

Town of Haw River 2011-2012

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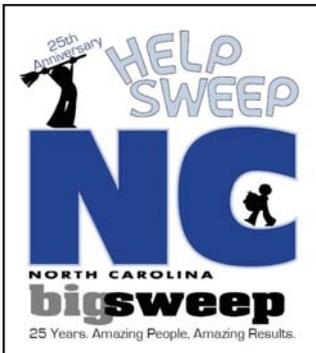


SCHOOLS

Stormwater SMART contacted nearby schools including Haw River Elementary, Pleasant Grove Elementary and Graham Middle School. While Stormwater SMART had no response from the school, we ensured education needs were met through the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) which conducted a two-day celebration "Farm to Table" in nearby Burlington. Over 700 fourth-grade students including Haw River Elementary students learned about stormwater pollution at this event.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

While Haw River does not have a fair or festival, many citizens attend the nearby Carousel Festival in Burlington and the Mebane Dogwood 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.



SCOUTS

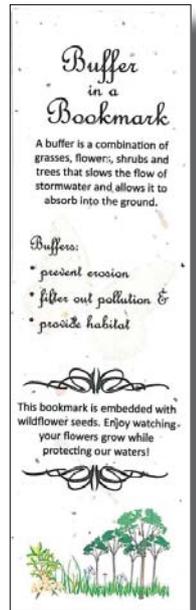
Stormwater SMART attended the regional Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary event and engaged 200+ scouts and leaders from the Piedmont Triad. Stormwater SMART staff taught Environmental Science and Soil and Water Conservation material at Alamance District Scout Merit Badge College in March 2012. Thirty 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 Haw River 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 Haw River 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.

