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Progress in North Carolina

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Statistics in North Carolina

Technitrain (through August 2008)
12 projects
5 workshops conducted

OCS
6 projects
1 workshop conducted

EPA SMART About Water
1 project in planning
2 workshops in planning

Recent Project Highlights in North Carolina

Elegant displays of Queen Anne's Lace fringe most rural roadsides throughout western NC at this time of year. Along one section of State Route 19E in Avery County, however, this perennial summer flower is temporarily displaced by a different, but nonetheless welcome sight. Long-awaited—and desperately needed—water lines are under construction connecting the NRCAP project community of Cranberry to the Town of Elk Park. Cranberry is an unincorporated community of approximately 60 households that hasn't had consistent or reliable water service for the



Photo 1: Water lines are under construction to replace the leaky distribution system that left the Cranberry community with insufficient water supply.

past several years. NRCAP's Rich Holder has worked diligently with this community since 2001 to address shorter-term compliance issues and develop an longer-term strategy to achieve a safe and reliable water service through infrastructure improvements. Rich worked with the Cranberry Water Association Board to rewrite their bylaws, provided them training for managing small water systems, advised on hiring a certified operator, installed a meter to record daily water usage, upgraded the well house, and added a chlorinator to disinfect. While working on compliance issues, Rich simultaneously kept a dialogue going between the state, the water association, and the nearby town of Elk Park to work towards connecting the two systems. In 2005, Rich successfully garnered pro bono engineering services to get a Preliminary Engineering Report completed, help to complete a successful \$1million grant application in 2006, and helped with sticky utility easement issues in the current program year. As a result, and with the waterlines going into the ground, Rich is getting ready to close out this very long-term project knowing that, while the Queen Anne's Lace will return to Cranberry, the insufficient water supply problems will not.

Source Water Protection in Western NC

With the start of the SMART About Water program, NRCAP has begun planning for potential projects. The target area will be in Western NC where NRCAP has strong source water protection partners within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Public Water Supply Section and the Wastewater Discharge Elimination (WaDE) program. In July NRCAP's Bob Taylor and Sharon LaPalme met with NC's Source Water Protection Coordinators Amy Axon and Jay Frick to begin identifying potential communities and needed data. In addition, Rich Holder is talking with WaDE staff about communities and water supplies they plan to target for surveying.

