



**York County
Health & Environmental Protection
Committee
Minutes
January 20, 2026**

Regular Meeting

**York County Government Center
6 South Congress Street
York, SC 29745**

4:30 PM

Call to Order

Order of Business

1. Committee to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Health & Environmental Protection Committee meeting.

Motion to approve

Passed **Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0**

MOVANT: Debi Cloninger

SECOND: Andy Litten

AYES: Andy Litten, Debi Cloninger, Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

RECUSED: None

2. Staff update on the Long Range Parks Masterplan.

Assistant County Manager, Tom Couch, provided an overview of the scope/cost comparison on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Option 1: Baseline - \$150K - \$175K

- Unincorporated and small municipalities
- Inventory and Needs Assessment
- Minimal Public Feedback
- High-level capital feedback

Option 2: Enhanced Feedback - \$195K-\$210K

- Countwide analysis
- Public survey and meetings
- Online engagement tools

- Prioritized implementation strategy

Option 3: Regional Scale - \$250K-\$285K

- Engage municipalities and non-profits, schools
- Shared-use partnership strategies
- Foundation-ready implementation plan

The committee members are reluctant to proceed with this approach at this time. The Committee would like staff to research and see how they can proceed with a shortened timeline. Staff will report back to the committee on capability and budget needs.

3. Staff update on progress at Catawba Bend Preserve and Woodend Park.

Parks and Recreation Director, Katherine Jones provided an update on the Parks Capital Projects:

Catawba Bend Preserve:

- Phase 1 (to include entrance road, gatehouse, parking area, restrooms, and Pond 2 dam repair) is nearing completion.
- Mountain Bike Trail Project — in the design phase
- Disc Golf Course — in the design phase
- Dams for Ponds 3,4,5 under construction
- Greenway Trail — construction is slated to begin in summer 2026.

Woodend Park:

- Minimal access underway
- House has been demolished
- Parking lot complete
- Hiking trails are at the beginning stages of design.

Executive Session

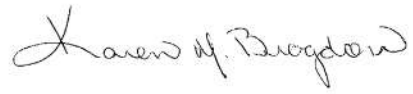
Matters for consideration following Executive Session

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Passed	Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Debi Cloninger
SECOND:	Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr
AYES:	Andy Litten, Debi Cloninger, Ansel Watts Huckabee Sr

NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	
RECUSED:	None



Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council