



## **2021 Application for GAWP Excellence in Education Award (Watershed Section)**

**Submitted by the Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department/Stormwater Management Program**

*The Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) Transportation & Public Works Department is home to the ACCGov Stormwater Management Program, which was established in 2003. This program leads watershed education and outreach efforts throughout the county, along with the development and implementation of Watershed Management Plans, an extensive water quality monitoring program, inspections and maintenance of MS4 infrastructure, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and GIS stormwater mapping efforts. ACCGov Stormwater is dedicated to protecting water from the moment it runs off our streets to the moment it reaches our streams. The program operates under the NPDES General Permit for Phase II Municipal Stormwater Discharges (No. GAG610000). ACCGov Stormwater considers education a critical piece of stormwater management and actively promotes education/outreach opportunities to the community.*

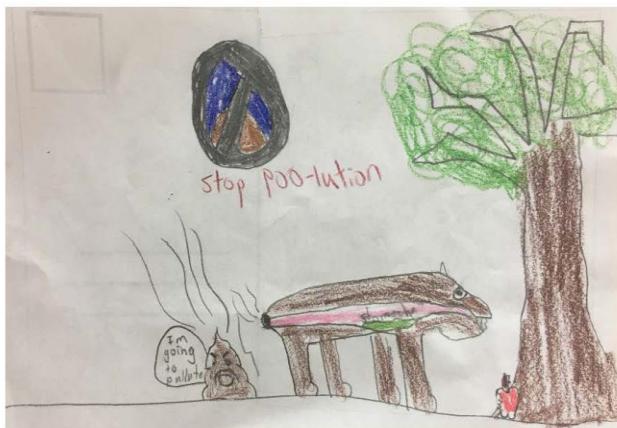
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## SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Provide copies of lesson plans that cover watershed topics

K-12 school visits and lessons are a very important component of ACCGov Stormwater's education programming. ACCGov Stormwater has created their own lesson plans over the years, but also commonly uses the Project WET curriculum. Copies of lesson plans are shared with teachers and other environmental educators through the Athens-Clarke County Green School Program and the Stormwater website ([www.acgov.com/5227/School-Education](http://www.acgov.com/5227/School-Education)). A sample of lesson plans are included on the following pages.

### Pollution Postcards



### Pollution Postcards

This activity incorporates writing and drawing while teaching students about the common pollutants that can get into our water sources.

For grades K - 8

Created by the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program

#### Lesson Summary

Students learn about ecosystems, stormwater runoff, and the many different types of pollutants that can get into our water sources. After a brief lesson and discussion, students create pollution postcards with a picture on the back and an informative message on the front. These postcards are meant to be sent to a loved one or friend to teach them about a specific type of pollution. This lesson encourages creativity, turns the students into teachers, and forces students to connect water quality issues with simple behavior changes.

#### Objectives

- Students will learn the basic components of a freshwater ecosystem.
- Students will learn that stormwater runoff is the number one source of water pollution.
- Students will learn about common water pollutants, including animal waste, litter, excess fertilizers and pesticides, oil, and sediment.
- Students will learn several simple ways for humans to reduce their impact on water quality, i.e. pick up after pets and routinely check cars for oil leaks.
- Students will be able to illustrate and write out an informative message about water pollution.
- Students will educate their peers and their parents about what they can do to stop water pollution.

#### GSE Science Major Concepts

##### 3rd Grade:

- S3i12. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the effects of pollution (air, land, and water) and humans on the environment.

##### 4th Grade:

- S4i13. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to demonstrate the water cycle.
- S4i11. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the roles of organisms and the flow of energy within an ecosystem.

##### 5th Grade:

- S5i11. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to explain the differences between a physical change and a chemical change.

##### 6th Grade:

- S6i13. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to recognize the significant role of water in Earth processes.
- S6i16. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the uses and conservation of various natural resources and how they impact the Earth.

##### 7th Grade:

- S7i14. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to examine the interdependence of organisms with one another and their environments.

#### Materials

- postcard templates (printed on cardstock if planning on mailing them)
- crayons
- markers
- pens or pencils
- mailing address for a loved one or friend

## Background Information

This activity focuses on ecosystems, stormwater runoff, and common household pollutants.

### Ecosystems

According to Encyclopedia.com, an ecosystem is a "complete community of living organisms and the nonliving materials of their surroundings." Ecosystems include everything from animals, plants, and bacteria, to rocks, soil, bodies of water, and even the atmosphere around them. The size and make-up of ecosystems vary tremendously.

A freshwater ecosystem, specifically, is a type of aquatic ecosystem. These include lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and springs. Freshwater ecosystems, as opposed to marine or saltwater ecosystems, are often classified by temperature, light penetration, and vegetation, and they are home to many different insects, amphibians, fish, and birds.

### Stormwater runoff and household pollutants

Stormwater runoff is rainwater or snowmelt that flows over the ground. In natural areas, most rainwater soaks into the ground, because the ground there is pervious, allowing water to pass through it. In developed areas, the ground is hard and impervious, which prevents stormwater from infiltrating, resulting in runoff.

As runoff moves across the landscape, it can pick up many different pollutants. In Athens-Clarke County, when runoff enters a storm drain, it carries those pollutants directly from the streets and sidewalks to the streams and rivers (freshwater ecosystems). Some common pollutants include:

- **Sediment.** Sediment can cloud the water and harm aquatic plant and animal life. Sediment also presents points of nucleation for bacteria, promoting the growth of harmful bacteria.
- **Bacteria and pathogens.** Present in animal waste, bacteria and pathogens can enter the stream through septic tank leaks, pet waste and wild animal waste. Once there, the bacteria can make the water unsafe for recreation and drinking.
- **Nutrients.** Found in fertilizers and animal waste, plant nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous can cause problems. Once in the stream, nutrients promote algae growth, resulting in algal blooms and the disruption of aquatic ecosystems.
- **Litter.** Trash and dumped items can suffocate, choke or otherwise harm aquatic animal life.
- **Household chemicals.** Soaps, pesticides, paints and other commonly used household chemicals can enter streams and rivers and poison aquatic life.

For grade 7, discuss how different pollutants can disrupt ecosystems by affecting different parts of the aquatic food web, such as the plants, macroinvertebrates, and fish.

## Procedure

Start by discussing ecosystems. For younger students, this may just be naming things that make up the environment around us. For older students, make sure to mention the inclusion of both biotic (living) and abiotic (nonliving) factors. To move the discussion toward freshwater ecosystems, name a specific body of water and ask students - "What do you normally see around you when you visit the river?" This can lead to a larger discussion of food chains, food webs, and biodiversity.

Next, start a discussion about stormwater. Ask the students what happens to rain when it hits the earth, and if possible, write the answers on the board. The students should generate a list that includes soaking into the ground, going into a river, or hitting infrastructure or homes. Discuss what happens to the water when it soaks in [becomes groundwater, gets used by plants, can evaporate in evapotranspiration]. Then ask what happens to the water when it runs off the ground [picks up pollutants, can heat up, goes into a storm drain and enters the water quickly]. Ask students to compare/contrast stormwater in natural areas and urban ones [what happens when it rains on top of a forest vs. what happens when it rains on top of a parking lot].

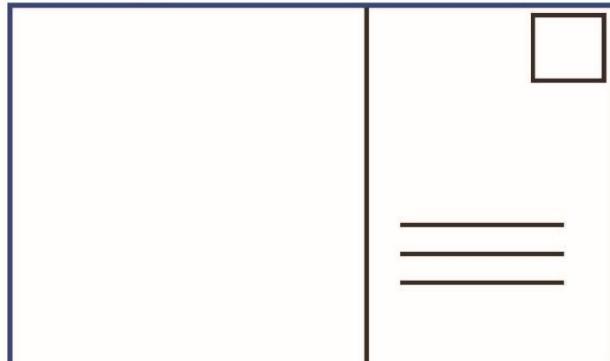
Ask students to name pollutants that runoff can pick up and explain how those pollutants harm the ecosystem and affect humans. Fill in the gaps of their list with pollutants from the background information. For older grades, ask students to explain what can happen when multiple pollutants enter our waters [algal blooms and warm water can both lower dissolved oxygen, harming fish, for example].

Pass out the paper postcard template and crayons to all students. Tell them that they are drawing a pollution postcard that will be sent to a friend or family member. On the front of the postcard, they are to draw a picture of one of the types of pollution discussed earlier. Older students should draw an infographic or a specific message about water pollution. On the back, they are to write out a message to a friend explaining what happens when people pollute or describing what they drew on the front. Remind them to consider their audience when crafting the message. Use the following questions to brainstorm:

"What would you say to someone who you saw throw a piece of trash out of their car window?"  
 "What would you say to someone who let their dog poop in your lawn and didn't pick it up?"  
 "What would you say to a business upstream who was dumping harmful chemicals into the stream you live on?"

After most students are done with their drawings, ask them to share a few of their postcards and pollution messages out loud to the class. Incorporate the assessment questions into the closing discussion.

## Postcard Template



## Assessment

Students will create pollution postcards, which will show their understanding of one type of common pollutant. Students will also be answering questions throughout and at the end of the activity.

Sample questions include:

- How does sediment in water affect how you can use the water?
- Which two pollutants increase when animal waste enters the water?
- How would you convince someone to stop polluting?
- Who are the different types of people affected by water pollution?
- How does pollution affect freshwater ecosystems?
- What can you do to help keep Athens-Clarke County streams clean?

## Parachute That Pollution!



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Students will learn about sources of water pollution and the detrimental effects that pollution has on freshwater ecosystems. Students will practice identifying pollution and removing it from waterways.

For grades K - 5

Lesson created by the ACCGOV Stormwater Management Program

### Background Information

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### Procedure

To prep the activity, lay the parachute flat on the ground. Scatter the fake pollutants all over the parachute. Have students start by sitting around the parachute without touching anything. Open the activity by discussing stormwater and the common pollutants we often find in our streams and rivers. See background information above for more details.

To begin the game, choose a few students to be Polluters and a few to be Clean-Up Volunteers. At this point, if you have any vests or other costume materials, distribute them. Ask the remaining students to circle around the edge of the flat parachute and position themselves by one handle (if there are too many students, you may be able to double up the number of students at each handle). Each group has a different job:

- **Students holding the parachute:** These students represent stormwater as well as streams, rivers, and lakes. Their job is to pop the parachute so that items on top (stuffed animals and "pollutants") bounce on and off the parachute. By bouncing the parachute, students are representing the movement of water.
- **Polluters:** These students represent human and non-human sources of pollution. In order to simulate the addition of pollution to stormwater, when a "pollutant" is tossed out of the water, it is the polluters' job to add the pollutants back by throwing it into the waterway. They need to do this as quickly as possible.
- **Clean-Up Volunteers:** These students represent people who proactively dispose of pollutants correctly as well as those who help to restore waterways. Their job is to collect "pollutants" that have been tossed out of the water way (parachute) and put them in garbage bags.

The game will go on for 5 minutes. If all of the "pollutants" are removed from the water way at the end of this time period, then the Clean-up Volunteers and the Stormwater groups win the game! If there is still pollution left, then the Polluters win (if this does occur, stress the importance of this not happening in real life). The game can be played for multiple rounds, with student's jobs changing each round.

### Lesson Summary

Students learn about stormwater runoff and the many different types of pollutants that can get into our water sources. Students will use this interactive activity to practice identifying and removing pollutants from our waterways.

