

## **Education Program Status Report**

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

- Virtually visited 3rd grade classes of ~20 students at Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary on 2/17/22, 3/29/22, and 4/27/22 to discuss NC's ecoregions, water, and human impacts.
- Co-hosted a Project WET- Getting Little Feet WET virtual workshop for early educators with Lauren Daniel of DWR on 2/28/22. Shared what resources DEQ has available for teachers and students.
- Co-presented on Incorporating Data into Education and Outreach at the WRI Annual Conference on 3/24/22 with Lauren Daniel of DWR.
- Co-presented on incorporating stormwater education into classrooms at the 3/24/22 Kenan Fellows Workshop for educators with Lauren Daniel of DWR and shared what resources DEQ has available for teachers and students.
- Virtually visited with all of Chase Middle School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students (~149 students) on 4/12/22 as part of the NC Science Festival's SciMatch Program. Presented on soil, erosion, and water pollution due to sedimentation and demonstrated a sediment jar.
- Assisted with the NC State Envirothon by writing the 'Current Environmental Issues' portion of the high school test and presenting the CEI overview to the NC Envirothon high school participants at the resources station training day on 4/29/22.
- Co-hosted a Project WET Guide virtual workshop for formal and non-formal educators with Lauren Daniel of DWR on 5/9&10/22. Shared what resources DEQ has available for teachers and students.
- Co-hosted a Project WET Facilitator virtual workshop for formal and non-formal educators with Lauren Daniel of DWR on 5/16&17/22. Shared what resources DEQ has available for teachers and students.
- Continued to co-host monthly Water Education Coffee Talks with DWR's water educator, Lauren Daniel, for formal and non-formal educators. The purpose of these coffee talks are to answer questions, showcase our education resources, facilitate networking, and discover/facilitate collaboration opportunities.

### ***Workshops***

The 2022 Local Program Workshop and Awards Program was held on April 19 & 20 at the Union County Agricultural Center, and was planned in coordination with the Water Resources Research Institute (WRI). The workshop focused on regulatory updates, research updates, local program audits, and plan review, inspection and enforcement topics. Received and reviewed nominations of four local programs. Durham County (large program) and Haywood County (small program) were chosen to receive the 2021 Awards for Excellence in E&SC. Approximately 80 people attended the in-person workshop both days and approximately 90 people attended the virtual workshop on day one and 80 on day two.

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***Contract Administration***

The contract between DEMLR and WRRI for the 2022 Local Program Workshop and Awards Program has been completed and contract planning for the 2023 Local Program Workshop and Awards Program will begin this summer.

***Updates***

The E&SC website pages are continuously being updated as needed.

If you would like to contribute an article or suggest a topic for the June edition of the Sediments Newsletter email the Sediment Education Specialist.