

City of Mebane 2011-2012

highlights



SCHOOLS

While we had no response from the schools we contacted, we ensured education needs were 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. We also had teachers from Mebane attend our Project WET training and hope they will be invite us into our classroom next year.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Stormwater SMART attended the Mebane Dogwood Festival where 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. Many Mebane residents also attended other festivals where Stormwater SMART was present, including the Burlington Carousel Festival.

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 scouts from around the county including several from Mebane, participated in the interactive and in-depth program designed to help meet badge requirements.



BIG SWEEP

Citizens from Mebane 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.

STREAMWATCH TRAINING

On July 9th 2012 Stormwater SMART held a Stream Watch training on the Haw River at Red Slide Park in Haw River and a third of the participants were from Mebane.

MATERIALS

Stormwater SMART worked with the City of Mebane 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 storm-

water, 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.