### Objectives

- Students will learn the definition of stormwater.
- Students will learn that stormwater runoff is the number one source of water pollution.
- Students will learn about common water pollutants, including animal waste, litter, excess fertilizers and pesticides, oil, and sediment.
- Students will learn about specific effects of pollution on humans and animals.
- Students will learn several simple ways for humans to reduce their impact on water quality, i.e. pick up after pets and routinely check cars for oil leaks.

### GSE Science Major Concepts

#### 1st Grade:

S1L1: Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the basic needs of plants and animals.

#### 2nd Grade:

S2E3: Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about how weather, plants, animals, and humans cause changes to the environment.

#### 3rd Grade:

S3L2: Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the effects of pollution (air, land, and water) and humans on the environment.

#### 4th Grade:

S4E3: Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to demonstrate the water cycle.

S4L1: Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the roles of organisms and the flow of energy within an ecosystem.

### Materials

- 1-2 large parachutes
- Clean garbage bags (or containers to hold the "pollutants")
- Fake dog poop
- Clean trash
- Items to represent paint (ex: colored ball or balloon)
- Items to represent soapy water (ex: colored ball or balloon)
- Items to represent oil (ex: colored ball or balloon)
- Items to represent leaves or grass clippings (ex: colored ball or balloon)
- Litter clean-up safety vests (optional)
- Litter clean-up grabbers (optional)

### Assessment

Ask students:

- What is stormwater?
- What are different pollutants that can end up in our streams or rivers?
- How did the Clean-Up Volunteers feel when they constantly had to pick up after the same people over and over again?
- How could you convince someone to stop polluting?
- What can you do to help keep Athens-Clarke County streams clean?



**SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** Provide evidence of age appropriate and relevant content (alignment to standards)

ACCGov Stormwater's K-12 programming is based on relevant water topics and connected to the Georgia Standards of Excellence. A listing of K-12 offerings is included below, and it can also be found on the ACC Stormwater website ([www.accgov.com/5227/School-Education](http://www.accgov.com/5227/School-Education)).

Elementary/Middle School Activities					
Name of Lesson	GSE	Time	Preferred Grades	Preferred Class Size	Description
Parachute that Pollution!	S1L1, S2E3, S3L2, S4E3, S4L1	0.5 – 1 hour	K – 5	30 students	Students will learn about sources of water pollution and the detrimental effects that it has on freshwater ecosystems. Students will practice identifying pollution and removing it from waterways in this hands-on, fun parachute game. This activity must be outdoors.
Pollution Postcards	S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4	1 hour	K – 8	30 students	Students explore the inter-connectivity of ecosystems by learning about aquatic food webs, biodiversity, the components of health habitats, and the impact of human actions and pollution on those ecosystems. Students demonstrate and communicate their knowledge by creating colorful postcards that can be mailed to friends, families, & neighbors.
Sum of the Parts (Project WET)	S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4	0.5 – 1 hour	2 – 8	30 students	Students will learn about point and non-point source pollution and the potentially harmful impact of human actions on ecosystems. Students will demonstrate how everyone contributes to the pollution of a river as it flows through a watershed while recognizing that everyone's "contributions" to the problems can be reduced.
Enviroscope: Watershed Pollution Prevention	S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4	1 - 1.5 hours	2 – 8	20 students	Students will learn about watersheds, point and non-point source pollution, and the potentially harmful impact of human actions on ecosystems. Students will then visualize the way pollutants move through a watershed by watching real water move on a model.
Crumple Watersheds	S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4	1 – 1.5 hours	2 – 8	30 students	Students will gain an intuitive knowledge of the physical aspects of watersheds by creating their own watershed models using paper, cardboard, markers, and some water.
Middle/High School Activities					
Name of Lesson	GSE	Time	Preferred Grades	Preferred Class Size	Description
Physical/Chemical Water Sampling	SB5, SC6, SEV1, SEV2, SEV3, SEV4, SEV5	1 – 2 hours	7 – 12	30 students	Students become scientists performing hands on chemical and physical water quality sampling. Water samples can either be brought to the classroom or students can visit a stream to conduct testing for pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and turbidity. Multiple testing methods can be used to show differences in techniques and test results. Collected data and land

					use information allow students to analyze data and make inferences into the quality of the water and the sources of pollutants.
Macroinvertebrate Stream Sampling	SB5, SC6, SEV1, SEV2, SEV3, SEV4, SEV5	1 – 2 hours	7 – 12	30 students	The best way to learn about water is to jump on in! Water samples can either be brought to the classroom or students can visit a stream to collect macroinvertebrates from their natural habitat under stream rocks and in leaf packs. Students identify the type and amount of macroinvertebrates using guides and a dichotomous key. Along with provided land use information and maps, students use the macroinvertebrate data to make inferences about water quality and pollution sources in their watershed.

### Service-Learning Activities

Name of Lesson	GSE	Time	Preferred Grades	Preferred Class Size	Description
Storm Drain Decaling	S2E3, S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4	1 – 2 hours	4 – 12	Any, great for science clubs	Do your students know that storm drains lead directly to our rivers and streams? That means that anything dumped or washed down a storm drain will pollute some of our most precious water resources! Students glue decals onto the storm drains on school property or a nearby neighborhood. The decals tell people “No dumping, drains to stream,” and list to which stream all the rain near your school drains.
Rain Barrel Making	S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4	1 – 1.5 hours	1 – 12	Any	Does your school want rain barrels? Rain barrels help to conserve water and reduce erosion from stormwater runoff. They are also great classroom teaching tools! Stormwater staff will give a brief lecture about the importance of water collection devices and then have students help to build rain barrels for their school. All materials are provided but the school must make installation arrangements on their own.
School Yard Stream Buffer Restoration		Varies	4 – 8	Any	Do you have a stream that runs through your school property? Is it surrounded with invasive species and lacking a protective buffer of native trees/shrubs? If you have these issues with your stream, we can conduct a buffer restoration project with your class to eradicate invasive species using chemical-free methods, pick up trash, and plant native species. Materials are provided.
Watershed Litter Pick-up		Varies	1 – 8	Any	No matter how far from a stream, pollutants such as trash, paint, and auto fluids find their way into our waterways when it rains. We can arrange to conduct a litter pick up on your school site or at a nearby stream to get students involved in protecting our water resources. Materials are provided.

## SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Provide evidence of active promotion to the community

ACCGov Stormwater's K-12 programming is advertised through the following methods:

- Website (pictured right) – A list of activities, along with the standards they meet, is listed on the ACC Stormwater "School Education Page."
- Athens-Clarke County Green School Program – The Green School Program is a way to incorporate more environmental education into local schools. Teachers submit completed activities/lessons at the end of each school year, and are deemed a "Green School" if they complete 25 total green activities. The committee sends out the ACORN monthly newsletter, which advertises upcoming events, trainings, and workshops offered by committee partners. We also host a Green School Kickoff event each fall, where teachers rotate around different stations to see what resources Green School partners have to offer. Program offerings are advertised on the website, [acgov.com/greenschools](http://acgov.com/greenschools).
- Social Media – K-12 Education Offerings are periodically promoted on our social media outlets. Educational resources for home were advertised in 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

K-12 Education Activities	Stormwater Website
   	<p><b>Stormwater Website</b></p> <p>As part of our education program, ACC Stormwater offers activities and presentations to classrooms, educators, after school groups, scout troops, clubs, and summer camps. Activities are aligned with the <a href="#">Georgia Standards of Excellence</a> (GSE) and can be tailored for a variety of age groups. Contact the Program Education Specialist, Cecile Riker, at <a href="mailto:cecile.riker@acgov.com">cecile.riker@acgov.com</a> if you are interested in having us come visit your group.</p> <p><b>Elementary School Activities</b></p> <p><b>Parachute that Pollution!</b> GSE: S1L1, S2E3, S3L2, S4E3, S4L1 Time: 0.5-1 hour Grades: K-5 Class size: 30 students</p> <p>Students will learn about sources of water pollution and the detrimental effects that pollution has on freshwater ecosystems. Students will practice identifying pollution and removing it from waterways in this hands-on, fun parachute game. This activity must be outdoors.</p> <p><b>Pollution Postcards</b> GSE: S3L2, S4E3, S4L1, S5P1, S6E3, S6E6, S7L4 Time: 1 hour Grades: K-8 Class size: 30 students</p> <p>Students explore the inter-connectivity of ecosystems by learning about aquatic food webs, biodiversity, the components of health habitats, and the impact of human actions and pollution on those ecosystems. Students demonstrate and communicate their knowledge by creating colorful postcards that can be mailed to friends, families, and neighbors.</p>

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Hey parents! Have children at home in need of some quality science enrichment? Here are some free, educational resources for you:

- Our website has a number of stormwater lesson plans available to download. Visit [www.acgov.com/stormwater](http://www.acgov.com/stormwater) and click on the "School Education" tab.
- [SkypeAScientist.com](#) allows you to connect directly with a variety of science professionals in the comfort of your own home.
- Visit [www.discoverwater.org](#) for interactive science learning modules, all related to water.
- Check out the National Science Teacher Association's website, [www.nsta.org/parents](http://www.nsta.org/parents), for suggestions of educational science books, lessons, and software that can be used at home.
- [www.EEinGeorgia.org](http://www.EEinGeorgia.org) has a number of online environmental education resources available to both teachers and parents.

If you would like assistance locating specific resources, please reach out to us at [stormwater@acgov.com](mailto:stormwater@acgov.com). Our Education Specialist would be happy to help!



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## SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Provide evidence of implementation

ACCGov Stormwater conducted 23 lessons to K-12 audiences during the reporting period, including 7 enrichment activities for the local Smart Lunch, Smart kid program, 8 summer camp activities, and 8 classroom lessons. More details and photos are listed below.

Date	Event	Audience	# Reach	Activity
6/5/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	30	Did a stream buffer bracelet activity and coloring sheet with the kids.
6/11/2019	Memorial Park Summer Camp Visit Part 1	Grades K-2	40	Led an H2Olympics activity about the properties of water in conjunction with the Water Conservation Office.
6/12/2019	Memorial Park Summer Camp Visit Part 2	Grades 2-5	55	Led an H2Olympics activity about the properties of water in conjunction with the Water Conservation Office.
6/18/2019	ACCGov Police Department Summer Camp Visit	Grades 3-8	25	Led an H2Olympics activity about the properties of water in conjunction with the Water Conservation Office.
6/19/2019	Cub Scout Summer Camp Visit	Grades 2-5	25	Led an H2Olympics activity about the properties of water in conjunction with the Water Conservation Office.
6/20/2019	Clarke County School District Summer School Visit Part 1	Grade 2	20	Led an activity all about frogs, their life cycle, and local species. Played frog calls and a concentration game.
6/20/2019	Clarke County School District Summer School Visit Part 2	Grade 3	12	Led an activity all about frogs, their life cycle, and local species. Played frog calls and a concentration game.
6/21/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	30	Did a stream buffer bracelet activity and coloring sheet with the kids.
6/28/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	30	Led a Project WET H2Olympics activity about the amazing properties of water.
7/10/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	12	Led a Project WET H2Olympics activity about the amazing properties of water.
7/16/2019	Sandy Creek Day Camp Matinee - Water Activity	Grades 3-8	90	Led several water relay games with campers, teaching them about the importance of conserving water.
7/17/2019	Water Quality Sampling with Youth Conservation Stewards	Grades 9-12	8	Sampled at several different streams on the Beech Haven property and talked about careers in the stormwater field.
7/19/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	30	Led a Project WET H2Olympics activity about the amazing properties of water.
7/24/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	20	Led a Project WET H2Olympics activity about the amazing properties of water.
7/31/2019	Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Enrichment	Grades K-8	20	Played a Stormwater Trivia game and gave out giveaways to students.
9/16/2019	H2Olympics Presentation at Cedar Shoals High School	Grades 9-12	75	Led an H2Olympics activity about the properties of water in conjunction with the Water Conservation Office.

