APPENDIX 11: "CAN WE HEAL OUR WATERWAYS?" SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATION

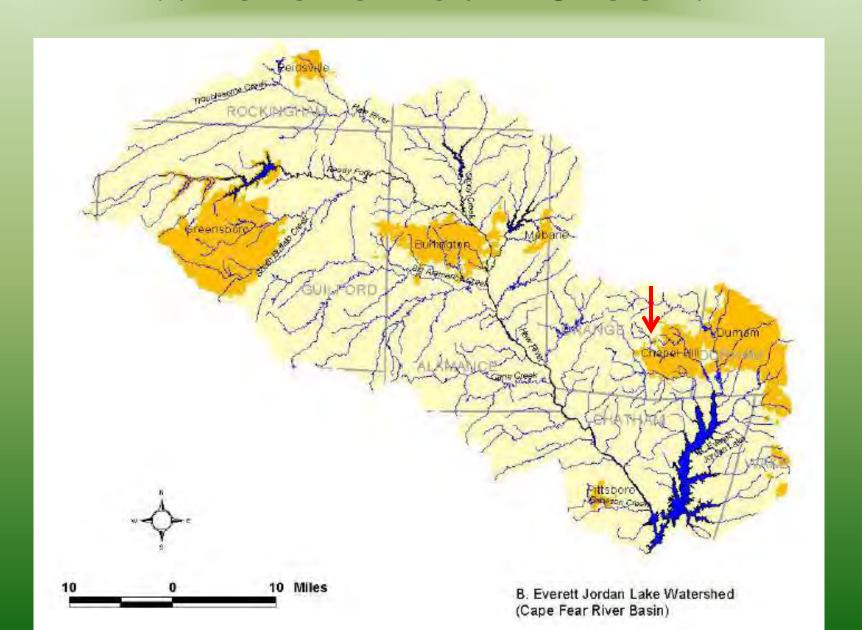
Restoring Bolin Creek

