

APPENDICE XI

Hiwassee River Basin Workshop Comments

Hiwassee River Basinwide Planning Workshop

November 8, 1995, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Tri-County Community College, Murphy, NC

**Sponsored by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service,
North Carolina Division of Environmental Management,
and North Carolina League of Municipalities**

The North Carolina Division of Environmental Management will present water quality information being used to develop the Hiwassee River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan. It will specify how point and nonpoint sources of water pollution will be addressed over the next 5 years in the Hiwassee River Basin, which includes most of Cherokee and Clay Counties. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to improve the final Hiwassee River Basinwide Management Plan.

Workshop Objectives:

1. Describe local implications of the Hiwassee River Basinwide Management Plan; and
2. Increase public awareness and involvement in developing and implementing the Basinwide Management Plan.

Who Should Participate:

Elected officials, town and county managers, planners, public service agency staff, landowners, farmers, business people, developers, community leaders, and private citizens in the Hiwassee River Basin.

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Participants (approximately 40) were asked to: 1) identify the priority issues for the Hiwassee River basin, and 2) recommend management actions that should be taken to resolve the priority issues. Ideas expressed by workshop attendees included:

- We have enough regulation already
- Government misrepresentation
- What is the roll of FEMA in water quality management?
- Where to draw the line between State protected waters and private property?
- Wetland definition and property rights
- Tourism vs. local water users
- Who decides which species are endangered and where are they?
- Can the State do more to clean up sewage treatment water?
- Rules are not enforced equally
- Beaver control
- Cherokee County landfill
- How are setbacks around water supplies and streams chosen?
- Future water resources
- Why can't we sample all streams?
- NPDES program concerns: toxics, individual permits
- Contradictions: trying to protect water vs. herbicide sprayed for vegetative control
- Airports are sited too close to rivers and lakes
- Control pollution from factories and not individuals
- Include Georgia in the process
- Utilize a voluntary approach
- Let counties control their own affairs
- Let courts resolve disputes
- Coordinate all government agencies - set example for private sector
- Proactive vs. Reactive management
- Delivery of the message; marketing of the basinwide approach; effective communication

In addition to the workshop comments, the Hiwassee Watershed Coalition submitted the following comments expressing their perception of the priority issues for the basin:

NPS Issues

Development, improper access road/water control

Logging, forest harvest

Agricultural

Streambank erosion

Quarry (Crooked Creek)

Wastewater

Faulty spetic

Municipal sewer inadequacies

Subbasin Priority

Brasstown Creek

Nottely River

Tusquittee Creek (floodplain development)