10/17/2019	Macroinvertebrate Sampling with Athens Montessori	Grades 6-8	20	Talked about water quality and sampled Hunnicutt Creek for macroinvertebrates with students.
10/21/2019	Imagine a Day Without Water Lesson at St. Joe's Catholic School	Grades 6-8	70	Talked about Imagine a Day Without Water, played water trivia, and created informational postcards with students.
10/22/2019	Imagine a Day Without Water/Frog Lesson at Gaines Elementary School	Grades K-5	50	Played frog concentration game, talked about the life cycle of frogs, and talked about Imagine a Day Without Water.
12/3/2019	Water Lesson at Gaines Elementary School	Grades K-5	40	Led several water activities with Gaines After School Program, including Blue Planet and cloud painting.
2/11/2020	Rain Barrel Activity with Clarke Central High School Agri-Science Class	Grades 11-12	20	Led a presentation about green infrastructure with focus on rain barrels, then built 2 barrels.
3/3/2020	Sum of the Parts Lesson at Chase Street Elementary School	Grade 4	75	Led Project WET's "Sum of the Parts" watershed lesson with several different 4th grade classes.
3/11/2020	Rain Barrel Painting Activity with Rutland Academy	Grades 9-12	40	Did a rain barrel painting activity with Rutland middle and high school students. Gave out hand sanitizers.



## SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Provide an example of your participant evaluation form

Teacher evaluations are sent via email following a classroom activity. A completed evaluation from February 2020 is included here.

ACC Stormwater K-12 Activity Evaluation

ACC Stormwater values your feedback as we are always looking for ways to improve our programs. Please answer the following questions to help us better serve you in the future.

1. Name, date, and location of activity: **K**  
Rain Barrel Presentation at Clarke Central High School  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Teacher: Kaleb Jaason

2. Is this the first time ACC Stormwater has provided a program for your classroom? **Y** / N

3. How did you hear about ACC Stormwater's K-12 program offerings? **website / students**

Please rate the following statements based on how well you agree or disagree with them, with 1 meaning Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Neutral, 4 Agree, and 5 Strongly Agree.

The activity provided a thorough overview of stormwater and the topic we decided on beforehand.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

The presenter was knowledgeable in the topic at hand.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

My students learned what I wanted them to learn about the topic.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

This activity kept my student's attention.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

The activity content was appropriate for my student's knowledge levels.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

The length of the activity was appropriate.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

I found the supplemental materials given out helpful.  
1 2 3 4 **5**

I would schedule this activity again and/or recommend it.  
*Absolutely*

4. Please list at least one way you feel we could improve our K-12 programming.  
*Come more often!!! It's great to connect with community for the class*

5. Please share with us what you enjoyed most about the activity.  
*Hands on demo part*

6. Are there any other types of K-12 activities you would like to see offered?  
*Any school visits are so amazing. It is like a field trip in the classroom.*

7. Please leave any other comments or suggestions below.  
*Cecile was amazing in every way!!! Thank you!*

Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our K-12 programming!

**WATERWAY CLEANUP EVENT(S):** Provide a copy of your waiver and safety information

All Rivers Alive volunteers are required to sign a liability waiver during the volunteer registration process. Waiver language is uploaded into GivePulse, our online volunteer registration platform, but “walk-up” volunteers who show up on the morning of the event are required to sign a paper copy (shown right).

In addition to signing the waiver, volunteers are given a safety briefing at our kickoff event on the morning of Rivers Alive, which includes notes about common outdoor hazards, allergy issues, and who to contact if an emergency arises. Safety notes are also included on GivePulse, the online volunteer registration platform. People see these notes while signing up, and they also receive the information again in a reminder email the day before the event (included in the screenshot below).

The logo for Rivers Alive features the word "Rivers" in a large, white, serif font above the word "Alive" in a slightly smaller, white, serif font. The background is a blue gradient with white wavy lines at the bottom, resembling water.

**Please read the following waiver and sign at the bottom, indicating your agreement. Please complete all fields and write legibly.**

In connection with my voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of the Rivers Alive program, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release and discharge the Rivers Alive Steering Committee, its community service partners, officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any claim, demand or cause of action that may be asserted by me or on my behalf as a result of my volunteering for activities through the Rivers Alive volunteer event.

I hereby attest that attendance and involvement is voluntary, that I am participating at my own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions release. Furthermore, I grant the Rivers Alive Steering Committee and its partners the irrevocable right to use photographs and video or audio recordings of my person while volunteering, in any medium, without pay.

Permission: I also give Rivers Alive Steering Committee members and/or Rivers Alive Site Leaders permission to take me to the hospital in case of emergency and to administer medications provided to me by physician's prescription.

I further attest that I have no allergies or special medical needs other than those listed below:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Reminders for Rivers Alive TOMORROW!!! [Inbox](#)

**Athens Rivers Alive** <athensriversalive@gmail.com>  
to bcc: Alia, bcc: one2piddle, bcc: farrellkj2, bcc: hml63456, bcc: shanzo.stephens, bcc: dana.pittman, bcc: danabinns, bcc: jadenowitz, bcc: dvg74535, bcc: sa28517, bcc: efn42026, bcc: mjarecki83, bcc: bps76770, bcc: Starcortes3, bcc: sgh \*

Fri, Oct 4, 2019, 2:49 PM [Star](#) [Forward](#) [Print](#) [...](#)

Hello Rivers Alive volunteers!

Thank you so much for signing up to volunteer for this important community event. We can't wait to see you all tomorrow morning. Here are a few important reminders:

- Please do not request any changes to your registration status via email. Online registration has closed, but if you can no longer attend, please go into the [GivePulse registration system](#) and [cancel your registration](#) status from the Dashboard.
- The kickoff celebration/volunteer check-in will start at 8:00 am at [Sandy Creek Nature Center](#) at [205 Old Commerce Road](#) (NOT at Sandy Creek Park). Please arrive between 8:00 am and 8:45 am to check-in, grab a t-shirt and breakfast (for the first 300 people), and listen to some music from UGA's WUOG 90.5 FM. All volunteers will be addressed around 8:45, and everyone will disperse to their clean-up sites shortly after.
- If you know people who were not able to pre-register to volunteer, they can still join in on the fun! We will be accepting [walk-up volunteers](#) at registration tomorrow morning, and sites will be assigned based on availability.
- Please [carpool](#) with friends and family to the kickoff if possible! We also encourage you to carpool to your sites from the kickoff. Site locations and parking details will be available at the volunteer check-in tables.
- Please wear [long pants](#) and [close-toed shoes/boots](#) if you have them (we highly recommend rubber boots for wet sites). Come prepared to get dirty/sweaty and in many cases, wet. [Wear bug spray](#) and please know that some sites may have poison ivy and other hazards. Feel free to bring a pair of waders if you have those as well.
- Bring your [reusable water bottle!](#) Filling stations will be available at Sandy Creek Nature Center.
- Please be familiar with which site you have signed up for prior to signing in. This will help expedite the check-in process.
- We will be raffling off a [Perception Rambler Kayak](#) donated by Half Moon Outfitters. Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1 each, paid with cash or card. The winner will be announced at the kickoff.
- If you find anything interesting at your site, we encourage you to enter it into our [Trash 2 Treasure](#) photo contest. Site leaders will have more information about this, but keep your eyes open for cool and reusable finds.
- We love seeing photos! Please take pictures at your site and tag us on social media with the hashtag [#RiversAliveAthens](#).

See you tomorrow morning! We're looking forward to another year of successful cleanups!

Sincerely,

The Rivers Alive Steering Committee

We recruit between 15 and 25 Rivers Alive site leaders each year to lead volunteers at individual clean-up sites. These individuals must attend an on-site training where volunteer management and safety protocols are discussed. A copy of the training checklist is included below.

### 2019 Rivers Alive Site Leader Training

**Site Name:**

**Leader:**

**Training Date/Time:**

#### Check List

- Review Rivers Alive event schedule on the following page
- Walk the site and discuss clean up area – include any properties that volunteers should NOT access during the clean-up
- Review tools that will be used for the clean-up – grabbers, safety vests, etc.
- Tell site leader to make sure volunteers fill up trash and recycling bags before tying them
- Review proper separation of trash – there needs to be three distinct piles for trash, recycling, and metal/tires (they will get a “what’s recyclable” handout in packet)
- Discuss safety (using gloves, broken glass, traffic, poison ivy, homeless camps)
- Discuss where to place trash and mark with cone/site sign for easy pick-up (in R-O-W)
- Discuss dispatcher/emergency contacts for the day of the event

<b>Cecile Riker</b>	<b>678-863-2058</b>
<b>Jackie Sherry</b>	<b>678-787-0719</b>

- Discuss where volunteers will park
- Rehearse key points that leader will discuss with volunteers – being aware of surroundings, watching where you step, always wear gloves, don’t pick up sketchy things, etc.
- Tool returns – drop tools off at the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (1005 College Ave) immediately following the cleanup. It is okay if you finish early!
- Trash 2 Treasure contest – instructions will be in site leader packet

**WATERWAY CLEANUP EVENT(S):** Provide a list of equipment and supplies provided to participants

ACCGov Stormwater works with Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) and ACCGov Leisure Services to provide clean-up supplies and tools for all Rivers Alive volunteers, including kayaks for boating sites. A full tool list is include below. In addition to clean-up tools, volunteers are given an event t-shirt, a light breakfast, coffee, and snacks to take along for the clean-up at our kickoff event in the morning.

2019 Rivers Alive Tool Requests					
Site Name/Location	# Volunteers	# Grabbers	# Gloves	# Vests	Special Tools
Carr Creek at Bailey Street	20	20	20	20	
Carriage Lane	25	25	25	25	
Cook's Trail Between SCNC and North Bluff	10	10	10	10	1 Wheelbarrow
Derby and Branch Streets	25	25	25	25	3 loppers and 3 hand pruners
Dudley Park	20	20	20	20	Some waders
Five Acre Woods (Invasive Plant Removal)	30	15	30	30	Tools for invasive plant removal - coordinate with ALT
McNutt Creek (Private site for KOCBC)	30	30	30	30	
MLK Greenway	30	30	30	30	
North Oconee Float at Dudley Park	15	12	15	0	15 kayaks
Middle Oconee Float (Private Site for Terrapin Brewery)	15	5	15	0	15 kayaks
North Oconee Float (Private Site for Athens Paddlers)	15	5	15	0	BYOB
North Oconee Tire Dump	25	0	25	0	Need heavy duty gloves and 3 shovels, some waders
Old Will Hunter Road	25	25	25	25	1 Wheelbarrow, 2 round tip shovels
Riverbend Parkway	20	20	20	20	
Trail Creek Park	20	20	20	20	3 Loppers and 3 hand pruners
Kickoff Volunteers	12	0	0	12	

**Loppers in action**



**Kayaks on the North Oconee River**



**Waders in action**



**Coffee for Volunteers**



**Litter Grabbers in action**



## WATERWAY CLEANUP EVENT(S): Provide evidence of active promotion to the community

Our annual Rivers Alive event is thoroughly advertised through newsletters, online website calendars, social media posts, and news releases. Posters are printed and hung up at dozens of locations around town, and emails are sent to past participants. Information about the event is posted to [www.acgov.com/riversalive](http://www.acgov.com/riversalive).

