

## **Education Program Status Report**

### ***Presentations/Exhibits***

Presented the Enviroscape at the Future Me Kids Career Fair on February 23 at Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh. Approximately 600-700 kids, mostly 3-8 years old, and their families participated in this event.

Partnered with Lauren Daniel of DWR to present to three third grade classes (~20 students each) at Kingswood Elementary on March 5 about water and how it moves soil. We then did a follow-up visit on March 19 where we planted seeds and had them journal about their observations.

Participated in STEM Friday at Root Elementary on March 8. Presented the Enviroscape to three sessions of first grade classes, about 20-25 kids per group.

Participated in East Garner Magnet Middle School's Career Day on April 3. Approximately 425 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the Career Day.

Presented the Enviroscape at White Oak Elementary's science day on April 11 with Kimberly Summers of the RRO office. Presented to six forty-five minute sessions of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade students, 20-30 students per session. The groups were also taken outside to look for signs of erosion.

Partnered with Lauren Daniel of DWR to present to three third grade classes (21-23 students each) at Root Elementary on April 8 about water quality and quantity.

Partnered with Lauren Daniel of DWR to present to three third grade classes (24-30 students each) at Millbrook Elementary on May 8 about groundwater, stormwater, and erosion.

### ***Workshops***

The 2019 Local Programs Workshop and Awards Luncheon was held on April 23 and 24 at the Renaissance Centre in Wake Forest. It was presented in partnership with the Water Resources Research Institute (WRI). There were 102 total participants, and 45 out of 54 Local Programs sent representatives. There were 11 presentations presented by 11 speakers. Thank you to Dr. Susan White for representing the SCC and presenting the Awards to Lincoln and Chatham Counties.

The 2019 Design and Planner Workshops are planned for October 8 in Hickory and December 3 in Raleigh. We would like to have a member/s of the SCC to volunteer to represent the Commission and deliver the opening remarks at these workshops.

### ***Contract Administration***

A contract between DEMLR and WRI was executed and included support for the 2019 Local Program Workshop and Awards Luncheon.

### ***Updates***

An E&SC Education web page, a Student and Teacher Packets and Activities subpage, and a Professional Packets and Modules subpage, and an E&SC FAQ page have been published. Currently working on reviving the Sediments newsletter, if you have any suggestions or would like to write an article for it, email the education specialist.