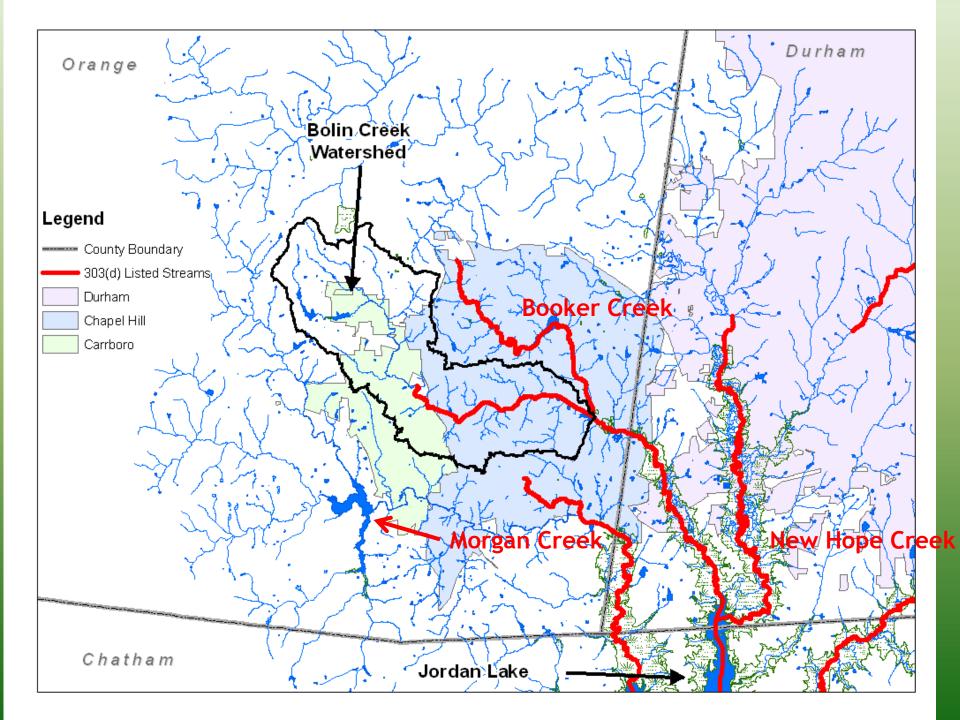
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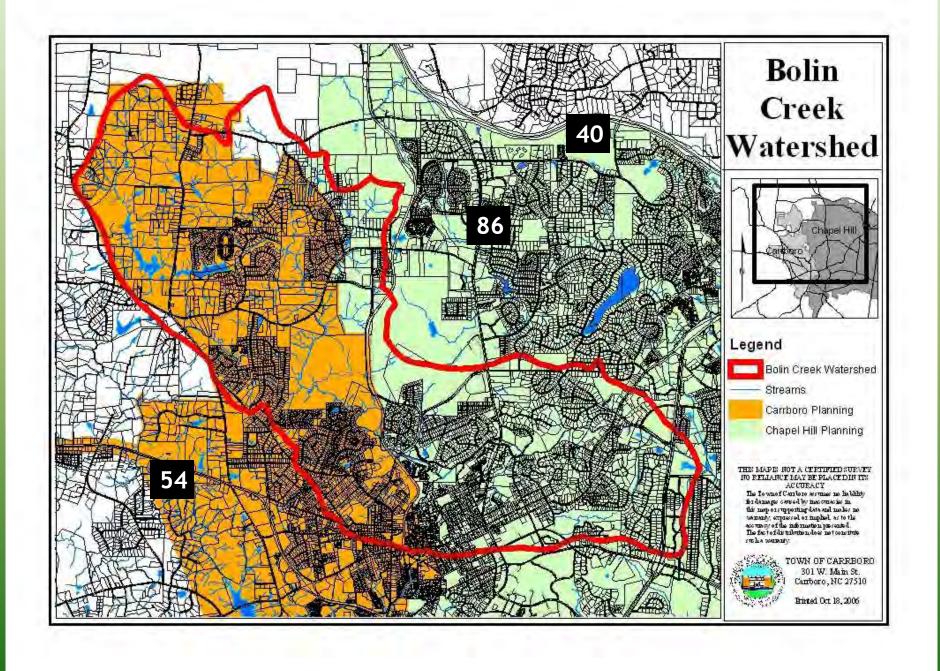


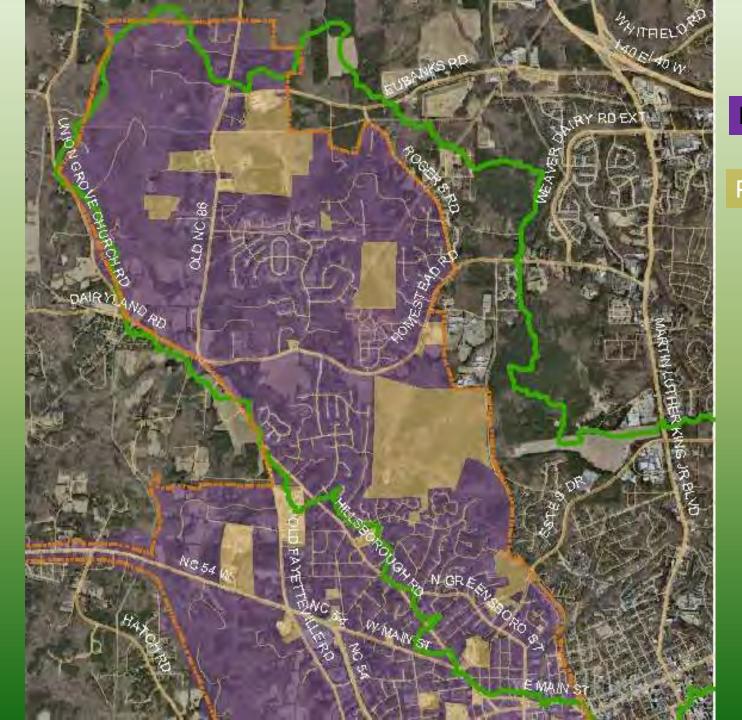


Where is Bolin Creek?



