

**Item Title: Wake County Water Partnership**

**Function:** The Water Partnership provides expertise and guidance on water-related issues in our community. Its mission is “To facilitate collaboration to promote leadership in water management and sustainability and promote health by providing high quality water throughout Wake County.” The partnership includes representatives from municipalities, well owners, water providers, agriculture, academics, environmental groups and the building industry and acts in an advisory capacity to identify new water related opportunities and challenges that impact the County. Currently, we have three subcommittees as follows:

Education and Outreach – Considers methods of educating the public concerning proper maintenance, operation and ownership of wells, septic systems and stormwater control devices.

Comprehensive Planning – Coordinates activities in the areas of integrated water management planning, drought planning and conservation of water resources through conservation strategies and technologies.

Green Infrastructure – Considers opportunities for green storm water infrastructure within the county that protect water resources while enhancing neighborhoods, parks, schools and other areas.

**Meeting Schedule:** The full Committee meets bimonthly on the second Friday of the month from 1-3pm. Subcommittees generally meet for 1 hour bimonthly depending on schedule set by chair. Additional information, along with a list of current members is available on our website: <https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/water-quality-programs/wake-county-water-partnership>.

- **Water Partnership = 7 Reappointments + 5 Term Completions + 4 Recommendations + 2 Vacancies**
  - 7 Reappointments:
    - Edward Buchan, Municipality - Raleigh
    - Leah Harrison, Municipality – Garner
    - Christian Ike Archer, Municipality - Knightdale
    - George Matthis, Private Well Owner
    - Jeff Adkins, At-Large Representative
    - Mitchell Woodward, At-Large Representative
    - Suzanne Harris, Builders and Real Estate representative
  - 5 Term Completions:
    - Rachel Ingham, Municipality – Holly Springs
    - Marc Collins, Municipality - Wendell
    - Ben Mills, Municipality - Morrisville
    - Teresa Fur, Soil and Water Conservation representative
    - Mike Burchell, Academic representative

- 4 Recommendations by the Water Partnership:
  - Rachel Jones, to fill vacancy for Municipality - Holly Springs
  - Mark Spanioli, to fill vacancy for Municipality - Morrisville
  - Emily Bateman, to fill vacancy for Soil and Water Conservation representative
  - Dr. Elizabeth Nichols, to fill vacancy for Academic representative
  
- 2 Vacancies:
  - Town of Rolesville representative
  - Town of Zebulon representative

**Attachments: 5**

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