

# Davidson County 2011-2012 highlights



## SCHOOLS

Stormwater SMART contacted public elementary and middle schools in Davidson County informing them of our educational programs. While we had no response from the elementary schools, Brown Middle and Ledford Middle Schools in Thomasville, Northern Middle School in Welcome and Tyro Middle outside of Lexington responded to our request and we conducted presentations to 1032 students and ten teachers and provided awards to each classroom. Fifty students who participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners Group after-school program at Brown Middle also received Stormwater Smart interactive programming.

## FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Stormwater SMART attended Everybody's Day Festival and Thomasville Spring Days in Thomasville. and surveyed over

40+ citizens on their current stormwater behaviors. Stormwater SMART also attended the Lexington BBQ Festival and Multicultural Festivals in Lexington and surveyed over 50 festival participants and gave out over 65 informational packets. While we only communicated directly with about 100 citizens, hundreds of others acknowledged our program and visited the booth for information and our popular dog treats tagged with information on the importance of managing pet waste.

## DC FISH

Davidson County Citizens for Improving Stream Health (DC FISH) is a program funded through a North Carolina Department of Water Quality 205(j) grant to improve water quality through intensive outreach, education and participation in a StreamWatch program. Through DC FISH Stormwater SMART was able to substantially increase the number of program implemented this fiscal year and provide much more in-depth programs to interested community members.

## PRESENTATIONS

A stormwater program was given to twelve members of the Friends of Rich Fork Creek at the Hasty Fire Department. We also presented to twenty members of the High Rock Lake Association. The Thomasville and Lexington Rotary Clubs, Lexington Lions Club, Lexington Kiwanis Club, Lexington Woman's Club and Welcome Garden Club also participated in a DC FISH or Stormwater SMART program. Over 200 citizens received timely and relevant information regarding stormwater pollution in their respective communities through our programming.





### BIG SWEEP

Twenty Brown Middle School students and teachers joined Stormwater SMART to clean stream on school grounds and collected 5 bags of trash and a chain link fence in thirty minutes. Davidson County staff also participated in the county wide effort and removed the trash that four volunteers picked up along High Rock Lake collecting approximately 80 pounds of trash that would have otherwise ended up in our waters.

### SCOUTS

Stormwater SMART attended the regional Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary event and engaged 200+ scouts and leaders from the Piedmont Triad. We also taught Soil and Water Conservation Badge requirements at the Akela District Merit Badge College and reached over 100 scouts and several chaperones from the City of High Point, Oak Ridge, Thomasville and Archdale. Stormwater SMART presented a program to the Cub Scouts during the Cub Scout Day Camp and reached over 100 participants in nearby High Point.

### BUFFER IN A BOOKMARK

This year we launched the “Buffer in a Bookmark” program to Stormwater SMART Libraries. These libraries received copies of our newsletter, a personal letter educating them about our programs and bookmarks made of paper seeded with native wildflowers and information about the important role plants play in protecting water quality.

### MATERIALS

Stormwater SMART worked with Davidson County to distribute brochures, new homeowner information guides, flyers, the Stormwater Steward and other information educating citizens about the actions they can take to improve water quality. Topics include: general stormwater, pet waste, low impact development, riparian buffers, vehicle washing and maintenance, landscaping for water quality, septic system maintenance, rain garden design and function, hazardous waste disposal, and proper fertiliz- use. All materials are available on our website, [www.stormwatersmart.org](http://www.stormwatersmart.org).