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Published by Cecile Riker · July 25, 2019 · [...](#)

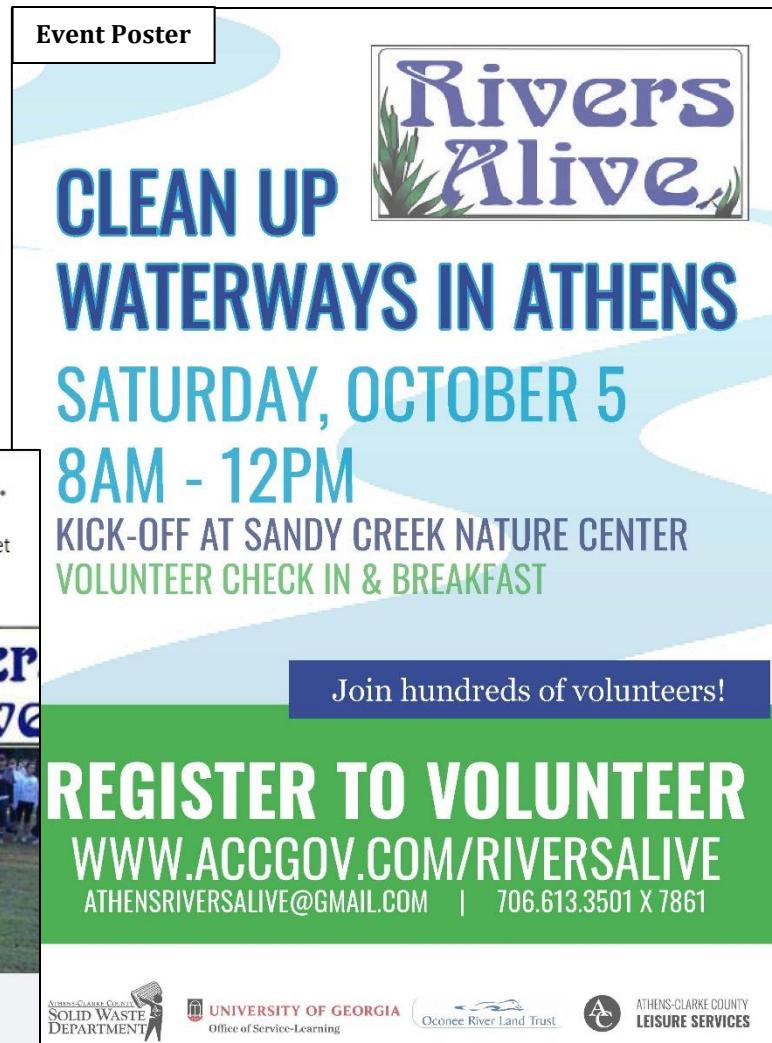
Rivers Alive Athens...one of our favorite events of the year! Date is set so go ahead and mark your calendars, but volunteer registration details won't come out until later this Fall.



SAT, OCT 5, 2019  
2019 Rivers Alive  
Athens  
57 Went · 297 Interested

[Facebook post](#)

**Event Poster**



**Event Details** [Return to Previous](#)

**2019 Rivers Alive**

 **Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
Athens' Annual Rivers Alive event is just around the bend! Volunteer to help preserve our precious rivers and streams at this year's Rivers Alive volunteer cleanup event. The 2019 cleanup is on Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 AM to 12:00pm. Volunteer check-in is at Sandy Creek Nature Center located at 205 Old Commerce Road. Volunteer Check-in starts at 8:00 AM and there will be free breakfast and live entertainment as we gather for the cleanup. Volunteers should bring a reusable water bottle and gloves, and wear long pants and closed toed shoes. Please visit [www.acgov.com/riversalive](http://www.acgov.com/riversalive) for more information. Registration is required.

**Date:** October 5, 2019  
**Time:** 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Time:** 8:00AM-12:00PM  
**Details:**  
**Address:** 205 Old Commerce Rd.  
Athens, GA 30607  
**Email:** [Stacy Smith](mailto:Stacy.Smith@accgov.com)  
**Link:** [Rivers Alive](http://www.acgov.com/riversalive)



**ACCGov Website Calendar**

**Stormwater E-Newsletter**



**Rivers Alive Volunteer Registration Underway**

Site sign-ups are up and running for the 2019 [Rivers Alive](#) event THIS Saturday, October 5th. Rivers Alive is Georgia's annual volunteer river clean-up event that encourages civic involvement in the preservation of Georgia's precious water resources. Our waterways provide us with fresh drinking water, important wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities that serve as a respite from our busy day-to-day lives.

Last year, 276 volunteers came out to collect over 3.12 tons of trash, 71,800 pounds of metal recycling, and 164 tires during the event. This year, there are a variety of wet and dry clean-up options as well as several kid-friendly sites, so bring your friends and family out for a great morning of volunteer service in Athens.

Volunteer check-in starts at 8:00 am at Sandy Creek Nature Center. Breakfast and entertainment will be provided as we gather for the cleanup, and groups will disperse to their individual sites around 9:15 a.m. Volunteers should bring a reusable water bottle, wear long pants and close-toed shoes, and come prepared to get dirty. For more information and to register for a clean-up site, visit [www.acgov.com/riversalive](#). We hope to see you there!





**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
September 2019

**Press Release**

**RIVERS ALIVE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

*Volunteers to Clean Athens' Waterways in Annual River Cleanup*

Athens, GA-- Athens-area residents will wade into local rivers and streams as part of the continuing statewide campaign to clean and preserve Georgia's waterways. Rivers Alive is a volunteer cleanup program initiated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and organized across Georgia by several local organizations.

The annual waterway cleanup is expected to be 2019's largest single volunteer effort to beautify Georgia's water resources. Volunteers in Athens will gather on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM to participate. Volunteer check-in will be at 8:00 AM at Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Rd, Athens, GA 30607) where breakfast and t-shirts for the first 300 volunteers will be provided. Parking is limited at Sandy Creek Nature Center, so carpooling is highly encouraged. Volunteer teams will relocate to their assigned cleanup sites shortly after the kickoff celebration.

During last year's Rivers Alive cleanup, 276 volunteers helped collect 3.2 tons (6,400 lbs.) of trash, 7,180 lbs. of recycling, and 164 tires. If you would like to volunteer to make a meaningful impact in Athens, please visit [www.acgov.com/riversalive](#) for more information about the event and registration. Volunteers should bring a reusable water bottle and wear gloves, long pants and closed-toed shoes.

Rivers Alive in Athens, Georgia is organized by Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department, Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department, Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, Athens-Clarke County Office of Sustainability, Athens-Clarke County Water Conservation Office, Athens Land Trust, UGA Office of Service-Learning, Upper Oconee Watershed Network, Oconee River Land Trust and Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission.

Sponsors for the event include: WUOG 90.5 FM, Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, Jacobs Engineering Group, Koons Environmental, Half-Moon Outfitters, Trader Joes, Golden Pantry, Coca-Cola, Creature Comforts, WaterMan Spring Water and Rivers Alive/Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

**Rivers Alive 2019 Volunteer Registration Now Open** Inbox x

**Athens Rivers Alive** <[athensriversalive@gmail.com](mailto:athensriversalive@gmail.com)>

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to bcc: pam80823, bcc: shwetadalmia, bcc: Alia, bcc: Reneegillick, bcc: johngillick, bcc: Emily, bcc: Brandon, bcc: Rachael, bcc: Zobash79, bcc: melancon, bcc: Natalie, ▾

Hello Volunteers!

Site sign-ups are now up and running for this year's Rivers Alive event on Saturday, October 5. Rivers Alive is Georgia's annual volunteer river clean-up event that encourages civic involvement in the preservation of Georgia's precious water resources. Many of you have attended Rivers Alive in the past, and we hope you'll continue to join us!

Last year, **276** volunteers came out to collect over **6,200** pounds of trash/recycling, **7,000** pounds of metal, and **160** tires during the event. This year, there are a variety of both wet and dry clean-up options as well as several kid-friendly sites, so bring out your friends and family for a great morning of volunteer service in Athens! We will have a kick-off celebration the morning of the event from 8:00 am - 9:00 am, and volunteers will then carpool to their selected site and clean-up from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm.

**View a list of sites and sign-up to volunteer here:** <https://uga.givepulse.com/group/138114-Rivers-Alive-Athens-Clarke-County> (additional sites and volunteer spots will be added over the next few weeks)

Because of a limited number of clean-up sites, Rivers Alive organizers cannot manually register large groups of volunteers. If there are not enough open spots at one site for your particular group, you must split up among multiple sites and sign-up as individuals.

Thanks and let us know if you have any questions! We look forward to seeing you on October 5th!

Sincerely,

The Rivers Alive Steering Committee

**Direct email to previous volunteers**

## WATERWAY CLEANUP EVENT(S): Provide evidence of implementation

A total of 325 volunteers participated in the 2019 Athens Rivers Alive event. They cleaned up 15 different sites around the community and removed 4.5 tons of trash, 1,060 lbs. of recycling, 9,320 lbs. of metal recycling, and 244 tires from our waterways. All participants are asked to fill out a post-event impact survey following the event, and a summary of survey responses are included here. Some additional photos are also included.

### 2019 RIVERS ALIVE WRAP-UP COMMENTS FROM VOLUNTEERS

Had an awesome time! Saw a few friends, got to work alongside some very friendly people. It felt good to make a direct impact on part of the relatively little natural environment that Athens does have.

Thought it was very well organized

Kickoff: the provided food and drink were amazing! Loved the t shirts too! It was a welcoming and fun space

As we finished up at the site, we saw a stray cat who was very friendly and loved being pet! It was a great end to the day. One suggestion I have for the volunteer process is a group sign up option because our group ended up split up at different sites.

It is heartening to see the sites so clean! Although we always leave so much behind. At least we feel that we are having some impact.

I always enjoy the event and feel good about participating.

5 gallon buckets with drainage holes would be an improvement over trash bags for collecting glass, cans, and bottles. The buckets could be re-used and wouldn't break the way the bags do.

Amazing event

This was my first time wearing waders and I had a blast! We had a great time moving this tractor tire out from under a tree, and we had an overall amazing experience.

I liked the experience I got and I look forward to next year. Everybody was so friendly and helpful.



## WATERWAY CLEANUP EVENT(S): Provide evidence of post-event follow-up communications and publicity

ACCGov Stormwater uses social media and email to thank volunteers for their hard work during Rivers Alive. Wrap-up numbers are posted to the Rivers Alive website following the event.

**Instagram Post** 54 PM @ 60%

DRMWATER Posts

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accstormwater That's a wrap on #AthensRiversAlive 2019! Over 300 volunteers spent their morning cleaning up trash (including lots and lots of tires) from 15 different sites in and around our community's waterways. Pictured here is the crew from our North Oconee Tire Dump site - clearly they were hard at work all morning! More photos to come.

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**Rivers Alive** Website





**Rivers Alive Wrap Up 2019**

The 2019 Rivers Alive event was extremely successful with 325 dedicated citizens contributing over 975 hours of volunteer service to our community at 15 different sites around Athens. Enthusiastic volunteers collected approximately 4.5 tons (9,000 lbs.) of garbage, 9,320 lbs. of metal, and 244 tires!

