

**City of Griffin Watershed Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for March 6, 2007 5:30 pm**  
**Public Works and Utility Conference Room**  
**134 N Hill St.**

Those present were Watershed Advisory Chairman and Public Works & Utilities Director Brant Keller, Secretary & Stormwater Deputy Director Milton McCarthney, Members: Consulting Group Representative Brian Keller, Heads Creek Watershed Representative Harold Williams, Environmental Representative Wade Hutcheson, Rental Housing Representative John Baird, and Contractor Representative Ferrell Wilkerson.

Those absent were Education Representative Wayne Gardner, Potato Creek Watershed Representative Frankie Wood, Commercial Representative Ricky Sasser, Industrial Representative Brent Nozaki, Developers Representative Brian Cagle, Manufacturing Representative Robert Paige and Keep Griffin Spalding Beautiful Representative Kevin Barkley.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Minutes** from December 31, 2006 meeting were approved.

**2. Adopt-a-Stream:**

An Adopt-a-Stream project was held March 17 at 10:00, on a tributary of Shoal Creek past the old Wal-Mart in western Griffin. Participating Boy Scout Troops, Rotary Club, and 4-H'ers, in cooperation with the City of Griffin and Spalding County cleaned 1 mile of stream and collected approximately 3,600 pounds of garbage from the banks along this creek, helping to prevent the pollution of our drinking water.

The City of Griffin Solid Waste Department accepted the trash and 11 tires for disposal free of charge, with collected metals recycled by City staff. T-shirts were distributed from a design contest won by Jalesa Johnson in Mrs. Luallen's Cowan Rd Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Mugs with the "Adopt-A-Stream", Rotary, and Griffin Stormwater logos were also distributed. Hamburgers were grilled and served for volunteers after cleanup. Next year Wal-Mart has agreed to be a corporate sponsor.

**3. WaterWise:**

This year's WaterWise program will be administered to about 700 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 25 teachers will participate from 10 Elementary schools in Griffin Spalding System. Distribution and tracking performance of the WaterWise kits is ongoing.

**4. Watershed Scholarships:**

The selection for City of Griffin Watershed scholarship recipient is underway again for the 2007-2008 college year. Inquiries have been received from Griffin High and Spalding High Schools. Applications will be accepted for award and presentation during the honors program at the end of the school year. Stephen Rooks returning for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Recycling containers:**

Sanitation containers for recycling and trash have been distributed by the City of Griffin and were commented upon by the Council led by Harold Williams.

### **2. E&S certification card:**

E&S permit changes for 2007 require certified personnel on site for soil disturbance. Anyone involved in land development, design, review, permitting, construction, monitoring, inspection, or any land-disturbing activity in Georgia must meet these new education requirements and be certified by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. It is estimated that 26,000 people have been certified by December 31, 2006.

### **3. NPDES Ph II SW implementation:**

An overview of City of Griffin requirements for NPDES Phase II permit implementation for Stormwater quality items was discussed by McCarthney. Categories and BMP's discussed included:

- a) Public participation and involvement: Enviroscope demonstrations, Web updates, Utility bill inserts, Annual Griffin Daily News report, Bmp Test site
- b) Public Education and Outreach: Curb markers, Watershed advisory council, Customer survey, Stream cleanup
- c) Illicit discharge detection and elimination: FOG program, Stream walk
- d) Construction site stormwater runoff control: Construction site inspections, Litter ordinance enforcement, Violation documentation
- e) Post construction stormwater management: Pond inspections, Stormwater design manual revisions
- f) Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for City of Griffin operations: Street sweeping, Catch basin cleaning, SW training for staff, Retrofit structures, SW pollution prevention controls at facilities, City wide survey benchmark establishment, Cityworks work order system, Tree planting, Watershed sampling

### **4. Still Branch Reservoir:**

Still branch reservoir opened as a recreation area managed by the Department of natural resources with bass fishing from a maximum of 28 boats per day. 33 wood duck boxes with predator guards were installed by local scout troop. The prestigious Georgia Engineers Alliance Excellence award for 2007 was awarded for the reservoir design and performance.

### **5. "Water First" community:**

As one of only 6 other Georgia cities designated a "Water 1<sup>st</sup>" community, the City of Griffin gets a great prime + 1% interest rates on its projects. City operations budget is \$14.2M. Corporate sponsors for water week will be wooed next year as the city is weaned off its grant.

### **6. Backflow prevention program:**

The Back flow prevention program has seen numerous backflows installed throughout the City. Approximately 40 households are still on septic tanks in the City.

**7. City Revenue:**

City of Griffin Storm Water utility and Water and Wastewater revenues are expected to be impacted by the loss of Cooper Standard (\$600k), Nacom (\$125k), and possibly Springs (17% revenue) and 1888 Mills (5%) in the future. Increased revenue is projected from Lamar, Pike, Spalding, and from Sun City Peachtree development.

**8. Storm water design tool and ordinance revision:**

Storm water Quality site design tool is being developed with Paragon for incorporation into the Stormwater design manual. This should be ready for June for inclusion into the new ordinance adoption.

**FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**1. BMP construction site:**

The City is looking into adding to its Erosion and Sedimentation Control BMP test site by constructing a green roof. This roof will be designed to have live plants, soil, and use water conservation techniques

**2. Community Rating System:**

Community rating system (CRS) was introduced as an objective for floodplain management. The City has submitted its application for the program and Jeff Stanley will oversee the program as a certified floodplain manager.

**3. Stormwater Survey:**

City of Griffin stormwater public survey is to be inserted in the May utility bills.

There being no further discussion or comment, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Milton McCarthney, Acting Secretary

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Dr. Brant Keller, Chairman