



McLane Company and Armentrout Matheny Thurmond, P.C. Named 2020 Stormwater Stewards

The Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program recognizes McLane Company and Armentrout Matheny Thurmond, P.C. (or AMT for short) for their pocket wetland that was designed by AMT and installed over at McLane.

Pocket wetlands are constructed marsh lands meant to control stormwater volume while treating water quality.

Back in 2017, McLane was required to install stormwater practices when they decided to expand a parking lot. Due to very large volumes of runoff coming from the property, as well as offsite runoff from Old Hull Road and Athena Drive, traditional treatment methods were not feasible at this location. A pocket wetland was chosen as the best solution, and once it was designed by AMT and installed later on, it was the first of its kind here in Athens.

As you can see in the photo below, the wetland is a beautiful example of green infrastructure that helps improve water quality. Multiple pollutant removal mechanisms are at work in the wetland, including uptake by vegetation and algae, filtering and gravitational settling, along with chemical and biological decomposition. Pollutants such as sediment, phosphorus, nitrogen, metals, and bacteria are treated at this practice. Outside of water quality benefits, the wetland also has significant aesthetic appeal - plantings include white water lilies, spatterdock cow lilies, southern water grass, cattails, switchgrass, blackeyed susan, and joe pye. We were thrilled to feature a photo of it in our 2020 Stormwater Calendar – so for those of you who have a copy of the calendar, keep an eye out in September!

This project is an outstanding example of innovative and intentional site design, and we are so glad McLane Company chose to implement a green infrastructure practice like this on their grounds. According to ACC Stormwater GIS Analyst Kyle Dalton, “the pocket wetland project was a perfect example of seamlessly incorporating Stormwater management into the existing landscape – they simply enhanced what was there in an efficient and beautiful way.” Congratulations to McLane Company and AMT for their excellent work in stormwater management!



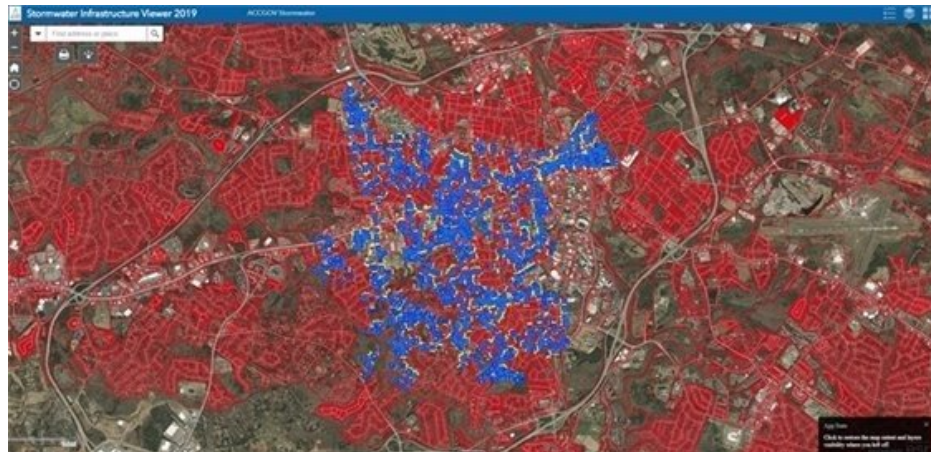
The award was presented at the Green Life Expo & Awards on February 29.



Wetland photo submitted by Conner Smith from A.M.T.

Stormwater Infrastructure Viewer

Ever wonder where all that stormwater goes once it hits the street and runs down the gutter into a storm drain? ACCGOV Stormwater contracted with Arcadis in January of 2019 to complete stormwater infrastructure mapping for certain portions of the County. Mapping efforts are still underway with a new contract to continue the effort. Members of the public can now view the mapped infrastructure [here](#). This data will allow ACCGOV staff to better track work requests, infrastructure upgrades and replacements, and investigate illicit discharges.



Stormwater Utility Fee Credits

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater is currently developing an enhanced Credit Manual for Stormwater Utility Fee customers. The Manual will outline new and existing fee credits that will apply to both residential and commercial customers. Credit topics include gravel driveways, septic system maintenance, natural area preservation, tree canopy, and watershed stewardship. If you have feedback about our current credit system or ideas about what to include in the new manual, please call us at 706-613-3440 or email stormwater@accgov.com [<mailto:stormwater@accgov.com>].

Upcoming Events

Free Gardening Workshop: Vegetable Gardening
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Athens-Clarke County Extension Office (275 Cleveland Road)

Join Extension for an informative presentation given by a Master Gardener on general vegetable gardening guidelines; what vegetables do best in different types of weather and when to plant; how to maintain, troubleshoot, and harvest your veggies. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome!

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful's Daffodil Sip & Stroll
Thursday, March 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
State Botanical Garden of Georgia Shade Garden (2450 S. Milledge Avenue)

The Daffodil Sip & Stroll is a KACCB Board of Directors' fundraising event held at the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia. Attendees will stroll through the Shade Garden Trail stopping at designated locations to taste a selected wine and sample hors d'oeuvres from various local eateries. Attendees will also enjoy music and help raise funds for Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful programs. Tickets are \$30/each or \$50/pair. Visit www.accgov.com/daffodilsipandstroll [<http://www.accgov.com/daffodilsipandstroll>] for more information and to purchase tickets.

Georgia Questival
Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Alice H. Richards Children's Garden at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Avenue)

Join Botanical Garden staff and volunteers for the newest festival in the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden, *Georgia Questival*. Participants of all ages will spring into exploration through a series of activities showcasing Georgia's natural history and resources. Explorers will receive a treasure map to guide them through the garden. Additionally, performers will bring the Theater-in-the-Woods to life and Side Quests will be offered throughout the day and entire garden for learners of all ages. Visitors are encouraged to come dressed in their questing best. Visit www.botgarden.uga.edu [<http://www.botgarden.uga.edu/>] for questing details.

Ripple Effect Film Project Blue Carpet Premiere
Sunday, March 22, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Morton Theatre (195 W. Washington Street)

The annual Ripple Effect Film Project showcases short, water-themed films made by students in grades K-12. The audience casts votes for their favorite movies, and while the stagehands count the votes, a bubbleologist will delight the crowd with the beauty of bubbles. The winning films are recognized during the event with a reception at Creature Comforts Brewery to follow immediately after the award ceremony. The films and reception are open to the public. The event date coincides with the culmination of the EPA's WaterSense Fix a Leak Week and World Water Day. Visit www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org [<http://www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org/>] for more information.

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Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.

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