RESOLUTION #9757

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW DIRECTION OF THE UPPER NEUSE RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION TO ACCOMPLISH THE FALLS LAKE CONSENSUS PRINCIPLES AND TO COMPLY WITH NC GENERAL STATUTES §77-119 *et. seq.* REGARDING THE FALLS LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, over the years the City of Durham and its citizens have been leaders in protecting the environment in wastewater treatment, water quality protection, land use regulation, buffer protection, open space preservation, and stormwater regulation;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham approved the Consensus Principles to Guide Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy on February 17, 2009 as an integrated and interconnected set of principles to guide further action on development of rules and regulations regarding Falls Lake;

WHEREAS, the Consensus Principles requested the NC Environmental Management Commission to re-examine the nutrient management strategy for Falls Lake in advance of actions to begin implementing Stage 2 of the strategy;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham supports re-examination of the strategy for the Falls Lake watershed that are based on sound science and that address all significant sources of pollution to the Lake in a manner that is equitable, cost-efficient and reasonable;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Durham finds that working cooperatively with other jurisdictions will further the City of Durham's and it citizens' best interests in achieving reasonable and cost effective management of Falls Lake;

WHEREAS, City staff and elected officials have been active in the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) and the Falls Lake stakeholder process, and these cooperative efforts have established mechanisms of regional cooperation on watershed issues;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the UNRBA modified the bylaws to incorporate the purposes and goals of the Falls Lake Watershed Association as specified in NC General Statutes (NCGS) §77-119 *et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the UNRBA has been effective at securing outside grant funding for watershed projects and has cooperatively produced watershed plans for areas within the Falls Lake watershed including the Little Lick Creek and Lick Creek watersheds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM:

Supports a) the modification of the UNRBA bylaws to fulfill the goals of the Falls Lake Watershed Association as specified in NCGS §77-119 *et. seq.*, b) providing cooperative funding, including UNRBA dues increases, as necessary to fulfill partnerships in pursuit of the Consensus Principle's goals, particularly those related to a re-examination of the nutrient management strategy, c) continued cooperation between local governments in the Falls Lake Watershed, and d) the use of local businesses and universities as contractors and subcontractors where feasible.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

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