[See photos here](#)

Kayak Winner: David Carter

**Athens Rivers Alive** <athensriversalive@gmail.com> Wed, Oct 16, 2019, 1:57 PM

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Hello volunteers,

On behalf of the Athens Rivers Alive Steering Committee, **THANK YOU** for choosing to volunteer for our 21st Annual Rivers Alive clean-up! 325 dedicated volunteers turned out to help clean up 15 different sites around our community for a total of 675 volunteer hours. Overall, we had one of our most successful events yet with 4.5 tons (9,000 pounds) of trash and recycling, 9,320 pounds of metal, and 244 tires removed from our waterways and natural areas. Athens-Clarke County is now a cleaner and healthier place, thanks to all of your hard work.

Our 2019 Trash 2 Treasure winners are listed below. You all will be contacted soon about prizes!

**First place:** Carmen Kraus for a gemstone  
**2nd place:** Marcus Prince for a bike  
**3rd place:** Annette Aguilar for a computer monitor

We hope you had a wonderful volunteer experience and will join us again next year. The 2020 Rivers Alive date has been set for **Saturday, October 24th**. Go ahead and mark your calendars now!

Lastly, if you have any photos you would like to share with the Committee, please send them to this Gmail account. We have a shared Google Photo Album that you can view [HERE](#). Grady Newsource also put some film footage together from the event. Check it out [here](#).

Thank you again for your service!

2019 Rivers Alive Steering Committee

**Direct email to volunteers**

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS (NOT ADOPT-A-STREAM):** Provide a calendar or list of workshops offered during the reporting period and a description of each

Stormwater offered one type of workshop during the reporting period.

Type of Workshop	Audience	Description
<b>Rain Barrel Workshop/Presentations</b> Dates offered: July 31 (2 workshops), December 10	Adults	Free workshop that includes a brief PowerPoint presentation about uses, benefits, and maintenance of rain barrels, and then a hands-on build session including the use of power tools. All materials, including the 55-gallon barrel, are included.

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS (NOT ADOPT-A-STREAM):** Provide evidence of age appropriate and relevant workshop topics

Rain Barrel Workshops include staff and participant introductions, followed by a PowerPoint presentation that provides an introduction to rain barrels, their uses, how they benefit a community, along with installation and maintenance notes. Then participants build their own rain barrels to take home using tools/materials provided by ACCGov Stormwater. Screenshots from the presentation is included below.



**CONTAIN YOUR RAIN**

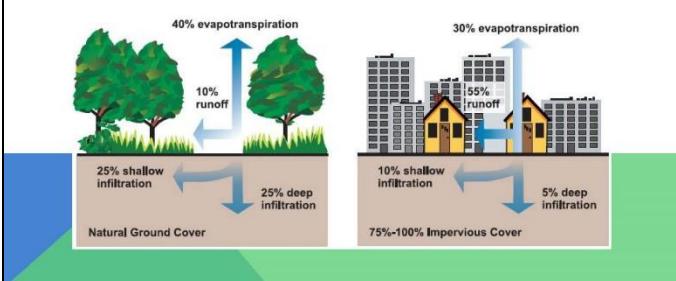
**USING RAIN BARRELS TO SAVE WATER,  
REDUCE RUNOFF, AND GROW YOUR GARDEN.**



 Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program

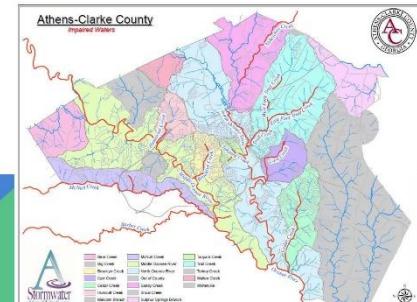
## WHY USE RAIN BARRELS?

- Conserve water
- Reduce runoff
  - Prevent water pollution



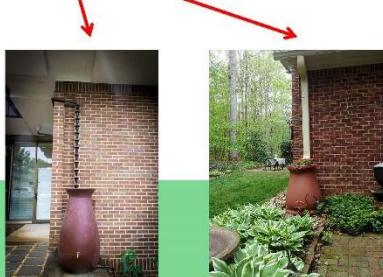
## WHY USE RAIN BARRELS?

- Conserve water
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## GETTING STARTED

- Connect to downspout or use a rain chain
- Set up on cinder blocks
- Divert overflow away from foundation



## MAINTENANCE

- Stinky? Clean out once or twice a year
  - Flush water
  - Wash barrel
- Mosquitoes? Add vegetable oil
  - Larvicide briquettes also an option
- Leaky? Re-apply silicon gel around spigot



## LIMITATIONS

- Rain barrel water is non-potable
- Can only collect so much water
- One person can only use so much water



## SOLUTIONS

- Connect your barrels
- Go bigger with a cistern
- Install a rain garden



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS (NOT ADOPT-A-STREAM): Provide evidence of active promotion to the community

Workshops are advertised through ACCGov Stormwater's website, social media outlets, and e-newsletter. A sample of screenshots is included below.

**Facebook Event**

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019 AT 5:30 PM EDT – 6:30 PM EDT

**Summer Rain Barrel Workshops**

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater

Jul 31, 2019 Jul 31, 2019

About Discussion

Invite Edit ...

**Details**

12 people responded

Event by Athens-Clarke County Stormwater

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 5:30 PM EDT – 6:30 PM EDT

Price: Free · Duration: 1 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Join ACC Stormwater for a series of FREE rain barrel workshops on Wednesday, July 31 at 3:30 and 5:30 PM at the ACC Planning Auditorium (120 W. Dougherty Street). Workshop participants... See More

**Insights**

Last 7 Days: Jan 4 - Jan 11

0 People Reached 12 Responses

**Upcoming Events**

**Tabling at the Athens Farmers Market**  
Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Bishop Park (705 Sunset Drive)

**Stormwater E-Newsletter**

Visit the ACC Stormwater booth at the Athens Farmers Market on August 20th for information about our program, educational giveaways, and some fun Olympic themed water challenges.

**Summer Rain Barrel Workshops**  
Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
ACC Planning Auditorium (120 W. Dougherty Street)

ACC Stormwater is hosting a series of FREE rain barrel workshops on Wednesday, July 31 at 3:30 and 5:30 PM at the ACC Planning Auditorium (120 W. Dougherty Street). Workshop participants will learn about stormwater runoff and rain barrel uses, maintenance, and installation. The presentation will be followed by a hands-on barrel build, and all supplies will be provided (only ONE barrel per registered participant). The workshops are both currently full, but you can add your name to the waitlist [here](#) [<https://www.acgov.com/Activities/Activity/Detail/Rain-Barrel-Workshop-807>].

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS (NOT ADOPT-A-STREAM):** Provide evidence of implementation

Stormwater held 3 different workshops during the reporting period. A summary of each workshop is included below, followed by a roster from the December workshop.

Date	Event	Audience	# Attended	Description
7/31/2019	Summer Rain Barrel Workshop Part 1	Adults	15	Hosted a rain barrel workshop for citizens in ACC. Led a brief PowerPoint about uses/benefits of rain barrels, then built some.
7/31/2019	Summer Rain Barrel Workshop Part 2	Adults	15	Hosted a rain barrel workshop for citizens in ACC. Led a brief PowerPoint about uses/benefits of rain barrels, then built some.
12/10/2019	Winter Rain Barrel Workshop	Adults	16	Hosted a rain barrel workshop for citizens in ACC. Led a brief PowerPoint about uses/benefits of rain barrels, then built some.

Participant Last Name	Participant First Name	Phone	Email	Attended?
Brown	Steven	7064103844	sabrown@uga.edu	Yes
Cornell	Lee	7065400871	<a href="mailto:lee.cornell@gmail.com">lee.cornell@gmail.com</a>	Yes
Cortese	Ellen	7065678419	<a href="mailto:ellencortese@gmail.com">ellencortese@gmail.com</a>	Yes
Debalski	Austin	7066124014	<a href="mailto:austindebalski@gmail.com">austindebalski@gmail.com</a>	No
Dekle	Erin	7703758856	<a href="mailto:Erin.dekle@gmail.com">Erin.dekle@gmail.com</a>	Yes
Duffee	Steven	7062012101	<a href="mailto:stduffee@yahoo.com">stduffee@yahoo.com</a>	Yes
Dye	Lara	7063388219	<a href="mailto:laraarnoldsmith@yahoo.com">laraarnoldsmith@yahoo.com</a>	Yes
Evans	Nathan	4782780193	<a href="mailto:jnevans82@gmail.com">jnevans82@gmail.com</a>	Yes
Flannery	James	4153855611	<a href="mailto:jamesjflannery@gmail.com">jamesjflannery@gmail.com</a>	No
Genuso	Karen	7069885314	<a href="mailto:KarenGen55@yahoo.com">KarenGen55@yahoo.com</a>	Yes
Girtz	Britta	9795740408	<a href="mailto:bgirtz@hotmail.com">bgirtz@hotmail.com</a>	No
Huber	Nicholas	8127195031	<a href="mailto:Nick@storagesquad.com">Nick@storagesquad.com</a>	Yes
Kagata	Tomoho	7063955175	<a href="mailto:tkagata@gmail.com">tkagata@gmail.com</a>	Yes
Lafayette	Lynnsey	4046801121	<a href="mailto:lglafa@gmail.com">lglafa@gmail.com</a>	Yes
Lancaster	Marc	7702677218	<a href="mailto:mallot999@hotmail.com">mallot999@hotmail.com</a>	No

Lipani	Lisa	7064217072	lipani.lisa@gmail.com	Yes
Sapera	Scott	7063402505	ssapera@live.com	Yes
Sheffield	Alison	8133106133	ironcityalison@yahoo.com	Yes
Streetman	Jonathon	7063406664	alcstreetman@gmail.com	Yes
Whitlock	Beth	7704027027	whitlocklibrarian@gmail.com	Yes

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS (NOT ADOPT-A-STREAM):** Provide evidence of post-event evaluation and follow-up publicity

Workshops are recorded in the Snapshot newsletter (published a month later).



## Informed & Engaged Citizens

- On December 10, Stormwater Education staff hosted a Rain Barrel Workshop for 20 attendees. Participants learned about the uses and benefits of rain barrels and then built their own to take home and install.

We also hand out paper evaluations following workshops. Comments are then recorded into an electronic spreadsheet. Sample evaluations are included below. Participants receive a follow-up email with a copy of the presentation used during the workshop.

Dec-19	Participant 1
Name and date of workshop:	Rain Barrel 12/10/2019
Did you sign-up for this workshop ahead of time?	yes
Is this the first ACC Stormwater program you have participated in?	yes
How did you first hear about the workshop?	ACC site
1 Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Neutral, 4 Agree, 5 Strongly Agree	
The workshop provided a thorough overview of the topic.	5
The presenter was knowledgeable in the topic at hand.	5
I learned what I wanted to learn about the topic.	5
The length of the workshop was appropriate.	5
I found the supplemental materials given to me helpful.	5
The location of the workshop was convenient for me.	5
Would you recommend one of our workshops to a friend?	Absolutely, yes
Please list one way you feel we could improve our workshops.	Other options for water reclamation
Please share with us what you enjoyed most about the workshop.	The info provided
Are there any other types of workshops you would like to see offered?	Other options for water reclamation

Dec-19	Participant 2
Name and date of workshop:	Rain Barrel 12/10/2019
Did you sign-up for this workshop ahead of time?	yes
Is this the first ACC Stormwater program you have participated in?	yes
How did you first hear about the workshop?	email
1 Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Neutral, 4 Agree, 5 Strongly Agree	
The workshop provided a thorough overview of the topic.	5
The presenter was knowledgeable in the topic at hand.	5
I learned what I wanted to learn about the topic.	5
The length of the workshop was appropriate.	5
I found the supplemental materials given to me helpful.	5
The location of the workshop was convenient for me.	5
Would you recommend one of our workshops to a friend?	yes
Please list one way you feel we could improve our workshops.	Offer more
Please share with us what you enjoyed most about the workshop.	Learning how to build the rain barrel
Are there any other types of workshops you would like to see offered?	Drip irrigation in our yard

**Post Event Email**

Thank you for attending ACC Stormwater's Rain Barrel Workshop! - Message (HTML)

**File** **Message** **Tell me what you want to do...**

**Quick Steps**: Award Apps, To Manager, Team Email, Move, Follow Up, Translate, Editing, Zoom

**Tags**

**Editing**

**Zoom**

Fri 12/13/2019 3:51 PM

Cecile Riker

Thank you for attending ACC Stormwater's Rain Barrel Workshop!

