

**City of Griffin Watershed Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for March 19, 2008 5:30 pm**  
**Public Works and Utility Conference Room**  
**100 South Hill St.**

Those present were: Watershed Advisory Chairman and Public Works & Utilities Director Brant Keller, Secretary Stormwater Deputy Director Chris Edelstein. Members: Consulting Group Representative Bryan Keller, Heads Creek Watershed Representative Harold Williams, Environmental Representative Wade Hutcheson, Rental Housing Representative Jon Baird, Contractor Representative Ferrell Wilkerson and Potential new Potato Creek Representative: Tom Bair

Those absent were, Education Group Representative Wayne Gardner, Shoal Creek Watershed Representative Rose Mary Seymour, Commercial Representative Ricky Sasser, Keep Griffin Spalding Beautiful Representative Kevin Barkley, Manufacturing Representative Robert Paige and

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Minutes** from January 23, 2008 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2. Stormwater Design Manual**

Preview of the newly updated and published City of Griffin Stormwater Department Stormwater Design Manual.

**3. Water and Wastewater Review**

Both the Heads Creek and Still Branch reservoirs are pump filled reservoirs meaning water is pumped into the reservoirs from the Flint River. Shoals Creek wastewater treatment plant is currently being updates and upgraded. Potato Creek Wastewater treatment plant will undergo updating and will be capable of an operation capacity of 1 MGD by the end of the year. Brief update on the current condition of the Still Branch reservoir.

**4. WaterWise:**

This year's WaterWise program will reach roughly 800 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of the Griffin-Spalding County School System. All of the teachers have been contacted and all materials have been sent out. All students will complete pre- and post-program tests to evaluate the program. In previous years students have shown a 20 point increase in their post-program tests

**5. City of Griffin Touchscreen Information Center**

A touchscreen kiosk has been installed outside of the Planning and Development office so that the general public can come in and access the internet to obtain all of the development regulations and have access to griffinstorm.com. A printer has been added to the kiosk so users can print from the station.

**6. Adopt-a-Stream:**

This year's Adopt-a-Stream project will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, on a tributary of Shoal Creek past the old Wal-Mart in western Griffin. We expect 150 to 200 participants including local: Boy and Girl Scouts, Rotary and Kiwanis Club members and 4-H'ers. At the event the City will be displaying maintenance equipment used to clean the storm lines of Griffin. Also on display will be the rain simulator and F.O.G. display.

**7. Watershed Scholarships:**

Stephen Rooks will be returning for his 3<sup>rd</sup> year and Ronald Rodriquez will be returning for his second year in the program. The students receive an annual scholarship worth \$1500 and are also given summer intern positions. To be eligible the students must be enrolled in a math or science curriculum.

**8. Curb Markers**

In years past, storm drains were marked in spray paint telling the public not to dump things into the storm drains. The spray paint faded quickly so, the next version of curb marking utilized plastic markers glued to the curb above a storm drain. This year, metal markers will be used instead of plastic and 500 new storm drains will be marked.

**9. [www.griffinstorm.com](http://www.griffinstorm.com)**

The stormwater webpage is continuously updated to insure that the most recent information is available to the public.

**10. Sand Filter 319 Grant**

The sand filter grant is the 6<sup>th</sup> 319 grant the city has secured. This grant provides funding to evaluate the effectiveness of modified sand filters on treating non-point source pollution from stormwater runoff before discharging into Potato Creek.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 5:30 at the Still Branch Reservoir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Chris Edelstein, Acting Secretary

ATTEST:

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Dr. Brant Keller, Chairman