

Brunswick Is Among Sponsors Of Upcoming Water Quality Symposium

BY LYNN CARLSON

A request by nine Brunswick County local government boards for state support to combine stormwater runoff control with central sewer system plans is partly responsible for an upcoming two-day symposium on the topic, organizers say.

Government officials, policy-makers, scientists, engineers and citizens will meet Dec. 2-3 at the Coastline Convention Center in Wilmington to discuss managing point and nonpoint sources of pollution as part of a coastal growth management program.

Sponsors include Brunswick County, the N.C. Coastal Federation, Southeastern N.C. Watermen's Association, the Coastal Environmental Management Program at Duke Univ., the Greater Wilm. Chamber of Commerce, UNC Sea Grant, UNC Wilm., the Water Resources Research Institute of UNC, the Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders Assoc. and the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

The event has been titled "Integrated Coastal Wastewater Management in North Carolina: Protecting Coastal Water Quality Through Planning for Centralized Sewers and Growth Management."

The nine governments who asked for Governor Jim Hunt's help were led by Sunset Beach and Calabash, the original participants in the South Brunswick Water and Sewer Authority which hopes to build a sewer system and eventually to integrate it with a stormwater runoff program.

Other Brunswick County towns, plus the county commissioners and county health board, have endorsed the concept and asked for state funds to study the feasibility of developing an integrated regional sewer and stormwater project to serve as a model for rapidly-growing coastal communities suffering degradation of their shellfish waters.

In a letter to Governor Jim Hunt several months ago, the board stated, "Due to the extremely fragile shellfish water resource we have, we feel that stormwater runoff control must be integrally addressed simultaneously with sanitary waste disposal for us to achieve the desired level of environmental protection."

The upcoming two-day symposium will also serve as the third meeting of the governor's newly appointed Coastal Futures Committee. The CFC has been charged by Governor Jim Hunt to "evaluate the state's coastal

management program and offer recommendations to strengthen protection of coastal resources through administrative and legislative changes in the Coastal Area Management Act."

The CFC's final report is to be presented to the governor by September 1994. The committee, which includes Eugene Tomlinson of Southport, chairman of the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission, says it will focus its initial efforts on the need for water quality protection through "more effective growth management."

Tomlinson has said he sees a need for change "through an increased emphasis on the land use planning process with particular attention being given to the carrying capacity of development-proposed areas, and the cumulative impact or effects of proposed projects."

He also said amendments might be required to the state's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) to strengthen land use plans to include carrying capacities in such areas as water, sewer, public safety and roads.

The symposium will include two full days of presentations and discussions to "explore how to develop wastewater and stormwater management strategies in the context of each other so that coastal water quality is

protected," its brochure states.

Topics will include the effectiveness of traditional approaches to protecting coastal water quality and the legal mandates for doing so; the relationship between population density, land use patterns and coastal water quality; and the effectiveness of stormwater management strategies in protecting coastal water quality.

Scheduled presentations include:

■ "Why Traditional Strategies for Water Management are Not Working," by Dr. Richard T. Barber, Duke University Marine Laboratory and former member, N.C. Environmental Management Commission;

■ "Legal Imperatives for Effective Integrated Coastal Wastewater Management," by Derb Carter, Southern Environmental Law Center;

■ "Elements of an Integrated Coastal Wastewater Management Strategy for Coastal North Carolina," by Dr. Dan Okun, Kenan Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, UNC; and

■ "Can Engineered Stormwater Controls Achieve Enough Pollution Reduction to Maintain Coastal Water Quality Standards," by Dr. Bill Kirby-Smith, Duke University Marine Laboratory.

Two Accused Of Making Man Drink Ajax Indicted For Attempted Murder

A Brunswick County Grand Jury on Monday indicted two men on charges of robbery, kidnapping and attempted murder for allegedly beating an unconscious man, pouring cleaning powder down his throat, stealing his wallet and dumping him in a Wilmington park last month.

Douglas Franklin Lacy, 29, and Valdez Whitmore, 28, were indicted on one count each of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, first-degree kidnapping and common law robbery.

The two men, both residents of the Holiday Lodge rooming house in Leland, were arrested after a neighboring roomer named Terry Davis was found badly beaten in a park by a Wilmington police officer. Davis was hospitalized and treated for serious injuries to the head, neck and back, which resulted in internal bleeding, the indictments allege.

According to Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Steve Mason, the three men were drinking together when Davis passed out. Lacy and Whitmore allegedly went through the unconscious man's wallet and

found a piece of paper that led them to believe he was a police informant.

Lacy and Whitmore allegedly beat Davis with their elbows and fists, then poured a liquid mixed with Ajax cleaner into his mouth. Mason said they loaded Davis into a car and dumped him in Wilmington.

Also indicted by the grand jury last week were:

■ Barry Dewayne Reaves, 22, of Marlowtown Road, Ash, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury. He is accused of shooting Aldridge Reed in the abdomen with a .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol Sept. 20.

■ Jeffrey Phillip Sheppard, 29, of Sunset Beach on a charge of felony hit-and-run for allegedly failing to stop a collision at the intersection of N.C. 130 and Gray Bridge Road last July. The indictment alleges the defendant knew "that the vehicle he was operating was involved in the accident and collision and that the accident and collision had resulted in injury."