To: 'sabrown@uga.edu'; 'lee.cornell@gmail.com'; 'ellencortese@gmail.com'; 'Erin.dekle@gmail.com'; 'stduffee@yahoo.com'; 'laraarnoldsmith@yahoo.com'; 'jnevans82@gmail.com'; 'KarenGen55@yahoo.com'; 'Nick@storagesquad.com'; 'tkagata@gmail.com'; 'lgala@gmail.com'; 'lpani.lisa@gmail.com'; 'ssapera@live.com'; 'ironcityalison@yahoo.com'; 'alcstreetman@gmail.com'; 'whitlocklibrarian@gmail.com'

**Rain Barrel Workshop Presentation Update.pdf** 2 MB

Hello all,

Just wanted to send a quick "thank you" to you all for attending our December Rain Barrel workshop. If you have any questions or concerns about your barrel once you get it home and installed, please don't hesitate to reach out to the ACC Stormwater Management Program at [stormwater@accgov.com](mailto:stormwater@accgov.com). I'm also attaching a copy of the presentation we used here in case you need it for reference.

Happy rainwater harvesting!

Cecile Riker  
Program Education Specialist  
Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program  
Department of Transportation and Public Works

**COMMUNITY EVENT(S) – DEMOS/PRESENTATIONS:** Provide a calendar or list of community events participated in during the reporting period and a description of each

Stormwater education staff participate in many different community events throughout the year. During the reporting period, Stormwater participated in 11 community events. This number is less than normal – almost all spring events were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Date	Event	Audience	# Reach	Activity
7/20/2019	Tabling at the Athens Farmers Market	All ages	100	Set up a booth and gave out information about the Stormwater Management Program.
7/25/2019	Public Day Program at the Winterville Arts Center	All ages	4	Played a frog concentration game, talked about the life cycle of frogs, and listened to different frog calls.
8/29/2019	ACC Green School Kickoff	Adults	55	Gave out resources to teachers about K-12 stormwater education and spoke about the Program.
9/7/2019	Athens Water Festival	All ages	1,100	Helped organize the Athens Water Festival. Hosted Stormwater Maze and stream buffer bracelet booths.
9/28/2019	Insectival	All ages	1,000	Had a macroinvertebrate booth. Talked about biodiversity and pollution tolerance.
10/5/2019	Rivers Alive	All ages	325	Hosted the 21st annual Rivers Alive in Athens with 15 different sites and over 300 volunteers.
10/29/2019	Green Cup Challenge Celebration at UGA	All ages	100	Tabled/played stormwater trivia and talked about the Stormwater Management Program.
11/16/2019	Riverside Ride on the North Oconee River Greenway	All ages	30	Collaborated with ACC Leisure Services to have a water station at their fun ride on the Greenway.
1/16/2020	STEM Night at Stroud Elementary School	K-5	60	Tabled at Stroud Elementary's STEM Night. Did a Riparian Buffer Bracelet activity.
1/20/2020	Athens MLK Day of Service	All ages	1,000	Chaired Site Selection, helped organize projects, communicated with site leaders, and organized volunteer registration.
2/29/2020	Green Life Expo & Awards	All ages	100	Hosted a table at the Expo. Organized the K-12 Art Contest + awards, and gave out our Stormwater Steward Award at the Adult Awards Ceremony.

## COMMUNITY EVENT(S) – DEMOS/PRESENTATIONS: Provide evidence of age appropriate and relevant content

Dates, locations, attendance numbers, and descriptions/themes of events can be seen in the table above. Activities and educational materials are handpicked before events and tailored to the specific audience.

## COMMUNITY EVENT(S) – DEMOS/PRESENTATIONS: Provide evidence of active promotion to community

Event promotion is done through the ACCGov website/calendar, social media sites, newsletters, newspaper calendars, bill stuffers, direct mailings, and posting of flyers. Press releases are periodically submitted as well.

**Stormwater E-Newsletter**



## Stormwater News

**Make a Splash at the 10th Annual Athens Water Festival**

Join your fellow Athenians to celebrate the 10 year Anniversary of the Athens Water Festival! This family-friendly event is on Saturday, September 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sandy Creek Park. With open-en participants of all a festival. Kayak on Lake Chapman, meet animals trucks, and much more! Festival activities are per person (ages 4-64). We hope to see you this watery fun!

**Facebook Event**

**29**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AT 10 AM EST – 6 PM EST  
2020 Green Life Expo & Awards  
State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA

**GreenLife expo & awards**

**29**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AT 10 AM EST – 6 PM EST  
2020 Green Life Expo & Awards  
State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA

**About** Discussion

**Details**

- 312 people responded
- Event by Athens Green Life Expo, State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA and 11 others
- State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA
- Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 10 AM EST – 6 PM EST
- Price: Free · Duration: 8 hr
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

The Athens-Clarke County Government and its organizing partners would like to invite you to the 2020 Green Life Expo and Awards on Saturday, February 29th at the State Botanical Ga... See More

**Networking** **Kid Friendly** **Environmental policy**

**Insights**  
Last 7 Days: Jan 4 - Jan 11

People Reached	Responses
2	312
+0 last 7 days	+0 last 7 days

Ticket Clicks	Audience
0	Not enough data to show audience information
+0 last 7 days	

**Event Poster**

## Athens Water Festival

# WATER STORY 10

**Day:** Saturday, September 7  
**Time:** 10:30 am - 2:00 pm  
**Where:** Sandy Creek Park  
 400 Bob Holman Road  
**Cost:** \$2 per person park entry  
**Info:** AthensWaterFestival.com



**Facebook Event**

**29**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AT 10 AM EST – 6 PM EST  
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State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA

**Music and Magic**

**Splash With Water Trucks**

**Brating Years!**

**Music and Magic**

**Athens Water Festival**  
LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNITY EVENT(S) – DEMOS/PRESENTATIONS: Provide evidence of implementation

Dates, locations, attendance numbers, and descriptions/themes of events can be seen in the table on page 26. A sampling of photos are also included below.



## COMMUNITY EVENT(S) – DEMOS/PRESENTATIONS: Provide evidence of post event messaging and follow-up publicity

Wrap-up messaging is included in newsletters, the ACC Manager's Snapshot, and on social media.

### WaterSource Newsletter



Thank you to everyone who made our 10th annual Athens Water Festival a huge success! About 1,000 festival participants came together to learn how to protect our water... for infinity & beyond!



**ACC Stormwater**  @ACCstormwater · Jan 20, 2020

What an awesome morning with hundreds of [#AthensMLKDay](#) volunteers! [@ACCStormwater](#) is a proud partner on the Day of Service Steering Committee. We love seeing organizations, businesses, students and families come together to celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service & community.

### Twitter Post



### Informed & Engaged Citizens

### Manager's Snapshot

- On February 29, the Water Conservation Office partnered with other ACCGov and community organizations, including the Recycling Division, KACCB, Stormwater Management, ACCGov Office of Sustainability, and the ACCGov Planning/Arborist to plan and implement the Green Life Expo & Awards event at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. The event included 37 exhibitors and 11 organizations presenting awards. Ninety community members attended the expo and 125 attended the awards ceremony. In addition, 25 student art contest winners were recognized. The day also included two puppet shows, one seed bomb workshop, one Tree I.D

**ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM:** Provide examples of program documents (waivers, chemical hygiene plan, safety plan, maintenance plan, training materials, etc.)

Volunteers are typically asked to complete adult or child liability waivers (specific to ACCGov Stormwater) prior to their volunteer activity. Occasionally, waivers are completed through their own group or camp organizer, and those are sufficient for our purposes. Blank liability waivers are included here.



**Please read the following waiver and sign at the bottom, indicating your agreement. Please complete all fields and write legibly.**

In connection with my voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release and discharge the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, its community service partners, officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any claim, demand or cause of action that may be asserted by me or on my behalf as a result of my volunteering for activities through the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program.

I hereby attest that attendance and involvement is voluntary, that I am participating at my own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions release. Furthermore, I grant the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program and its partners the irrevocable right to use photographs and video or audio recordings of my person while volunteering, in any medium, without pay.

Permission: I also give the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program and/or event Site Leaders permission to take me to the hospital in case of emergency and to administer medications provided to me by physician's prescription.

I further attest that I have no allergies or special medical needs other than those listed below:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read the following waiver and sign at the bottom, indicating your agreement complete all fields and write legibly.**



**Please read the following waiver and sign at the bottom, indicating your agreement complete all fields and write legibly.**

In connection with my child or ward's voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release and discharge the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, its community service partners, officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any claim, demand or cause of action that may be asserted by me or on my behalf as a result of my child or volunteering for activities through the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program.

I hereby attest that attendance and involvement is voluntary, that he/she is participating his/her own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions release. Furthermore, I grant the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program and its partners the irrevocable right to use photographs and video or audio recordings of my child or ward while volunteering, in any medium, without pay.

Permission: I also give the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program and/or event Site Leaders permission to take my child or ward to the hospital in case of emergency and to administer medications provided to them by physician's prescription.

