



**Recap: June 16, 2015
Charlotte Green Team Meeting
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Charlotte, NC**

“Water: Will We Have Enough?”

We asked the question, “Do you know where your water comes from & how many different cities & towns are clamoring for it? Do you know how multiple states & municipalities are working together to insure we have enough water for everyone well into the future? But short-term, just this summer, what if we enter into drought conditions? What will that mean for you and your business?”

Well, it seems a lot of people wanted to know the answers to those questions. Forty people turned out to hear Barry Gullet, Director of Charlotte Water & Jeff Lineberger, Director of Water Strategy & Hydro Licensing for Duke Energy talk about just these things. And it was probably the best 90 minutes ever spent when it comes to understanding and appreciating what it takes to get water to millions of people and all of our businesses on a continuous basis, day in and day out. As one person said, “It was like a college course on water management!” And what it did was leave us with a great sense of pride and confidence in what our City and region are doing to protect our water supply well into the future.

The City of Charlotte, along with 18 other cities and the two states of the Carolinas have joined together to form the Catawba-Wataree Water Management Group. Coupled with the re-licensing application by Duke Energy for the Catawba River Basin, the group conducted a million-dollar + study of all kinds of impacts on the river basin and came up with a plan to extend its ability to support us now and into the future, including additional growth in the region. Even other countries, as well as other water basins around the US, have come to the group to find out how they did it. So, it was comforting to know that they folks we have managing our water supply are on the cutting edge of plans, practices and science in what to do.

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