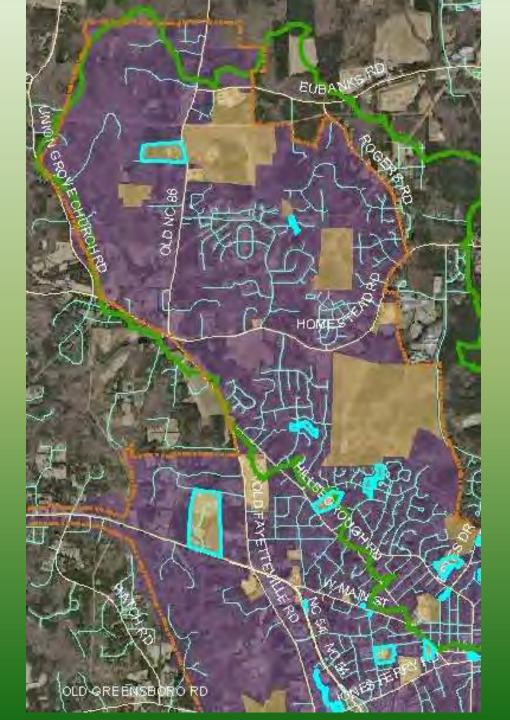






Private Land

Public Land



Private Land

Public Land

Town Land

Local Streets

How is Bolin Creek Doing?

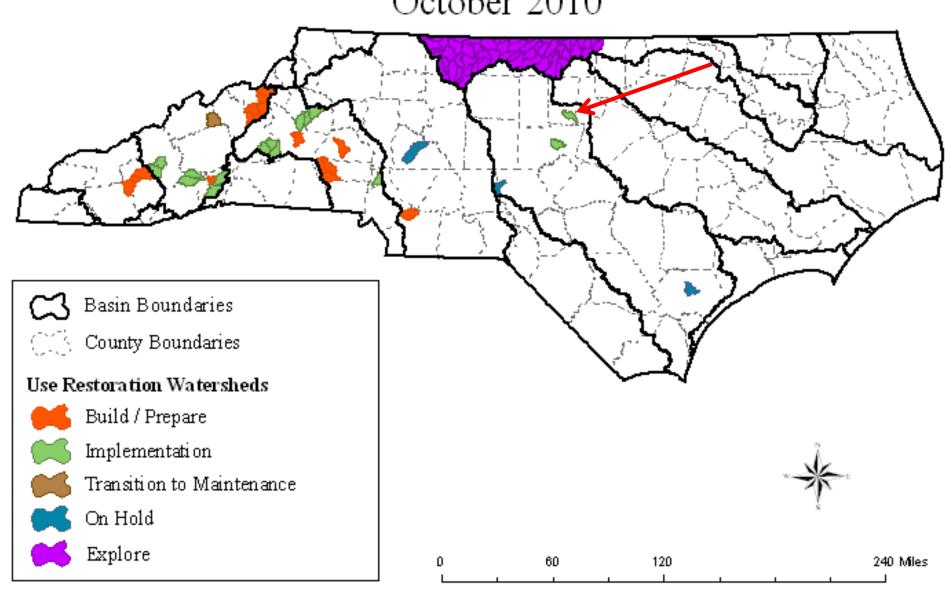
One of more studied streams in central NC

- NC DWQ every 5 years
- Intensive WARP study 2003
- Chapel Hill monthly physical and chemical data: 1994-2008
- Aquatic Insects:
 - Carrboro 2000-2011
 - Chapel Hill 2011
- Miscellaneous studies
- Volunteer monitoring

Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration

- Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration Team formed: 2005
 - Local, State, Federal collaboration
- Goal: Improve the aquatic health of Bolin Creek and its tributaries
- Objectives:
 - Restore stream hydrology
 - Storm flow
 - Base flow
 - Restore habitat
 - Address pollutant (sediment, toxic, nutrient) inputs
 - Stabilize streambanks
 - Improve riparian conditions

