

Town of Gibsonville 2011-2012

highlights



SCHOOLS

Stormwater SMART contacted fifth and eighth grade teachers in Gibsonville, however neither school accepted our invitation to present. Although Stormwater SMART had no response from these schools, we ensured education needs were also met through the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) who conducted a two-day celebration "Farm to Table" in nearby Burlington. Over 700 fourth-grade students in the County learned about stormwater pollution at this event.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

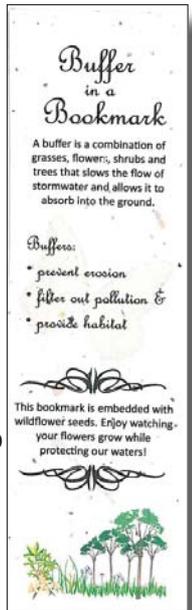
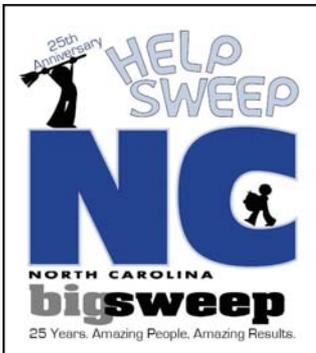
Stormwater SMART set up a booth at the annual Gibsonville Fall Festival. We distributed educational materials, conducted surveys, conversed with residents about local water quality issues and gave away reusable grocery bags and our popular dog treats tagged with information on the importance of managing pet waste. Over 50 people responded to the survey

SCOUTS

Stormwater SMART attended the regional Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary event and engaged 200+ scouts and leaders from the Piedmont Triad. Stormwater SMART staff taught Environmental Science and Soil and Water Conservation material at Alamance District Scout Merit Badge College in March 2012. Thirty boy scouts from around the county participated in the interactive and in-depth program on badge requirements including soil erosion and water quality.

BIG SWEEP

Citizens from Elon and Elon University participated in the 2011 NC Big Sweep last fall. Countywide, 250 volunteers cleaned an estimated 35 miles of stream, collecting approximately 4,000 pounds of trash.



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 the Town of Gibsonville 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 fertilizer use. All materials are available on our website, www.stormwatersmart.org.

