# Monitoring Committee

Big Tent Meeting February 16, 2021 Greenville, SC



## Committee Mission

\* To identify and obtain appropriate sampling/monitoring data needed to produce a more reliable, calibrated watershed model and to evaluate future improvements in water quality after the implementation of the watershed plan and associated BMPs

Reedy River
Water Quality Group

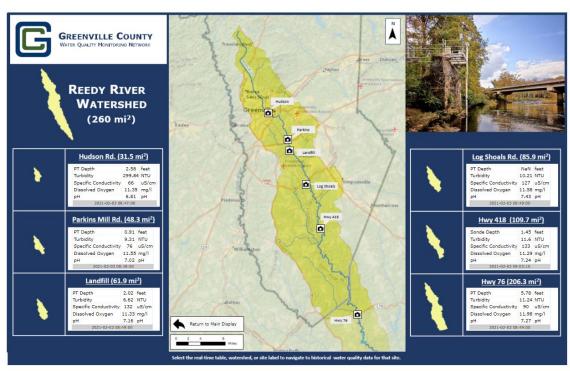
**On-Going Monitoring Efforts** 

 Greenville Co – 10 monitoring stations including buoys in Reedy

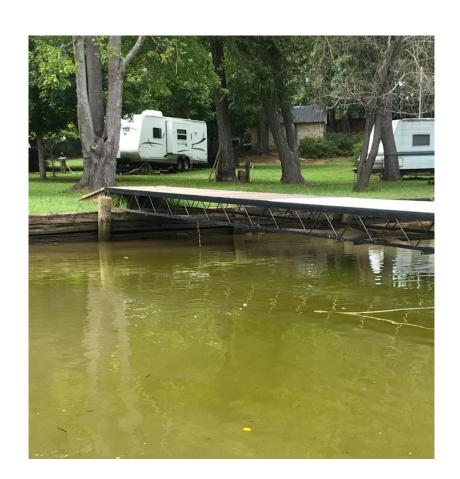
watershed

City - issued RFP to restart its monitoring program

- ReWa on-going sampling of effluent
- Partners Lake Greenwood monitoring in headwaters
- Greenwood Co lake-wide sampling
- SCDHEC grab sampling



Boyds Millpond – Algal Event – August 24









Boyds Millpond – Algal Event

- \* Located in Florida
- Coordinated sample package and delivery with Rogers and Callcott
- SCDHEC has also previously used
- PTOX results
   promised within 24
   hours



aquatic analysis ... research ... consultation

#### **Description of Services:**

#### Phycological Services

#### Potentially Toxigenic (PTOX) Cyanobacteria Screen:

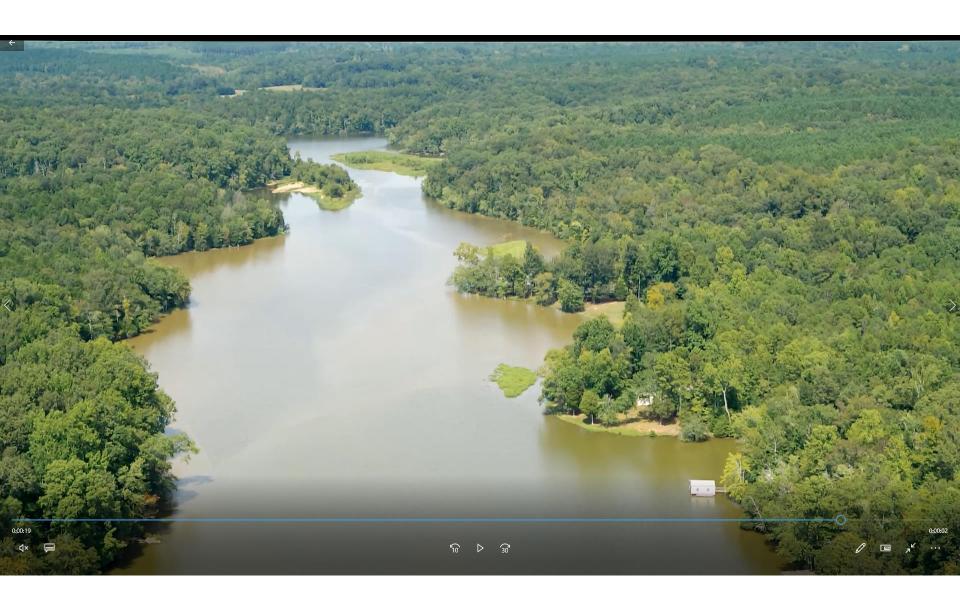
Microscopic observation is used to determine if cyanobacteria are present. If potentially toxigenic (PTOX) cyanobacteria are present, dominant cyanobacteria are identified and recommendations are made for toxin analysis.