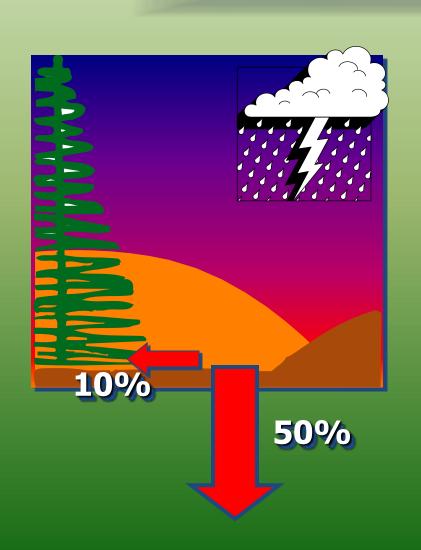
Restoration Watersheds in North Carolina October 2010

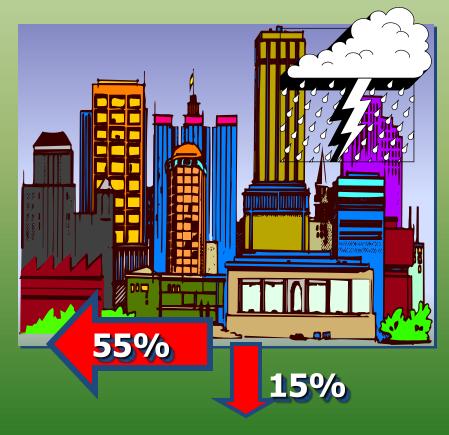


Use Restoration Waters Program

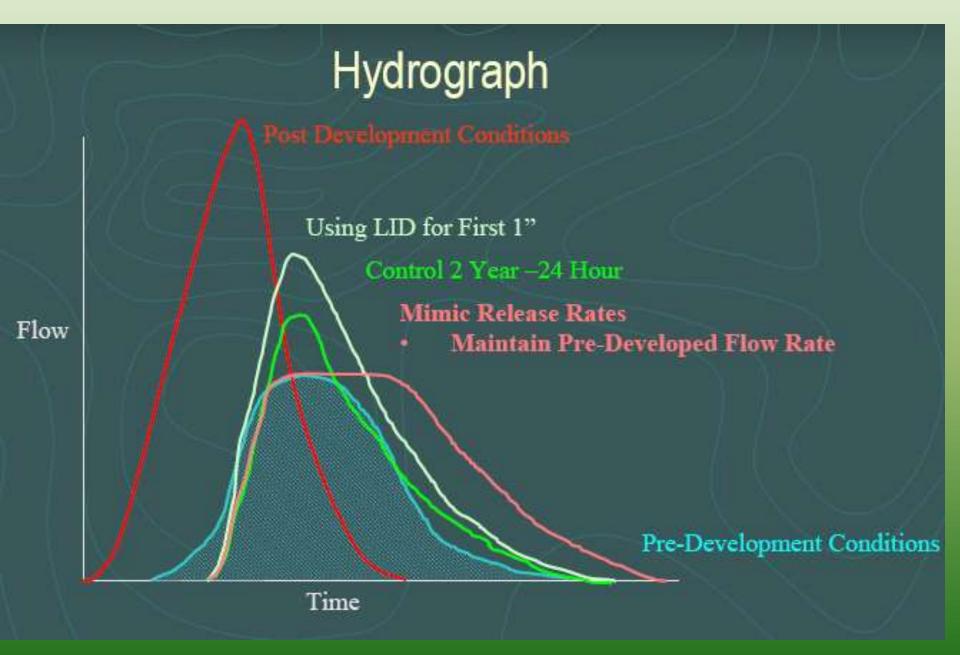
- Bolin Creek selected because of confidence in local community
- Alternative to more stringent federal/state regulation
- Partnership to restore impaired waters
- Emphasis on "measurable results"
- Federal/State financial and technical assistance
- Required Watershed Restoration Plan
- Two EPA/DENR grants received to date.
 - -2008-2012
 - Total value: \$986k

