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## DWR Development Grant Program Spring 2024 State and Local Awards

**RALEIGH** - The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded \$2.9 million in grants awarded to 13 local governments through the Water Resources Development Grant program state and local projects fund.

The grant awards can be used for stormwater control measures, including for drainage and flood control; stream restoration projects, including shoreline stabilization and dam or aquatic barrier removals; and to boost access to water-based recreation resources through construction of greenways near waterways, park development or water access sites. Additionally, this program provides grants for feasibility studies that support these three eligible categories of projects.

The following projects were approved for funding:

### **Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District, Bakersville Creekwalk Extension and Phase III Restoration, \$500,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 690 feet of degraded stream, plant 0.8 acres of riparian buffer, construct 900 feet of greenway, a 0.15-acre stormwater wetland, and install a footbridge connector along Cane Creek as an extension to the existing Bakersville Creekwalk Trail.

### **Town of Morrisville, Sawmill Creek Stream Restoration & Greenway, \$500,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to stabilize and restore approximately 1,400 linear feet of degraded stream, plant 1.3 acres of riparian buffer, construct 0.75 acres of floodplain pools to treat stormwater runoff and construct 3,230 linear feet of greenway trail along Sawmill Creek.

### **Cleveland County Water, Stagecoach Greenway Narrows Segment, \$200,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to construct approximately 2,045 linear feet of greenway trail, river overlook deck, picnic shelter, and parking with connecting sidewalk along the First Broad River.

### **Durham Soil and Water Conservation District, Eagle - UTs to Ellerbe Creek Stream Restoration Project, \$200,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 4,400 of degraded stream, plant approximately 10 acres of riparian buffer and secure a 13-acre conservation easement.

### **City of Hendersonville, Lower Mud Creek Floodplain Restoration, \$200,000**



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This grant will provide financial assistance to construct one 2,500-linear-foot, 10-foot-wide, paved greenway at the Wilson site and construct four pedestrian stream crossings and a 1,600-linear-foot, 8-foot-wide natural surface trail at the Brevard Church Site.

**Town of Holly Springs, Middle Creek Stream Bank Stabilization, \$200,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to stabilize and restore over 260 linear feet of severely eroding stream bank, plant and seed 0.76 acres of riparian buffer and reconstruct a non-functioning level spreader to better control stormwater runoff.

**Town of Montreat, Flat Creek Streambank Restoration, \$200,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to stabilize and restore approximately 100 linear feet of failing stream bank, plant 0.25 acres of riparian buffer and construct a stormwater treatment swale along the left stream bank of Flat Creek.

**Town of Old Fort, Mill Creek Park Stream Restoration, \$200,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 1,000 linear feet of degraded stream, plant 0.1 acres of riparian buffer vegetation, install two stormwater bioswales and construct 390 linear feet of trail as part of the initial development of the proposed Mill Creek Park.

**Watauga County, Angler Park on Middle Fork River Bank Stabilization and Greenway Trail, \$200,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to stabilize approximately 800 linear feet of stream and construct 500 linear feet of greenway trail with a bridge to connect with two miles of existing Middle Fork Greenway trail.

**Randolph County Soil and Water Conservation District, Watkins Aquatic Barrier Removal along Reed Creek, \$153,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to remove the Watkins Dam to provide approximately 7.6 miles of upstream aquatic passage, restore approximately 250 feet of stream and plant 0.8 acres of riparian buffer along Reed Creek.

**Johnston County, East Clayton River Access Site, \$145,500**

This grant will provide financial assistance to construct a boat ramp, fishing pier, and parking lot with permeable pavement within a 0.3 acre plot along the Neuse River.

**New River Soil and Water Conservation District, West Jefferson Stormwater Detention Project, \$109,300**

This grant will provide financial assistance to install two underground detention systems that will treat stormwater runoff from a 2-acre impervious footprint of a recently renovated warehouse property.

**City of Elizabeth City, Causeway Park Restoration Project, \$100,000**

This grant will provide financial assistance to install 790 linear feet of boardwalk, pilings and observation platforms, a kayak launch, make accessibility improvements and construct a rain garden at Causeway Park.