■ Joseph Larry Sapp, 18, of Vinton Street, Supply, on three counts

of felonious larceny and one charge each of breaking and entering and larceny of a firearm. He is accused of stealing a Ford F-150 pickup truck, a Datsun pickup truck, a .32 caliber handgun, a radar detector, a CB radio and a fish finder valued at a total of more than \$5,800.

■ Charles Morgan Cain Jr., of West Baldwin Drive, Leland, on three counts of felonious larceny and one charge each of breaking and entering and larceny of a firearm. He is accused in the same offenses as Sapp, which are alleged to have occurred Sept. 21.

■ Willie James McKoy, 34, of Route 3, Supply, on six counts of financial transaction card theft and one charge of breaking and entering a motor vehicle. He is accused of breaking into a car in Southport and stealing six gasoline credit cards.

■ Christopher Dale Bowers, 20, of Four Seasons Way, Ash, on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. He is accused of breaking into a Sea Trail Plantation clubhouse on May 17 and stealing a color television, two paintings and two stereo speakers valued at about \$1,100.

■ Donna Sue Watson, 48, of Waterloo Street, Seaside, on two counts of financial transaction card theft. She is accused of stealing two bank credit cards on April 1 or July 27.

■ Jeremy Craig Stanley, 17, of Salt Works Lane, Shallotte, on a charge of attempted breaking and entering for allegedly trying to break into a vacation home on Laurinburg Street, Ocean Isle Beach, on June 28.

■ Stephen Douglas Nilson, 22, of Hammonont, N.J., on a charge of attempted breaking and entering in the same offense as Stanley.

■ Christopher David McCarty, 19, of Hammonont, N.J., on a charge of attempted breaking and entering in the same offense as Stanley and Nilson.

■ Timothy Griffin, 22, of Route 2, Bolivia, on a charge of possessing stolen goods, specifically a 1987 Pontiac belonging to a Wilmington woman and valued at \$6,000. The incident is alleged to have occurred July 3.

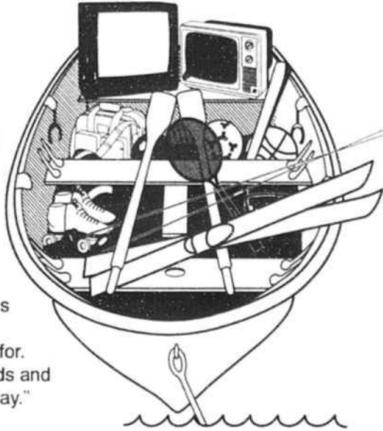
■ Heather Rena Johnson, 16, of Goodman Road, Leland, on a charge of larceny of a motor vehicle. She

allegedly stole a 1984 Chevrolet Celebrity valued at \$3,500 last June.

■ Ronnie Cleveland Perry, 30, of Ben-Jo Mobile Home Park, Leland, on a charge of obtaining property by false pretense. He is accused of defrauding a Brunswick County sher-

iff's detective and a State Bureau of Investigation agent out of \$1,980 they allegedly gave him to purchase cocaine. Instead of returning with the drugs, Perry "kept the money for his personal use," the indictment said.

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Varnamtown Opposing Quarry At Southport

BY DOUG RUTTER

Worried about possible damage to the environment, Varnamtown has joined several other local communities in opposing Martin Marietta Aggregates' plan to open a limestone quarry near Southport.

Alderman Will Mumford is expected to draft a formal resolution listing the waterfront community's concerns as part of a motion approved by the full board Monday night.

Town officials said they want to see an environmental impact study on the proposal and want the company to hold a public forum before it is permitted to open the mine.

"They should make sure it's very, very safe before they allow it," Mayor Judy Galloway said. "I think we all should be concerned from what we hear."

Martin Marietta hopes to open the limestone quarry on a 1,000-acre tract it owns at the intersection of N.C. 133 and N.C. 87.

Brunswick County Commissioners last week adopted a resolution stating their opposition to the proposed mine and the issuance of state and federal permits needed for the operation.

Southport, Caswell Beach, Yaupon Beach, Long Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes and Bolivia have adopted similar resolutions.

Varnamtown officials said Monday they are worried that the mine could damage water quality, dry up groundwater supplies, damage roads and eventually hurt the local economy.

"I certainly think there's enough question on the impact to prepare a resolution against this particular operation," Mumford said.

Alderman John David Dawson agreed. "It will have a definite impact on the environment," he said.

Board member Ada McDonald said she was concerned about using explosives at a mine located near a known earthquake fault with the Brunswick Nuclear Plant situated nearby.

"A quarry operation is a dangerous operation," Varnamtown resident Jim Callan said. "A quarry operation could affect the well water within 50 or 100 miles."

Other Business

In other business Monday, aldermen:

■ Approved an ordinance establishing "no-wake" zones on Lockwood Folly River near the town's boat landing and fish houses. "If they hand out tickets there's something to back it up," said Alderman Ennis Swain.

■ Authorized the building and grounds committee to purchase a new front door for town hall. Mumford said Monday a glass door

would cost about \$500. The town must replace the existing door to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

■ Voted to let Town Clerk Luellen

Norris coordinate use of the town hall. Community residents who use the building for special events must provide a \$25 deposit, which is refunded if the building is cleaned after it is used and it is not damaged.

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