Development Impacts on the Water Cycle





Credit: NCSU



Bolin Creek WRT Initial Project

- Mini-grant from Clean Water Management Trust Fund (2007)
 - Contracted with Earth Tech:
 - Identify/prioritize areas of instability
 - Identify/prioritize restoration opportunities

BOLIN CREEK WATERSHED

Geomorphic Analysis and Potential Site Identification for Stormwater Structures and Retrofits



TOWN OF CARRBORO NORTH CAROLINA

EarthTech

Earth Tech of North Carolina, Inc. 701 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 475 Raleigh, NC 27607

Earth Tech Study

	Estimated		Unit Bid Price	Bid Amount	iteria and Point Allocation	
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Filter Fabric	15.0	SY	5.00	\$75		[5]
Grade Control Vanes	6.0	EA	3000.00	\$18,000	\$23,000 d \$50,000	[4] [3]
Silt Fence	500.0	FT	3.75	\$1,875	d \$80,000	[2]
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	4	Construction Access	5
		Poor	[1]
		Good	[3]
		Excellent	[5]
	5	Critical Nature of Project	5
		Critical (exponential increase of problem is expected if project is delayed; i.e. headcut causes channel incision which causes decades of channel instability and is order of magnitudes higher if you wait to repair)	[5]
		Very High (problem will increase in future at a steady rate)	[4]
		High (problem will increase, but range of future impact is limited)	[3]
		Medium (problem is severe but not expected to increase significantly)	[2]
		Low (problem is present, but stable, no expected increase)	[1]

Earth Tech Project Recommendations

- Streambank stabilization; 8 projects
- Stormwater projects (retrofits and new);
 22 projects
- Stream restoration; 1 project
- Dam retrofit; 1 project
- Conceptual designs

BCWRT Follow Up/ Current Work

- Follow up on EEP, ET, other studies
- 2 319 grants received
- Restoration projects (pilot/demonstration)
 - 4 on the ground projects
- Low Impact Development site monitoring study
- Intensive subwatershed analysis
- Watershed restoration plan

319 Restoration Grants

- 2008 Chapel Hill lead
- 2009 Carrboro lead
- 60/40 federal/local funding
- Partnering with NCSU, Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools, Friends of Bolin Creek



