

Fall 2004 Environmental Practicum
Potential Projects

1. Begin drafting the HCP & initiate the Environmental Assessment process from the HCP
 - a. Research ESA, relevant code provisions, HCP handbook and other HCPs
 - b. Research NEPA and relevant code provisions
 - c. Develop outline of both documents
 - d. Identify experts/reports for various sections of both documents
 - e. Begin drafting—particularly background information on HCP and technical committees and policies adopted to date
 - f. Define legacy project/s

2. Draft report on state programs that provide outstanding protection for aquatic species and can inform development of Georgia policy
 - a. Identify progressive states
 - b. Develop strategy for analyzing programs
 - c. Analyze programs
 - i. Review statutes, regulations, policies
 - ii. Interviews (email or phone)
 - d. Draft findings

3. Develop septic policy for the HCP
 - a. Review material from prior practicums
 - b. Review scientific and policy literature
 - c. Review materials from Appalachian Regional Commission, EPA and Small Flows Clearinghouse
 - d. Interviews with Douglas County re their program and experts in counties
 - e. Draft recommendations

4. Develop recommendations for how we can use wetlands and streambank restoration requirements under the federal Clean Water Act to protect priority habitat
 - a. Review MOU of MBRT
 - b. Review Colby Meacham's research
 - c. Review priority map
 - d. Meet with FWS and FHWA
 - e. Review notes from federal agency meeting/s

5. Work with Inland Temple, TNC, Conservation Fund, Forest Legacy, DNR, David Newman of the School of Forestry and planners in appropriate counties to develop a pilot project protecting large area of priority habitat
6. Develop implementation plan for 1 TMDL in the Etowah watershed
7. Develop site development, management and educational plan for the Bartow County parking lot in Cartersville.