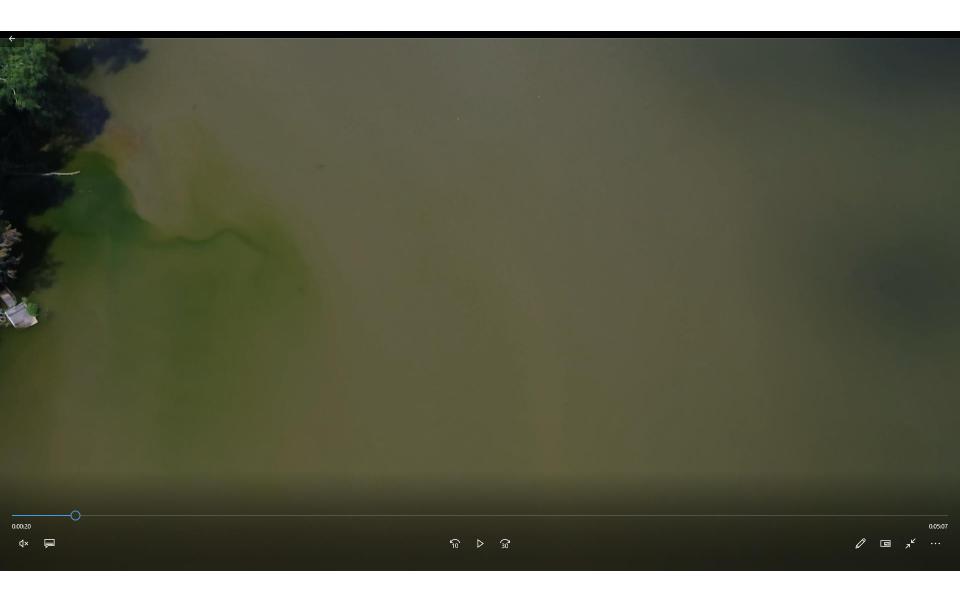
#### Qualitative Algal Identification:

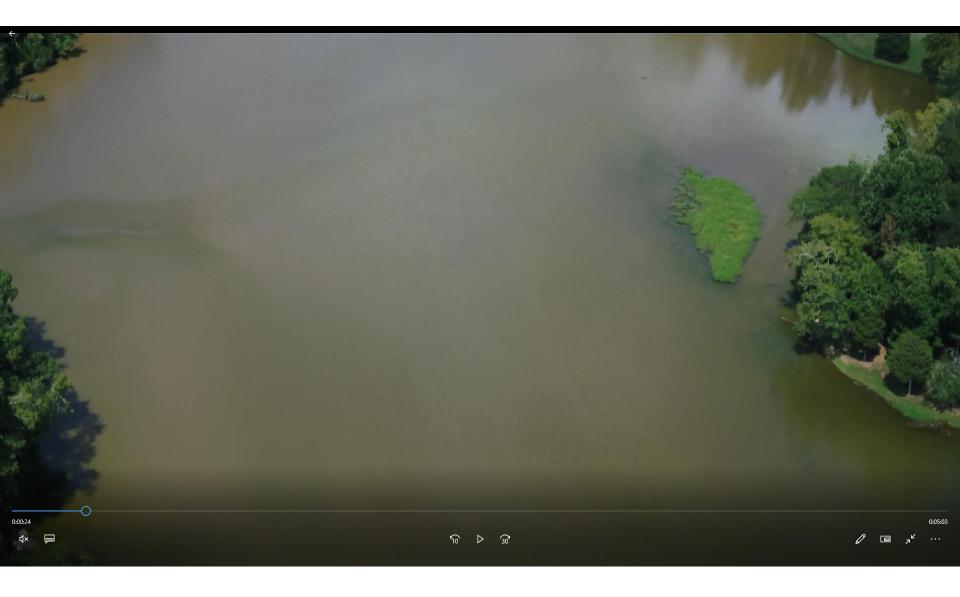
All algae, including cyanobacteria, are identified but not quantified. A species list is composed in order of relative abundance based on the empirical judgment of the phycologist.