McDougle Project



Rain garden















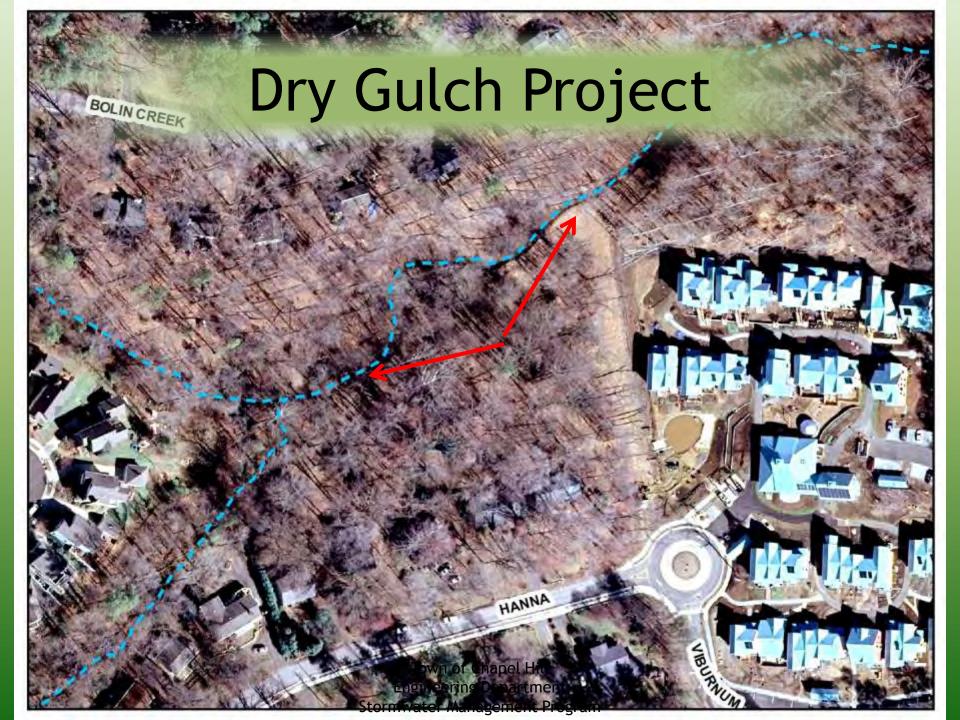














- Scope: channel stabilization
- Project construction
 planned: March, 2012



Pacifica Runoff Monitoring

- Evaluate effectiveness of Low Impact Development, stormwater management
- 2 year continuation
 - Predevelopment and construction runoff monitoring complete











Problems Observed









Construction





After Construction



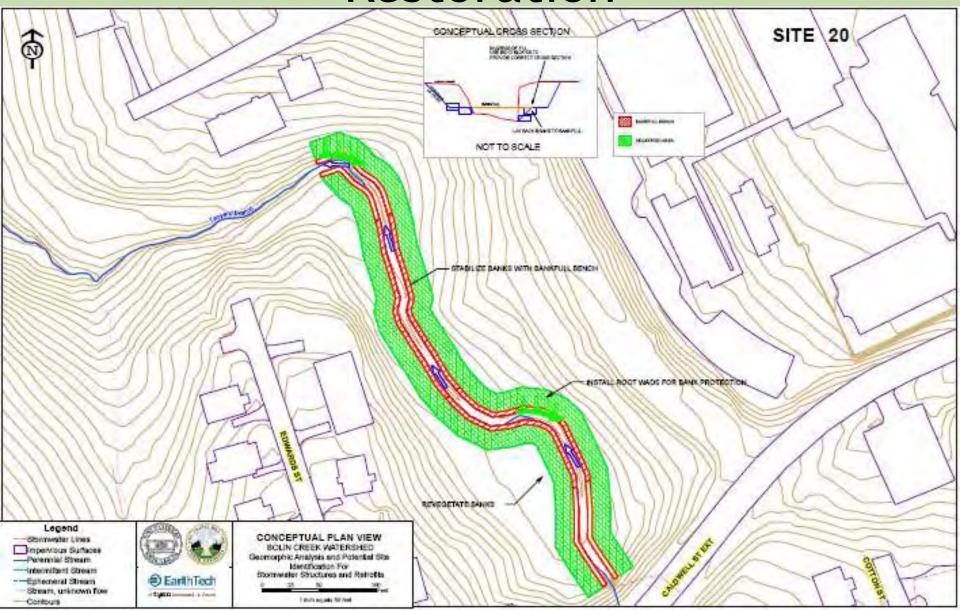




After construction



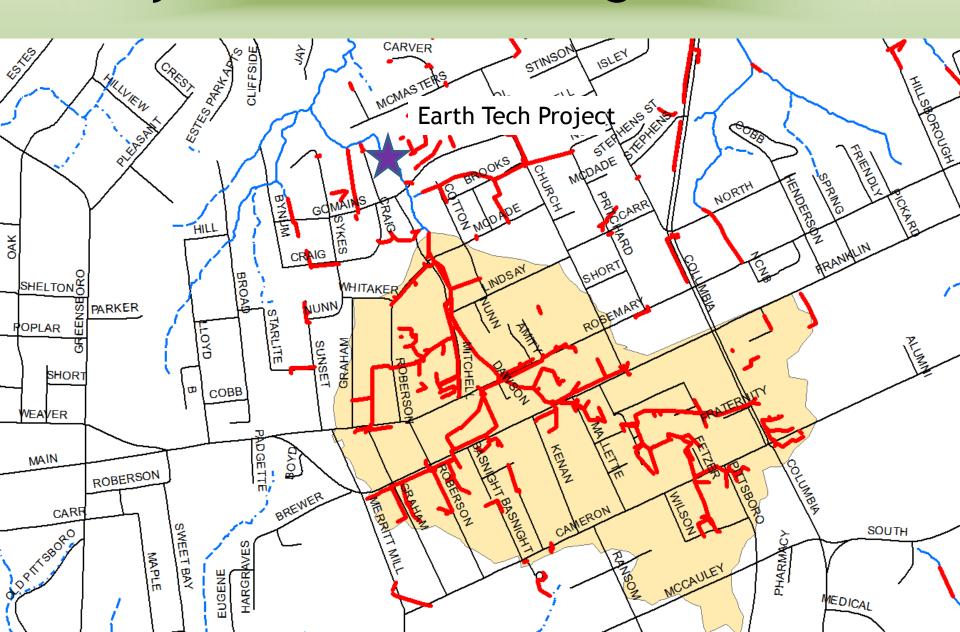
Proposed Tanyard Branch Stream Restoration



