

## **Education Program Status Report**

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

- Presented to 2-6<sup>th</sup> grade and 3-7<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Envision Science Academy on 2/27/24 (approximately 95 students total). The Enviroscape, sediment jar, and Sum of All Parts activities were presented.
- Partnered with educators in NC DEQ's Office of Environmental Education, NC DEQ's Department of Air Quality, NC DEQ's Geological Survey and the NC DEQ DEACs to host Moore Square Magnet Middle School's 7th Graders for the Students at Work program on March 7 & March 8. Approximately 200 students in total participated. Presented the Enviroscape in addition to having them participate in an abbreviated version of the Sum of All Parts activity.
- Attended Lincoln Height's Elementary School's STEM Expo for 3rd – 5th grades on 3/15/24. Approximately 300 students total participated in the STEM Expo. The Enviroscape was presented, and STEM and environmental careers discussed.
- Virtually hosted a Project WET – Getting Little Feet WET workshop for pre-service formal and non-formal educators at Brevard College on 4/3/24.
- Prepared materials for Fayetteville Regional Office LQS Staff to present the Enviroscape to 4 groups of approximately 30 second graders on 4/16 & 17/24 as part of Cumberland County School's Earth Day.
- Prepared materials for Fayetteville Regional Office LQS Staff to exhibit at Fayetteville Earth Day on 4/20/24.
- Assisted with the NC State Envirothon by writing the 'Current Environmental Issues' portion of the high school test, and preparing materials for Amber Rights, Washington Regional Office LQS Staff, to present the CEI overview to the NC Envirothon high school participants at the resources station training day on 4/26/24.
- Prepared materials for Wilmington Regional Office LQS Staff to exhibit at Heide Trask Senior High School's Career Day on 5/2/24.
- Assisted with moderating the monthly meetings of the NC Stream Watch Cohort of educators. January – April 2024.
- 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 Annual Local Programs Workshop was held on April 23 & 24, 2024 at the Sturgeon City Environmental Education Center in Jacksonville, NC. Approximately 73 people attended the in-person workshop both days and approximately 110 people attended the virtual workshop on both days. The Local Program Workshop was planned in partnership with the Water Resources Research Institute (WRRRI). The Town of Cary won the 2024 Outstanding Local Program Award.

The NC E&SC Workshop has been scheduled for December 5, 2024, in Raleigh at the McKimmon Center. This workshop is planned in partnership with the Southeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association and the NCSU Department of Crop & Soil Science.

*If you or a colleague would like to present at the December workshop, email the Sediment Education Specialist!*

### **Contract Administration**

The contract between DEMLR and WRRRI for the support of the 2025 Annual Local Program Workshop and Awards Luncheon is already in place.

### **Updates**

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

*If you or a colleague would like to contribute an article or suggest a topic for the summer edition of the Sediments Newsletter, email the Sediment Education Specialist!*