

**Coastal Development and Watershed Planning:
Collaborative Problem Solving to Protect Water Resources**

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Breakout Session I – Watershed Planning

Key Discussion Points:

1. Need more discussions
2. Central Players:
 - a. US Army Corps of Engineers
 - b. SC OCRM
 - c. USDA-NRCS
 - d. Waccamaw Council of Governments
 - e. Audubon
 - f. Waccamaw Riverkeeper
 - g. North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
 - h. Winyah Rivers Sierra Club
 - i. Horry County
 - j. North Myrtle Beach
 - k. Georgetown Public Services
3. What should be in a watershed management plan?
 - a. Economics – resource valuation
 - b. Hydrology
 - c. Environmental Issues
 - i. Water Quality
 - ii. Habitat
 - d. Land Use
 - i. Transportation
 - ii. Social, Cultural, Historical
 - e. Connection to County Comprehensive Plans
4. Interests to prioritize in a watershed management plan
 - a. Regulatory Imperatives such as TMDLs
 - b. Political realities
 - c. Impending growth impacts
 - d. Protecting special lands
5. Basin-Level Issues that transcend subwatersheds
 - a. Riparian Buffer Ordinance
 - b. Land Conservation Plan
 - c. Land Use Planning
 - i. Density
 - ii. Road connectivity
 - iii. Management techniques such as controlled burns
6. Steps for subwatersheds
 - a. Develop a community vision through charettes
 - b. Need to develop landowner buy in

- c. Need to emphasize stewardship component
- d. Need to provide ongoing education for transplants and tourists