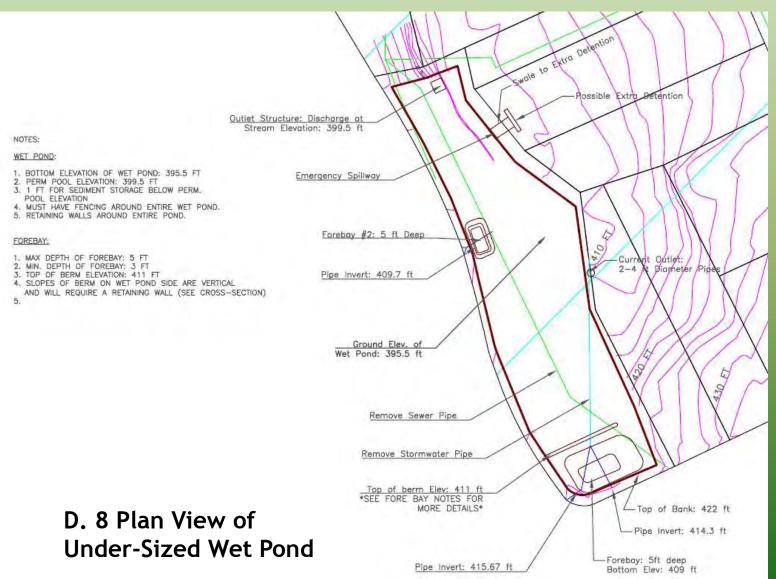
Tanyard Branch erosion



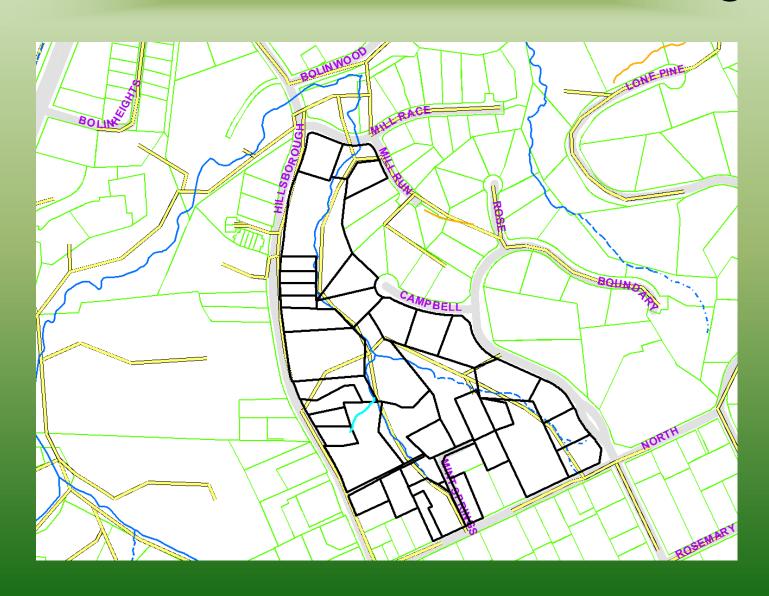
Tanyard Branch Drainage Network



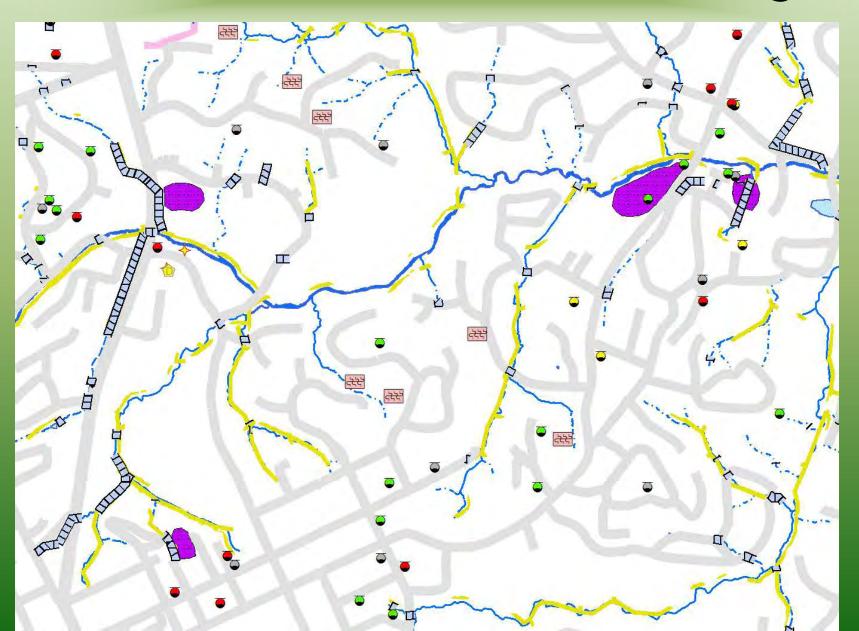
Tanyard Branch Alternatives Analysis



Watershed Restoration Challenges



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Watershed Situation Assessment

- Conducted by Watershed Education for Communities and Officials (WECO) affiliated with NCSU
- Study goal: understand full spread of interests related to Bolin Creek and watershed restoration
- Help Towns determine how to better engage stakeholders

WECO Situation Assessment Recommendations

- Create new collaborative watershed group
- Neutral party for watershed facilitation
- Online commons
- Local government internal review
- More Carolina N Forest outreach
- Carrboro revenue ideas
- Utility infrastructure planning and maintenance
- Facilitated, holistic discussion of environmental management and transportation

Watershed Restoration Planning

- Meet requirement for 9-element EPA plan
- This version: focus on technical aspects
 - Stressors and sources rate by severity
 - Projects rate by technical feasibility
- Identify challenges and barriers
- Estimate costs, identify funding sources
- Monitoring plan
- Process for regular evaluation and revision
- Incorporate stakeholder concerns from Situation Assessment

Watershed Plan Life Cycle



Umbrella Organization

(as recommended by WECO)

- Inclusive, broad range of stakeholders
