Jordan Lake One Water Association (JLOWA)

Mayor Pam Hemminger
Chapel Hill, NC
The Watershed:
- ~1,700 square miles
- 10 counties
- 27 municipalities
- 11 water supply reservoirs
- ~685,000 water customers

Goals:
- Equal prioritization of water quantity and water quality
- Finding ways to conserve, use, reuse and share water resources more effectively across watershed
- Identify and pool resource needs
The “One Water” Approach

• A transformative approach to how we VIEW, VALUE and MANAGE water.

• Managing all water in an INTEGRATED, INCLUSIVE and SUSTAINABLE manner.

• Can take many DIFFERENT FORMS to address unique conditions and specific needs

• Has a set of UNIFYING CHARACTERISTICS including:
  • A Systems Mindset
  • Watershed Scale Thinking and Action
  • Partnership and Inclusion

US Water Alliance
Why JLOWA?

• Triangle Region is among the fastest growing regions in the country

• State laws and regulations constrain innovative, integrated approaches to water policy

• Up and downstream water supply issues along our rivers affect 10 counties, 27 municipalities
Diversity of JLOWA Stakeholders

- Invitation from Mayor opens door for collaboration
- To effect policy change, elected officials need to be involved

Chart showing the diversity of stakeholders with bars for Academia, Elected Officials, Local Government, Non-Profit, Other, Private, State Government, and Federal Government. The chart highlights Local Government and State Government with yellow ellipses.