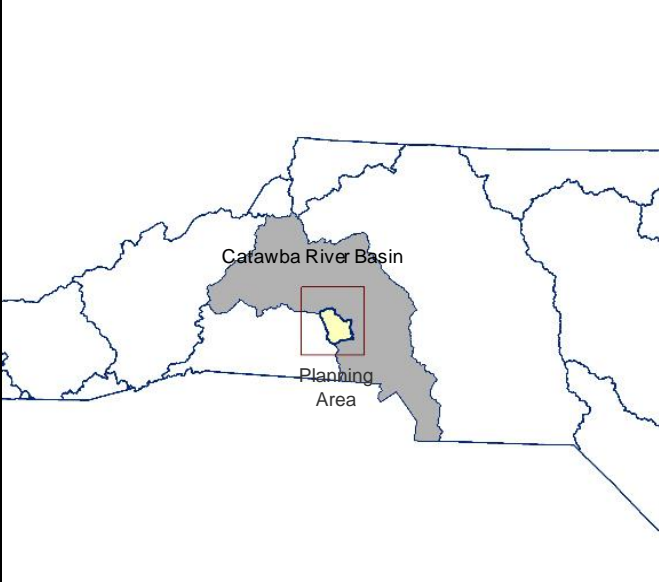
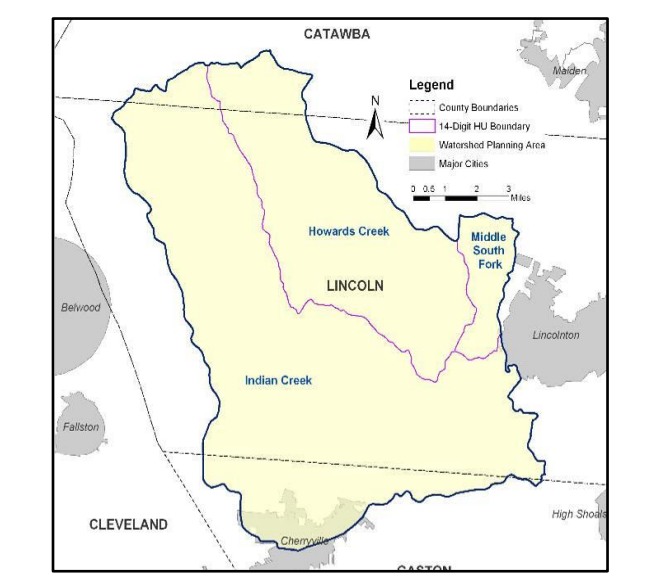


INDIAN CREEK AND HOWARDS CREEK LOCAL WATERSHED PLAN FACT SHEET

<p>Location: West of the City of Lincolnton</p> <p>River Basin: Catawba River Basin's South Fork</p> <p>Cataloging Unit: 03050102</p> <p>14-digit Hydrologic Units: 03050102040040, 03050102050010, 03050102040030</p> <p>Counties: Lincoln, Catawba, and Gaston</p>	
<p>Watershed Area: Indian Creek 75 mi², Howard's Creek 34 mi², Middle South Fork 5 mi²</p>	
<p>Participants: Lincoln & Gaston County Staff, SWCD, Carolina Land & Lakes RC&D, NC Source Water Protection Program, State and Federal Resource Agencies.</p>	
<p>Supporting Consultant: ENTRIX Inc.</p>	
 <p>Catawba River Basin Planning Area</p>	 <p>CATAWBA LINCOLN CLEVELAND GASTON Maiden Belwood Fallston Lincolnton High Shoals Cherryville</p> <p>Legend - - - County Boundaries --- 14-Digit HU Boundary ■ Watershed Planning Area ■ Major Cities</p> <p>0 0.5 1 2 3 Miles</p>

Project Overview

Indian, Howards, and Middle South Fork Hydrologic Units are a part of the South Fork of the Catawba River Basin. The three watersheds are contiguous and cover portions of Lincoln, Catawba and Gaston County. The watersheds are largely rural, with a mix of forest and farms and suburban development. Drinking water intakes for the cities of Cherryville and Lincolnton are located within the watershed planning area. Lower Indian Creek has been identified by NC Division of Water Quality as having impaired biology and is on the 303(d) list of impaired waters.

Project Schedule

Beginning in early 2008, EEP partnered with area resource professionals, the NC DWQ, and other local stakeholders to develop a local watershed plan (LWP) that would address challenges related to drinking water protection, stormwater runoff, habitat degradation and rural preservation within the LWP study area. The LWP study proceeded through three phases: preliminary watershed characterization; detailed assessment of watershed conditions; and development of the final Project Atlas and Watershed Management Plan. The final Watershed Management Plan was completed in September 2010.

The Lincoln County Commissioners provided a formal endorsement of the final Plan in the summer of 2010. A long-term advisory team to oversee the implementation of key recommendations within the Plan, the Local Watershed Advisory Committee (LWAC), has been established as a sub-committee within the Lincoln Natural Resources Committee (LNRC) and began holding quarterly meetings in July 2010. Among other objectives, the LWAC hopes to develop a local watershed education program. LWAC members have also used the LWP initiative to leverage funding from the 319 program for the design, construction and monitoring of a stormwater wetland at West Lincoln High School.

Project Reports

Phase I - [Preliminary Findings](#)

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