- Resident concern posted on RRWQG
   Facebook page worked on messaging with PO committee
- Continuous monitoring data did not demonstrate consistent elevated conditions
- Coordination with Northbrook Energy regarding observations, dam operations, and drone access

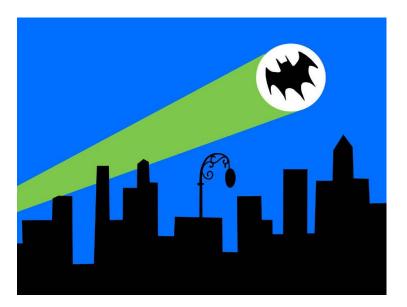








- Leveraged relationships through RRWQG to notify key stakeholders
- Conducted team conference call with DHEC personnel for guidance and context
- Labor Day holiday weekend was looming
- Results indicated prevalence of green algaenon-toxic conditions, sporadic locations



### RESULTS



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BMP Rd. Dr.

The PTOX cyanobacteria Limnothrix sp. (> 10 filaments per mL) and Pseudanabaena sp. ( $\geq$  3 filaments per mL) were observed.

BMP Rd

The PTOX cyanobacterium Pseudanabaena sp. (> 5 filaments per mL) was observed.

Lower Mid Lak

The PTOX cyanobacterium Limnothrix sp. (> 10 filaments per mL) was observed.

Camper Cross Cove

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Camper Mid

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Microcystins Saxitoxins Anatoxin-a Cylindrospermopsin

Pseudanabaena

Recommendations

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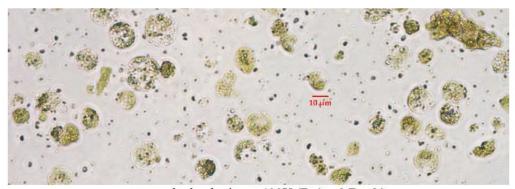
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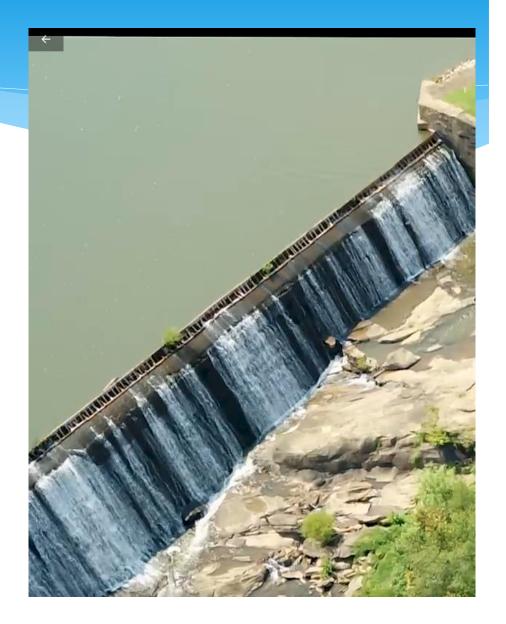
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green algal colonies at 400X (Drive 2 Bank)

- \* Flashboard Maintenance
- \* Turbine Replacement/Repairs
- Late Summer Temperatures
- \* High Concentrations of Nitrogen
- \* Limited Recent Rainfall
- \* Hwy 252 rain/discharge data
- Extended Residence Time



# **Current Committee Members**

Martha Abrams
Paul Dow – Co-Chair
Melanie Rulhman
Ben Hammond
James Riddle – Co-Chair
Julie Davis
Rob Russian
Mike Freeman
Walker Moore
Danny Holiday
Greg Wright
Ray Overstreet
Sharon Appell
Katie Hottel
Joanne Hochheimer
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# Questions and Comments?