- Shared responsibility
- Consensus decision making
- Visioning, collaborative goal development
- Will likely need a facilitator to help get things going

WANTED: CAT HERDER

(AKA Watershed Facilitator)



Next Steps for the Towns

- Complete draft Watershed Plan for technical review by State/EPA
- Evaluate funding and staffing needs
- NPDES and Jordan Lake Rules activities:
 - Education and outreach
 - Eliminate discharges and dumping
 - New Development stormwater requirements
 - ID stormwater retrofit projects

Next Steps For Everyone

- Follow up on WECO recommendations
 - Set up "umbrella organization" or expand existing restoration team
 - Watershed Facilitator
 - Create online commons
- Seek commitment for resources fromstakeholders
- Share with your neighbors
- Communicate priorities to elected officials
- Every little bit counts

For More Information

- Chapel Hill Stormwater Management Division www.townofchapelhill.org/stormwater
- Town of Carrboro Surface Water <u>www.townofcarrboro.org/pzi/Env/water.htm</u>
- NCSU Watershed Education for Communities and Officials <u>www.ncsu.edu/weco</u>
- EPA 9-element watershed plans water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/handbook_index.cfm
- DWQ Use Restoration Watershed Program portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ps/bpu/urw
- EPA Impaired Waters and Total Maximum Daily Load <u>water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/tmdl/intro</u> <u>.cfm</u>