OVERVIEW

The Environmental Review Board (ERB) is a citizen board appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. ERB is an extra-governmental organization of knowledgeable citizens serving voluntarily to provide technical information and supplemental advise to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners. ERB's purpose is to hear and decide on environmental issues, maintain or improve the environmental conditions of Guilford County, and assure safe, healthful, and naturally pleasing surroundings for all inhabitants, present and future.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES

The Environmental Review Board is composed of fifteen members selected from a spectrum of vocations and professions as follows:

- Agricultural Resources
- Air Resources
- Water Resources
- Life Sciences (Biology, etc.)
- Chemistry
- Aesthetic Concerns
- Public Health
- Legal Affairs
- Public Communication
- Waste Management
- Transportation
- Civil or Environmental Engineering
- Land Development
- Public at Large

All members must be legal residents of Guilford County, North Carolina. The Guilford County Board of Commissioners appoints all members for a three-year term. Members serve without monetary compensation.

Annually, the Environmental Review Board elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its membership. The Chairman appoints a Secretary from within or outside its membership.

The Environmental Review Board is required to adopt an annual meeting schedule and normally meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in Room 401, Fourth Floor Conference Room, Old County Courthouse, 201 W. Market Street, Greensboro. Please refer to Development Bulletin #2 Meeting Schedule for specific dates. The ERB may hold special meetings that can be called at any time by the Chairman.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

1. Investigate environmental conditions of Guilford County periodically.
2. Review regulatory procedures and methods of governmental units.
3. Review appropriate records and reports of governmental units.
4. Review the findings of private consultants employed by the County Commissioners or departments under their authority.
5. Cooperate with and coordinate activities of various environmental committees and organizations of citizens concerned with environmental quality.
6. Cooperate with and coordinate activities of educational institutions, private enterprises, and private citizens.
7. Solicit and review suggestions and recommendations and criticisms made by all individual parties and organizations.
8. Draft ordinances for enactment by the County Commissioners.
9. Participate in meeting with the County Commissioners, government employees, and general public to explain findings, decisions and recommendations as required.
10. Perform other functions as requested by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners.
11. To hear and decide matters in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance; to wit: Minor stormwater/watershed modifications, channelization of streams, underground storage tanks, Illicit and Illegal discharges, enforcement for non-compliance of environmental regulations;
12. To hear and decide matters on appeal from the Enforcement Officers for Stormwater management/watershed and Soil Erosion; to wit: subdivisions, site plans, stormwater management/watershed plans, and soil erosion plans;
13. To provide recommendations to the Governing Body with regard to any of the above matters which may be appealed; as well as those matters which are referred to the N.C. Environmental Management Commission with recommendation from the Governing Body such as major Stormwater management / watershed modifications.

SERVICE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like to receive information about serving on the Environmental Review Board contact the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners at 336-641-4893 or by mail at P.O. Box 3427, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402.

If you would like additional information concerning function of the Environmental Review Board, please contact the Watershed Protection Engineer at 336-641-3784.