

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UPPER NEUSE RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION PLAN FOR MONITORING FALLS LAKE AND THE FALLS LAKE WATERSHED TO ACCOMPLISH THE RE-EXAMINATION OF FALLS LAKE STAGE 2 GOALS

WHEREAS, over the years the City of Durham and its citizens have been leaders in protecting the environment through 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, City elected officials and staff 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 City Council of the City of Durham finds that working cooperatively with other jurisdictions will further the City of Durham's and its citizens' best interests in achieving reasonable and cost effective management of Falls Lake;

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 UNRBA commissioned a study of the field monitoring needed to accomplish a re-examination of the strategy for the Falls Lake watershed;

WHEREAS, the UNRBA recommends a four year period of monitoring for Falls Lake and the Falls Lake watershed to fully accomplish the prioritized goals of Lake Response Modeling and Support of Regulatory Options at a cost of approximately \$4.4 million;

WHEREAS, the UNRBA has decided to partially fund the FY2014 monitoring at \$500,000;

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

Supports a) conducting field monitoring of the Falls Lake watershed for minimally four years, b) providing cooperative funding, including UNRBA dues increases up to \$149,742.67 to accomplish the monitoring needed for a re-examination of the Falls Lake strategy goals, c) continued cooperation between local governments in the Falls Lake Watershed, d) the use of local businesses and universities as contractors and subcontractors where feasible, and e) the pursuit of grant funding to reduce the financial burden on Upper Neuse jurisdictions.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.