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Erosion and Sedimentation in North Carolina

What is the Number One Pollutant, by volume, of North Carolina Waterbodies?



Sedimentation: The Facts

- •Harmful to Fish and their Food Supply
- Destroys Wildlife Habitat
- •Harmful Chemicals and Pollutants adsorbed or carried on soil particles
- •Reduced property value
- •Fills Streams and Lakes
 - •Decreases the availability of water during droughts
 - •Increases water treatment costs
 - •Increases power costs
 - •Increases chance of Flooding

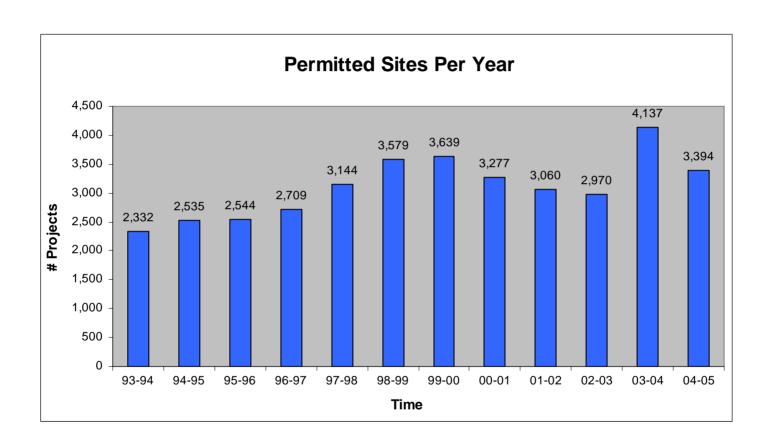


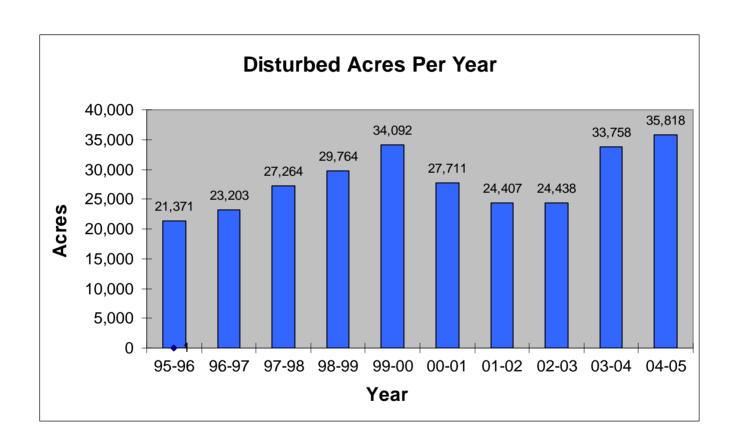
Sedimentation Cost

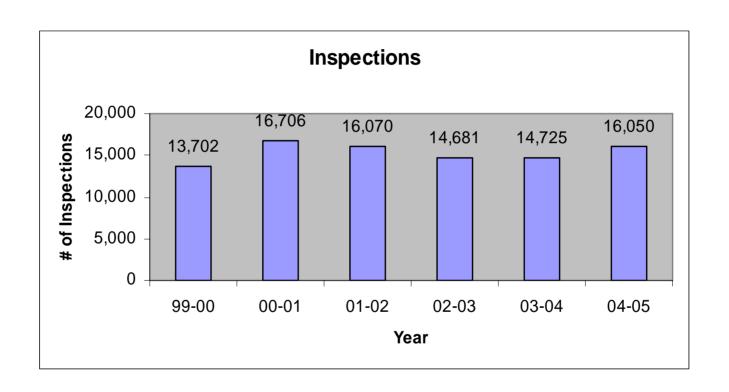
- Dredging of Lake Lure cost approximately \$1,400,000 in 1997 and an additional \$900,000 has been spent in dredging cost since 1997.
- Southeast United Methodist Assembly spent \$500,000 to dredge Lake Junaluska.
- City of Salisbury estimates that it cost the city approximately \$68,000 per year attributable to build up of sediment around the water intake structure.

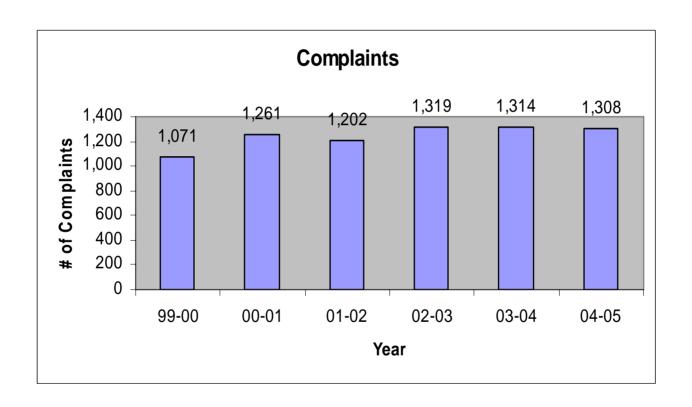
Sedimentation Control Commission

- □ 12 members, appointed by Governor, industry/environmental balance
- □Rulemaking authority, oversight of state and local programs
- □ Large Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), members selected for technical expertise









Sedimentation Program Facts

1997 Action Plan report to the Governor and the ERC

- ☐ 6000 active projects
 - (excluding Local Government Programs and DOT)
- □ 20 FTEs to inspect these projects
- ☐ Projects are inspected on the average once every 6 months
- ☐ 36 delegated local programs

Sedimentation Program Facts 2005 Report to the ERC

- ☐ Currently have over 8000 active projects (excluding Local Government Programs and DOT)
- ☐ 32 FTEs to inspect these projects
- ☐ Projects are inspected on the average once every 5 months
- ☐ 48 delegated local programs

Sedimentation Program Facts

97-98	04-05

Percentage of inspections resulting in NOVs

5.7% 4.7%

 Percentage of NOVs resulting in Enforcement

10.8% 8.4%







































