



Legislation Text

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Item:

Recognition of Durham County's Engineering and Environmental Services Sedimentation and Erosion Control Program as the State of North Carolina's "2018 Local Program of the Year"

Date of BOCC Meeting: June 11, 2018

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to recognize Durham County's Engineering and Environmental Services Sedimentation and Erosion Control program designation as the "2018 Local Program of the Year" by the State of North Carolina's Sedimentation Control Commission.

There are over 50 local Sedimentation and Erosion Control Programs across the State operating under delegations of authority from the State Sedimentation Control Commission. These programs are routinely audited by the State for program performance to ensure the local programs are meeting/exceeding the performance requirements set forth by the State. These standards are set to ensure our waterways and environment are not adversely affected by land disturbing activities as over 50 percent of the water quality impacts/impairments in North Carolina are related to sedimentation/sediment export. As such, a quality local program is key to protecting Durham County's environment while facilitating high-quality development.

Durham County has had a local Sedimentation and Erosion Control Program for approximately 15 years and this is the first time our program has been awarded this significant recognition. This award is a direct result of the sustained dedication, efforts and achievements of our local program staff to ensure ongoing compliance with these environmental standards at in excess of 130 active land-disturbing sites Countywide.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity and Goal 5: Visionary and Strategic Government

Resource Persons: Jay Gibson, P.E., General Manager; Ryan Eaves, CFM, Division Manager; Julie Coco, P.E., State Sedimentation Specialist, State of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize Durham County's Engineering and Environmental Services Sedimentation and Erosion Control program designation as the "2018 Local Program of the Year" by the State of North Carolina's Sedimentation Control Commission.

County Manager: _____