



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Summary April 21, 2009

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Etowah Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present:

Chris Edelstein, City of Griffin
Kevin Finney, City of Gainesville
Nancy Howard, Fayette County
Samuel Jones, DeKalb County
Stephanie Lewis, Cobb County

Tonja Mincey, Henry County
Terry Porter, City of Alpharetta
Paul Pugliese, UGA Ext. Service
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock
Tyler Sims, City of Gainesville

Charlene Njoroge began the meeting by welcoming Education TCC members, initiating self introductions and giving an overview of the agenda. Some meeting attendees participated via telephone conferencing, these members included: Chris Edelstein, Nancy Howard, Terry Porter and Paul Pugliese. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming and ongoing community outreach campaign and events.

Planned and Ongoing Workshops

The following is a list of educational activities taking place within the next couple of months throughout the district by water educators:

- To celebrate National Drinking Water Week, Henry County will host an Open House at the Tussahaw Plant on Saturday, May 2 which will include a plant tour, children activities and food.
- Fayette County will celebrate Earth Day with a community event on Saturday, April 25, 2009 and is planning a Septic Maintenance Workshop on June 23, 2009.
- Cherokee County has partnered with the UGA Cherokee Extension Office to host a series of water related workshops for Cherokee County residents. Cherokee County is also starting a Clean Water Challenge for residents which will include a pledge and other outreach materials.
- City of Alpharetta is planning a variety of events such as rain barrel workshops, water conservation festivals and Earth Day celebrations.
- City of Gainesville is hosting a fire hydrant decorating contest with elementary students in Gainesville.

Public Awareness Discussion

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Kevin Finney with the City of Gainesville presented the City of Gainesville Public Education and Outreach Campaign to the Education TCC. The City of Gainesville's public education campaign consist of many components reaching out to students by speaking in classrooms, reaching out to City of Gainesville residents through toilet rebate programs, in-home water audits and reaching out to residents through pre-rinse spray valve education. In 2009, the City of Gainesville won the Fox McCarthy Water Wise Award through the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP).

Mrs. Njoroge discussed upcoming water holidays, National Drinking Water Week, National Public Works Week and National River Cleanup Week. Mrs. Njoroge offered a few handouts with educational suggestions to celebrate upcoming water holidays. Mrs. Njoroge also discussed upcoming Clean Water Campaign/Water Use It Wisely Essay Contest and asked assistance from committee members to promote the essay contest within their jurisdiction.

Matt Harper with the Metro Water District asked committee members to begin looking over the draft water management plans and begin making a list of educational materials the Metro Water District should develop in the future.

Meeting Announcements

The next education subcommittee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 10AM.**

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.