I further attest that my child or ward has no allergies or special medical needs other than those listed below:

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

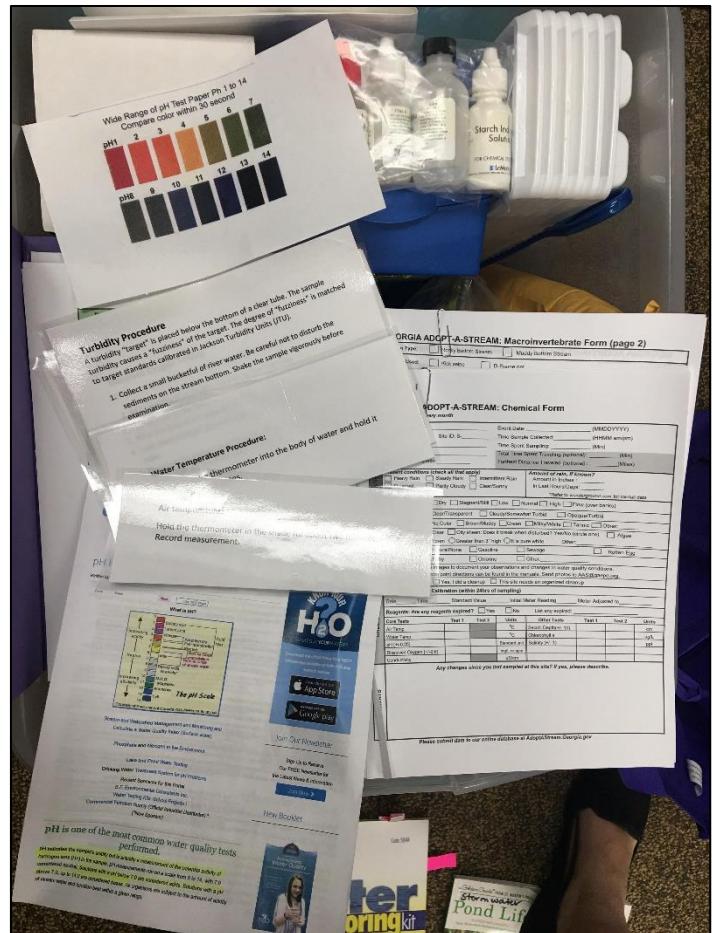
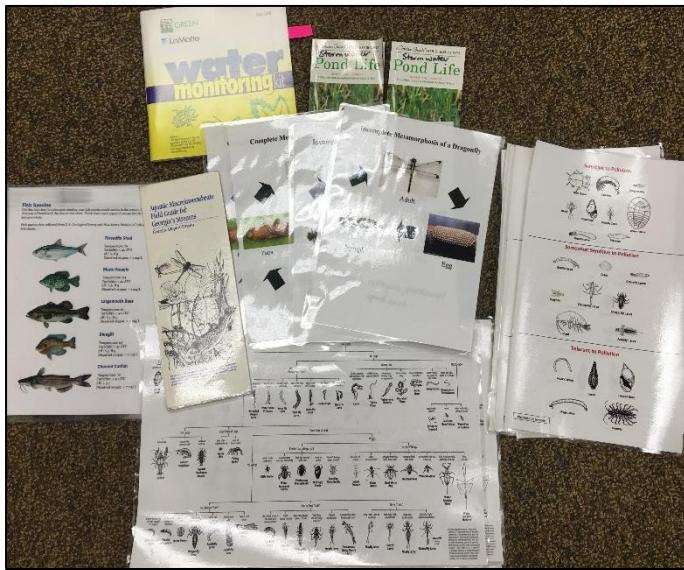
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Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater staff frequently visits the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream website to review program documents and guides. We use Adopt-A-Stream data forms to record findings, along with dichotomous keys, pond guides, LaMotte test kit instructions, and other supplemental materials for water quality testing.

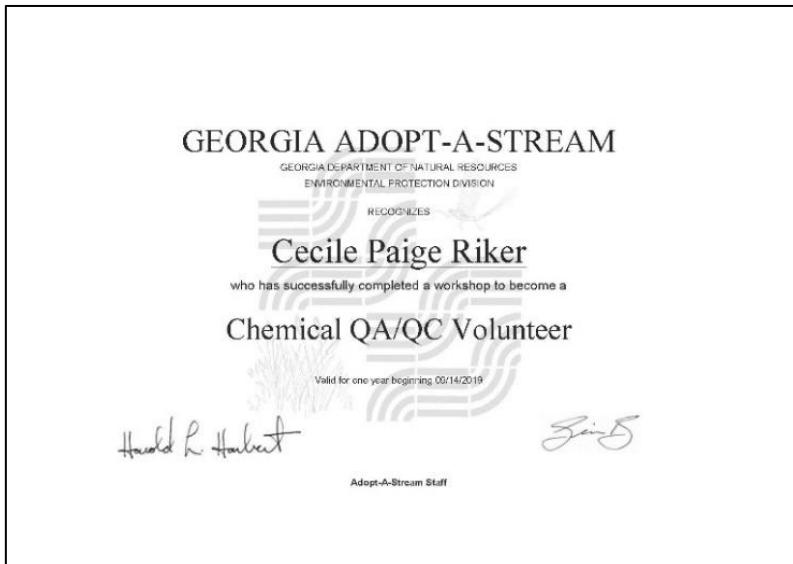


### ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM: Provide a list of equipment and supplies provided to participants

Supply Type	Number	Location	Notes
LaMotte Precision pH Test Kit (Code 5858)	2	Cecile's office	
LaMotte Dissolved Oxygen Test Kit (Codes 5889, 5860)	3	Cecile's office	
LaMotte Phosphate Test Kit (Code 4408)	1	Cecile's office	
LaMotte Nitrate Test Kit (Codes 5891, 3354)	2	Cecile's office	
LaMotte Turbidity Test Kit (Code 5887)	1	Cecile's office	
LaMotte Total Coliform Test Kit (Code 5850)	1	Cecile's office	Don't use
Plastic Pipette	75	Cecile's office	
Plastic Spoon	20	Cecile's office	
Thermometer	9	Cecile's office	
D-frame Net	2	Storage bunker	
Hand Net	6	Cecile's office	
Wooden Kick Seine	2	Storage bunker	
3 gallon Bucket	18	Storage bunker	
Safety Vest	100	Storage bunker	
Clipboard	9	Cecile's office	

Petri Dish	10	Cecile's office	
White Observation Tray	6	Cecile's office	
Egg Carton Tray	6	Cecile's office	
Metamorphosis Diagram (Dragonfly)	2	Cecile's office	
Metamorphosis Diagram (Caddisfly)	2	Cecile's office	
Dichotomous Key	11	Cecile's office	
Fish Identification Sheet	6	Cecile's office	
Pond Life Guide	2	Cecile's office	
Magnifying Glass	5	Cecile's office	
Magnifying Cube	6	Cecile's office	Some broken
Rubber Gloves (pack of 50)	4	Storage bunker	
Protective Eye Glasses	30	Storage bunker	

**ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM:** Provide records of staff Adopt-A-Stream certificate



## ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM: Provide evidence of program implementation

Date	Event	Audience	# Reach	Activity
7/17/2019	Water Quality Sampling with Youth Conservation Corp	Grades 9 - 12	8	Used GA Adopt-A-Stream protocol to collect chemical & physical water quality data on the Beech Haven property with the YCC.
10/17/2019	Macroinvertebrate Sampling with Athens Montessori Middle School	Grades 6-8	20	Used GA Adopt-A-Stream protocol to sample for macroinvertebrates at Hunnicutt Creek. Taught the various methods of sampling and helped students ID the macros that were caught.



## ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM: Provide an example of your participant evaluation

ACCGov Stormwater hands out evaluation forms following all volunteer activities. A copy of a completed evaluation form is included here.

ACC Stormwater values your feedback as we are always looking for ways to improve our programs. Please answer the following questions to help us better serve you in the future.

1. Name, date, and location of activity: **Macroinvertebrate Sampling, 9/17/19, Ben Burton Park**

2. Is this the first time ACC Stormwater has provided a program for your classroom? Y / **N**

3. How did you hear about ACC Stormwater's K-12 program offerings? **ACORN**

Please rate the following statements based on how well you agree or disagree with them, with 1 meaning Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Neutral, 4 Agree, and 5 Strongly Agree.

The activity provided a thorough overview of stormwater and the topic we decided on beforehand.

1    2    3    4    **5**

The presenter was knowledgeable in the topic at hand.

1    2    3    4    **5**

My students learned what I wanted them to learn about the topic.

1    2    3    4    **5**

This activity kept my student's attention.

1    2    3    4    **5**

The activity content was appropriate for my student's knowledge levels.

1    2    3    4    **5**

The length of the activity was appropriate.

1    2    3    4    **5**

I found the supplemental materials given out helpful.

1    2    3    4    **5**

I would schedule this activity again and/or recommend this activity to another teacher.

1    2    3    4    **5**

4. Please list at least one way you feel we could improve our programming.

5. Please share with us what you enjoyed most about the activity.

**Hands-on exploration of water quality indicators**

6. Are there any other types of K-12 activities you would like to see offered?

7. Please leave any other comments or suggestions below.

## VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: Provide a copy of your policies and procedures for volunteer management

The following pages were taken from ACCGov Stormwater's Volunteer Handbook.



## Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program Volunteer Handbook

### Volunteer Expectations

#### What You Can Expect from ACC Stormwater

- Respectfulness of your volunteer commitment and time
- Ongoing support from everyone on ACC Stormwater Staff
- An inclusive, welcoming culture
- To be recognized and appreciated for your work
- The right to say no to projects and tasks that make you uncomfortable
- To provide thorough and clear safety information
- To provide adequate equipment/tools to get the job done
- To facilitate a fun, safe, and educational experience

ACC Stormwater is an inclusive, supportive organization where volunteers can expect to be treated with respect. We respect your valuable time and commitment to our programs.

#### What ACC Stormwater Expects From You

- A commitment to our volunteer program
- Cooperation with Stormwater staff and any fellow volunteers/site leaders
- To be prompt and reliable
- For you to notify us of any changes to your commitment as a volunteer
- For you to maintain a respectful relationship with Stormwater Staff and any fellow volunteers/site leaders
- That you follow safety instructions and wear the proper protective gear, if applicable
- That you stay in the boundaries of the activity (i.e. don't wander off alone)

Our expectations are more clearly outlined in the Policies & Procedures section on page 9.

## Volunteer Policies & Procedures

### Absences & Lateness

Stormwater Staff have taken time to organize your volunteer activity. If you cannot make it to your scheduled volunteer shift, please notify staff as soon as possible at the contact information on page 10.

### Attendance

Sign-in sheets help us track your volunteer hours. Please comply when asked by staff to sign-in upon arrival at your volunteer activity.

### Dress Code

Volunteering with ACC Stormwater typically involves being outside, walking through muddy/wooded areas, and even wading through streams. Please check the weather prior to your volunteer shift and make sure to dress appropriately. We recommend long pants, long sleeves, and close-toed shoes. If doing an activity in a stream, water shoes or open-toed sandals are permissible. Any protective gear or equipment will be provided on site.

### Equal Volunteering Opportunity

ACC Stormwater provides equal volunteering opportunity for everyone regardless of age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, sexual orientation, political belief, or disability that does not prohibit performance of essential job functions. All matters relating to volunteering are based upon ability to perform the job.

### Feedback

An efficient, successful operation and satisfied volunteers go hand in hand. Volunteer grievances are of concern to ACC Stormwater, regardless of whether the problems are large or small. In order to provide for prompt and efficient evaluation of, and response to, grievances, ACC Stormwater has established a Feedback Procedure for all volunteers. There will be no discrimination against or toward anyone for his or her part in presenting grievances. Under this policy, a grievance is defined as any event, condition, rule, or practice which the volunteer believes violates his or her civil rights, treats him or her unfairly, or causes him or her any degree of unpleasantries or unhappiness on the job. A grievance may also deal with an attitude, a statement, or an opinion held by a manager or volunteer. The Feedback Procedure is as follows:

## Volunteer Policies & Procedures (Continued)

1. Address your volunteer coordinator: If you feel that any volunteering condition, policy, practice, or action by ACC Stormwater is unjust, tell your volunteer coordinator and discuss the matter in private. If for some reason your volunteer coordinator fails to offer the opportunity to discuss the matter, or if the discussion does not lead to a satisfactory conclusion, then proceed to the next step.

2. Meet with the Division Administrator: Your volunteer coordinator's immediate supervisor will review the grievance and ask you to meet. At this meeting, you should feel free to openly discuss your complaint and substantiate your reasons for feeling the way you do.

### Soliciting

When volunteering your time with ACC Stormwater, we ask that you refrain from soliciting any political and/or religious beliefs. We ask that you do not solicit your own business enterprise or any other private charities.

