

City of Thomasville 2011-2012

highlights

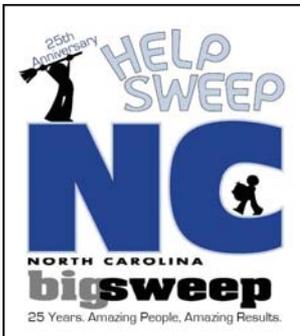


SCHOOLS

Stormwater SMART contacted three elementary schools and one middle school in Thomasville informing them of our educational programs. While we had no response from the elementary schools, Brown Middle School in Thomasville responded to our request and we conducted Enviroscape presentations to 256 8th grade students and three teachers and provided awards to students for program participation. Ledford Middle also responded and a soil erosion program was presented to 108 sixth graders. Fifty students participating in the 21st century learners group after-school program at Brown Middle also received a Stormwater SMART interactive program.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Stormwater SMART attended the Everybody's Day Festival and Thomasville Spring Daze festival to provide outreach and direct education through distributing educational materials, conducting surveys, conversing with residents about local water quality issues and giving away reusable grocery bags and our popular dog treats tagged with information on the importance of managing pet waste. Over 30 residents completed our stormwater survey.



PRESENTATIONS

A stormwater program was given to the Friends of Rich Fork Creek at the Hasty Fire Department on 12/5/12. The Thomasville Rotary also participated in a stormwater program and 30 members were in attendance on 2/29/12.

BIG SWEEP

Thomasville provided citizens' many opportunities to make an impact this year. Brown Middle School students joined Stormwater SMART to clean the stream on the school grounds and collected 5 bags of trash and a chain link fence.

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 a 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 the City of Thomasville 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.

