

Stormwater Utility Priorities for 2012

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Overall Priority – Implementing the Utility Vision of an Efficient Utility Addressing the Stormwater Needs of the County, while Protecting its Water Resources

Proposed Top Three Internal Management Goals

1. Identify Efficiency opportunities in Utility Operation especially in organization and communication
2. Complete SW Utility building renovations
3. Improve Project record maintenance to avoid confusion on project records with special emphasis on linking to program element, phasing and naming.

Top Ten External Goals Nominees (numbers bolded are SWIC recommendations)

1. Fully utilize Pubworks to produce request priority process, necessary reports, including indirect cost, and records in timely manner (**1 – include project request estimation system**)
2. Determine utility outfalls and county's MS4 responsibility (**2**)
3. Develop Catch Basin identification and inspection schedule
4. Improve Easement/Drainage/Pipe Layer with files from Public Works and Engineering
5. Present watershed restoration program and initiate in Battery Creek and Okatie River if approved
6. *Develop joint project for USCB, Waddell and Utility on SW*
7. *Develop comprehensive graphical SW Needs picture with what we are and not doing*
8. *Develop Pond Maintenance System (2 rec. county wide policy with Municipalities)*
9. Update Adjustment and Credit Manual (**2**)
10. *Explore Technical Subcommittee to SW Board (2) mission in part to check cause of impairments in low impervious percentage watersheds*

Note: number 5 added and number 10 modified based on SW board input; moved 9 and 10 to top ten based on SWIC recommendations

New Goals suggested by Municipalities

- SWIC GIS subcommittee to identify a uniform/compatible SW GIS layer
- Develop a transition plan to Carolina Clear for MCM 1&2

Other Goals not in top ten

11. Implement a Utility Locate System
12. Implement new changes in IGAs – budget reports **(1)**
13. *Pilot Unique retrofit project tied to watershed restoration (1)*
14. Contract for third party Program Evaluation
15. *Support SW R&D by starting Water Budget Study*
16. Develop inspection procedures/checklist for BMPs and to identify hot spots including SCDOT
17. Transition water quality monitoring contract from GEL to USCB **(1)**
18. *Complete 10 year and SW Management Plan reports and future tracking*
19. Explore 319 funding for Battery Creek **(1- expand to all eligible watersheds)**
20. Pollution Prevention Plans for SW Utility **(1)**
21. *Look for ways to stress economic value of SW protecting water quality*
22. Develop public education slots for County Channel
23. Coordinate new Form-based code and reformatted BMP manual
24. Initiate County retrofit projects at Admin Center and Hwy 278
25. Improve WQ Pond construction expertise
26. Actively participate in the Okatie 319 grant
27. *Interactive Website graphics on SW*

Note: goals in italics are recommendations by County Administrator.

Guiding principles for Utility determinations were

1. Actions needed for NPDES Permit
2. Addressing WQ Issues
3. Improve efficiency in Utility operation