



**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
NORTH CAROLINA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TECHNICAL WORK GROUP**

Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management TWG Call #13, May 18, 2007

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Anne Coan, John Bonitz, Marion Deerhake, Jim Durham, Dennis Hazel, Jim Hickman, Chris Hopkins, Kraig Westerbeek
2. Public: none
3. CCS: Stephen Roe
4. DAQ/DENR: Heather Hawkins, Charles Davis, Jim Southerland

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm)

1. Agenda
2. AFW TWG Call #12Summary
3. AFW Policy Options Document
4. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS requested comments or suggested revisions on the last call summary. None were provided.
2. CCS reviewed the objectives of today's meeting. They were to go over final revisions needed on AFW-1 (Manure Digesters & Energy Utilization) and AFW-13 (Urban Forestry). The CAPAG unanimously approved all of the AFW options at the last meeting; however some clarifications were requested on these two options:
 - a. AFW-1: Additional details on implementation mechanisms (specifically the proposed sources of funding for the financial incentives) were requested; also additional details on water and air quality impacts were requested for the "Additional Benefits and Costs" section.
 - the NC Farm Bureau TWG volunteers will provide additional text to detail proposed funding mechanisms for the "Implementation Mechanisms" section;
 - S. Roe will incorporate information provided by the TWG to address the second issue on air and water quality impacts.

b. AFW-13: a CAPAG member had asked whether the goal levels could be strengthened [goals seemed low relative to the existing urban sequestration rates shown in the new EPA State Guidance and Inventory Tool (SGIT) data]. The TWG deliberated on this issue, but felt that the proposed goal levels were sufficiently ambitious and questioned whether the urban sequestration rates in the new EPA data were a relevant point of comparison (these are thought to include all urbanized areas including parks, other recreational areas, commercial areas, etc.; while the objectives of the policy option were to both plant trees for their carbon benefit, but also to achieve energy reduction benefits through the shading of structures). No changes were made to the policy goals. Entries were made to the “Parties Involved” in the “Policy Design” section of the option, but no other changes were made to the text.

Next steps

3. For next steps, CCS will distribute the final draft version of the document to the TWG next week. This is the version that will be submitted to the CAPAG for final approval at the July CAPAG meeting. It will also serve as an appendix to the final report for the CAPAG process.
4. Next CAPAG is the week of July 16. CCS and DENR will keep the TWG updated on the rest of the process via email communications. No additional TWG meetings are anticipated, unless directed by the CAPAG.