

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting slides available HERE:

<https://aec.army.mil/TAMP/rab/>

Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Kernodle Senior Center 1535 S Mebane St. Burlington NC 27215

Meeting Facilitated by: Paul Humphrey, U.S. Army Environmental Command

IN ATTENDANCE

U.S. Army Environmental Command

- Nathan Edwards – Southeast Team Lead
- Paul Humphrey, Environmental Support Manager

State Representatives

- Sue Murphy – NCDEQ Representative
- Dave Mattison – NCDEQ Representative
- Kennedy Holt – NCDHHS Representative
- Dr. Virginia Guidry - NCDHHS Representative

City of Burlington

- Honorable Beth Kennett – Mayor
- Jamie Lawson – Executive Director of Planning and Development
- John Vernon – Public Information Specialist
- Morgan Lasater – Community Engagement Director

RAB Community Co-Chair

- Todd Lambert

RAB Community Members and RAB Participants

AGENDA

- Welcome
- RAB Membership Role Call and Introductions
- Action Items from July RAB Meeting
- Environmental Restoration Funding & Activities Overview
- Annual Land Use Controls Inspection
- NCDHHS Remarks
- NCDEQ Remarks
- City of Burlington Updates
- Open Discussion and Conclusion

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Purpose

The purpose of the RAB is to provide transparency around Army environmental actions and receive community feedback.

RAB Membership and Guidelines

RAB members and co-chairs are a great source of communication with the public on all activities at TAMP. Questions during presentations are welcome; discussion time with all stakeholders will be available after the formal presentation. Attendees were encouraged to sign in for future communications.

Closed Action Items Since July 2025 Meeting

Explained disposal process and location of excavated soils at the July meeting. Email sent with draft July meeting minutes and fact sheet to all RAB members for review and comment. No comments received and both are available in final form at <https://aec.army.mil/TAMP/rab/> along with all other pertinent TAMP documents.

Community Signage and Educational Outreach

Signs will be installed in the future at specific locations along the creek adjacent to the TAMP property. Locations and draft signs will be presented at the next RAB meeting. Additionally, a educational flyer will be created and mailed to residents in the immediate area of the creek once a flyer is finalized by RAB stakeholders.

NCDEQ Request for Additional Sampling

A scope of work including the installation of soil gas probes and monitoring wells has been created. Once this work is funded it will help resolve data gap issues on the western side of the property and will also provide information as to whether there are off-site contamination sources that as adding to contamination to the west of the property.

Environmental Restoration Funding & Activities Overview

Mr. Nathan Edwards provided an overview of the history of the site and associated property transactions. Currently, the Army is responsible for an area of TCE contamination that is in the soil, groundwater and surface water. Over 300 tons of contaminated soil has been removed from the site. The Army is following the CERCLA process and is currently working on the Feasibility Study (FS) which will determine the most appropriate remediation alternative for all remaining contaminated areas that exceed regulatory action levels. The FS will be finalized after the data gap analysis is funded and completed, which is expected in 2026.

Annual Land Use Controls Inspection

Mr. Edwards summarized the recent inspection results. The property owner is working to repair holes in the fencing and to add "No Trespassing" signs. A resident raised concerns about drinking water and heavy rain flooding backyards near the site. Mr. Edwards stated that the drinking water is safe and comes from a different source than the groundwater at the site. Additionally, the Army will look into ways to reduce stormwater runoff as part of their property inspection. A question was raised by a resident about why a previous owner (Lucent Technologies) was relieved of liability. The Army explained that they are taking full responsibility for the cleanup now to avoid long legal battles that would only delay the cleanup work being accomplished.

NCDHHS Remarks

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is now working closely with the Army and the Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). While the Army and NCDEQ focus on the technical cleanup, NCDHHS focuses purely on human health and potential risks like "vapor intrusion" (breathing in fumes from the soil).

City of Burlington Updates

Jamie Lawson presented the North Church Street Study, which is considered the gateway corridor, to see how to improve the area for pedestrians and businesses. Comments from attendees encourage solar energy, grocery and drug stores and urgent care. The next community meeting on this study will be May 20th.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The Army will provide an overview of the amount of funds spent at TAMP for environmental restoration activities.
2. English and Spanish outreach materials for residents about avoiding creek exposure.
3. Community signage to inform the community near the creek impacted by the site.

NEXT MEETING

The next RAB meeting date is to be determined. Planning for July 2026

Additional information will be shared via the 'What's Up Burlington' notification service.

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