UPPER SWIFT CREEK LOCAL WATERSHED PLAN
FACT SHEET

Location: Cary, NC
River Basin: Neuse River Basin
Cataloging Unit: 03020201
14-digit Hydrologic Units: 03020201110010, 03020201110020
County: Wake

Watershed Area: 66 square miles
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Participants: Wake County Env. Services, NC Natural Heritage Program, US Fish & Wildlife,
Towns of Cary, Apex, Garner, City of Raleigh

Contractor Hired for Watershed Assessment
Phase I: AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. and Kimley Horn & Assoc., Inc;
Phase II and III: Tetra Tech
Phase IV: UNRBA

Project Overview Upper Swift Creek in Wake County was selected for this Local Watershed Planning effort
based on a number of concerns. It is on the state’s 303d list due to biological impairment with nonpoint source
pollution issues cited as the probable cause. It was recently designated as a high priority watershed for
restoration efforts in the Wake County Watershed Management Plan, and was a focus area of the DWQ
Watershed Restoration Program’s analyses of causes of biological impairment in selected impaired stream
systems. Upper Swift Creek is a designated Water Supply Watershed, and has the support of numerous local
resource professionals in protecting and improving water quality and aquatic habitat. The Towns of Cary, Apex,
and Garner fall partly within the watershed, as well as unincorporated county land.

Project Schedule Phase I (GIS analysis) was initiated in August 2003. Phase II and III began in August 2004
and were completed in August 2005. Phase IV began in May 2008. UNRBA will work with local resources
professionals to develop an implementation strategy and outreach to landowners.
**Documents**

- Preliminary Findings Report – Introduction
- Preliminary Findings Report – Data Assessment
- Preliminary Findings Report – Cumulative Analysis and Prioritization
- Preliminary Findings Report – Recommended Actions
- Detailed Assessment and Targeting of Management Report
- Detailed Assessment and Targeting of Management Report: Appendices