### Parking

Volunteers can utilize the parking lot at our office, located at 120 W. Dougherty Street, Athens GA 30601, unless the volunteer group and Stormwater Staff member has decided on a designated meeting location prior to the service activity. Staff will make sure there is sufficient parking available when choosing a meeting spot.

### Safety and Security

Maintaining the safety and security of Stormwater volunteers is a priority of ours. All volunteers will be briefed about safety prior to their service starting, but in general, volunteers should follow instructions from Staff, always be aware of their surroundings, watch where you are stepping, and not wander off from the group.

### Substance Abuse

Both on-the-job and off-the-job involvement with any mood altering substances can have an impact on our organization and its ability to achieve its objective of safety and security. Therefore, all volunteers are expected to report to their service activity free of the effects of any mood altering substances. The possession, sale, or usage of mood altering substances while volunteering is a violation of safe volunteer practices and will be subject to dismissal. Volunteers who show signs of having consumed alcohol and/or drugs will not be permitted to participate in the volunteer activity. Violators will be dismissed from all volunteer programs.

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## Volunteer Policies & Procedures (Continued)

### Termination Policy

ACC Stormwater has the right to terminate a volunteer without cause, but will always consider the cause leading to the termination. Grounds for immediate dismissal may include, but are not limited to:

- Gross misconduct or insubordination
- Reporting for a volunteer assignment under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Theft of property or misuse of agency equipment or materials
- Illegal, violent or unsafe acts
- Abuse or mistreatment of other volunteers or staff
- Unwillingness to support and further the mission of the organization
- Willful violation of any agency rule; any deliberate action that is extreme in nature and is obviously detrimental to ACC Stormwater
- Willful violation of security or safety rules or failure to observe safety rules or practices; failure to wear required safety equipment; tampering with safety equipment
- Negligence or any careless action that endangers the life or safety of another person
- Excessive tardiness or absenteeism
- Unauthorized possession of dangerous or illegal firearms, weapons or explosives on agency property or while volunteering
- Threatening, intimidating or coercing fellow volunteers on or off the premises - at any time, for any purpose
- Malicious gossip and/or spreading rumors; engaging in behavior designed to create discord and lack of harmony; interfering with another volunteer on the job; willfully restricting volunteer output or engaging others to do the same

Generally speaking, we expect each person to act in a mature and responsible way at all times. Your avoidance of the listed activities will be to your benefit as well as the benefit of ACC Stormwater. If you have questions concerning any volunteer or safety rule, or any of the unacceptable activities listed, please see your volunteer coordinator for an explanation.

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## VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: Provide evidence of volunteer recruitment and volunteer training

**GivePulse Account**

Stormwater recruits volunteers through the website, direct emails, newsletter articles, social media posts, and word of mouth. We use the GivePulse volunteer registration platform to advertise upcoming volunteer opportunities. Posters are hung around town to advertise specific volunteer events like MLK Day of Service and Rivers Alive.

**Volunteer with ACC Stormwater**

There are a number of ways you can get involved in your watershed and your local community! To get updates about Stormwater events and volunteer opportunities, sign up for [Stormwater Education Updates](#), or contact [cecile.riker@accgov.com](mailto:cecile.riker@accgov.com) to schedule your own service project. You can also check out our [GivePulse page](#), which is another way to request a service opportunity with our office.

**"Down n' Dirty" Stream Clean-Ups**  
ACC Stormwater works with Keep Athens-Clarke Beautiful to schedule, support, and lead stream and river clean-ups. All groups are welcome. Do you know of a stream that could use some attention? Nominate it for a clean up.

**Water Quality Monitoring**  
Interested in stream health and want to collect water quality data? ACC Stormwater works with ACC Leisure Services to find streams in need of monitoring that are accessible for volunteer groups. Leisure Services also offers free [Georgia Adopt-A-Stream](#) workshops where you can learn more about clean water and the protocols for citizen chemical and macroinvertebrate monitoring. Visit [accgov.com/7621/Adopt-A-Stream-Workshops](http://accgov.com/7621/Adopt-A-Stream-Workshops) for upcoming workshops.

**Storm Drain Decals**  
In Athens-Clarke County, storm drains empty directly into streams and rivers. ACC Stormwater leads volunteer groups in applying colorful decals to storm drains that warn people not to dump anything down the storm drain. With permission from the Homeowner's Association, this can be done in your own neighborhood! Email [stormwater@accgov.com](mailto:stormwater@accgov.com) to schedule a session.

**Community Volunteer Events**  
ACC Stormwater helps organize several community-wide volunteer events, including [Rivers Alive](#) in October and the [Athens MLK Day of Service](#) in January. Follow the links to get more details on volunteer registration and participating sites.

**Stormwater Website**

**Stormwater E-Newsletter**

**MLK Day of Service 2020**

Did you resolve to help others or give back to your local community in 2020? If so, consider volunteering for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Athens MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 20. There are many different types of service opportunities. View a full list of projects and sign-up to volunteer [here](https://www.givepulse.com/group/118913-Athens-MLK-Day-of-Service) [<https://www.givepulse.com/group/118913-Athens-MLK-Day-of-Service>].

The MLK Day of Service Kickoff celebration will be held at Clarke Central High School at 8:30 a.m., with the first 500 registered volunteers getting free t-shirts and breakfast. Volunteers will disperse to their work sites around 9:30 am and work until 1:00 pm.

For more information about #AthensMLKDay, please visit [www.accgov.com/MLKDay](http://www.accgov.com/MLKDay) [<http://www.accgov.com/MLKDay>] or join our Facebook event [<https://www.facebook.com/events/1520189844805561/>]. We hope you'll join us in making it "A Day On, Not a Day Off!"



**ACC Stormwater Management Program**  
Service-Learning Activities

Contact: Cecile Riker, Stormwater Education Specialist  
Phone: 706-613-3440 x6717  
Email: [cecile.riker@accgov.com](mailto:cecile.riker@accgov.com)






**Volunteer Opportunity Handout**

**Storm Drain Decaling**

Students glue decals onto storm drains on school property or in a nearby neighborhood. Decals say "No dumping, drains to stream," and list which stream the rain drains to. Students become educators and help raise stormwater awareness.

**Rain Barrel Making**

Stormwater staff will give a brief lecture about the importance of water collection devices and then have students help build one. Materials are provided, but the facility must make installation arrangements on their own.

**Watershed Litter Pick-up**

We can arrange to conduct a litter pick-up on your school site or at a nearby stream to get students involved in protecting our water resources. Tools are provided.

**Physical/Chemical Water Sampling**

Water samples are brought to the classroom or students can visit a stream to test for pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and turbidity. Collected data allow students to make inferences into the quality of the water and sources of pollutants.

**Event Posters**

LIFE'S MOST  
PERSISTENT AND  
URGENT QUESTION IS,

**WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING FOR  
OTHERS?**

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE**  
**1•20•20**

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## VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: Provide evidence of volunteer appreciation efforts

**Athens-Clarke County Stormwater**  
Published by Cecile Riker · October 11, 2019 ·

Some of our biggest #AthensRiversAlive wrap-up numbers yet! THANK YOU, volunteers, for your time and commitment to a clean and litter-free community.

**Rivers Alive Athens**  
October 11, 2019 ·

The numbers are in...325 volunteers contributed over 975 hours of volunteer service to our community at 15 different sites around Athens. Volunteers collected approximately 4.5 tons (9,000 lbs.) of garbage, 9,320 lbs. of metals, and 244 tires! Thank you to everyone who made Rivers Alive 2019 a success!!!

107 People Reached	11 Engagements	Boost Unavailable
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**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**  
Published by Cecile Paige Riker · February 7, 2020 ·

THANK YOU, #AthensMLKDay volunteers! This year, an estimated 800 volunteers made it a "Day On" at 19 different service sites, ranging from garden workdays, cemetery clean-ups, and school improvement projects. We hope to see you all back next year for the 2021 Day of Service on Monday, January 18.

The photos below have been shared from [Athens Community Council on Aging](#), [M3Yoga](#) (who served at [Acceptance Recovery Center, Inc.](#)), [Books for Keeps](#), [Athens Land Trust](#), and [Hands On A...](#) [See More](#)






**From:** Jackie Sherry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** Jackie Sherry <[jackie.sherry@accgov.com](mailto:jackie.sherry@accgov.com)>  
**Subject:** Athens Water Festival Survey

### Water Festival Thank You Email

Thank you all so much for either presenting or volunteering for the 2019 Athens Water Festival. We appreciate you taking time out of your crazy schedules to make the festival a success and helping us inspire some young Water Warriors! We had over 1,000 people attend the festival including approximately 200 presenters and 65 volunteers, our biggest crowd yet. We cannot thank you enough for your support of the Athens Water Festival, you truly helped make the festival a special experience for everyone.

Please help us make next year's festival even bigger and better by completing the survey below. We'd love to hear how we can improve for next year.

[https://qtrial2014.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ebTv6af7MzZIeNL](https://qtrial2014.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebTv6af7MzZIeNL)



## VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: Provide evidence of robust volunteer base

ACCGov offered 5 different volunteer opportunities throughout the reporting period, engaging a total of 1,555 volunteers for a total of 5,760 volunteer hours.

Date	Event	# Hours	# Volunteers	Activity
7/11/2019	Storm Drain Decaling with Teens in Action Summer Camp	2	10	Decaled 70 storm drains in the Creekside Manor subdivision and talked about causes of water pollution.
9/7/2019	Athens Water Festival	2 hour shifts	200	Hosted the Athens Water Festival. Managed approx. 200 volunteers and presenters who assisted with activities.
10/5/2019	Rivers Alive	4	325	Organized 15 waterway cleanups around the community. Helped with site selection/volunteer registration.
1/20/2020	MLK Day of Service	4	1,000	Sat on Steering Committee and chaired Site Selection sub-committee. Helped organize projects/site leaders.
2/29/2020	Green Life Expo & Awards	2 hour shifts	20	Helped organize the Green Life Expo & Awards. Had approx. 20 volunteers assist with set-up/breakdown along with various tasks at the expo.

The Athens MLK Day of Service is the single largest volunteer event Stormwater participates in annually. We are responsible for project recruitment, site selection, communication with site leaders, and volunteer management. 800 to 1,000 volunteers come out on this single day. Sign-in sheets were too numerous to attach, but a sample of registrations is included here.

WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS				
	Last Name	First Name	Email	Site Assignment
1	Tucker	Jack	rosy.nah@att.net	Trail Creek
2	Tucker	James	rosy.nah@att.net	Trail Creek
3	Neil	Jared	jkn25446@uga.edu	Hands on Athens
4	Revolt	Andrew	ajr41809@uga.edu	Brooklyn Cemetery
5	Scott	Jack	jcs30040@gmail.com	JJ Harris mulching?
6	Phillips	Andrea	jmgprosperity@gmail.com	Brooklyn Cemetery
7	Syec	Favaz	fns97006@uga.edu	Brooklyn Cemetery
8	York	Carla	carla@jwyorkhomes.com	JJ Harris Mulching
9	Rucker	Troy	troyrucker@gmail.com	Timothy Road
10	Rucker	Rachel	troyrucker@gmail.com	Timothy Road
11	Victoria	Leslie	leslievictoria@gmail.com	Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
12	Nichols	Brian		Brooklyn Cemetery
13	Spade	Shellice	diamondace09@yahoo.com	Timothy Road
14	Spade	Shyane	diamondace09@yahoo.com	Timothy Road
15	Spade	Shih	diamondace09@yahoo.com	Timothy Road
16	Plath	Kevin	kjp79368@uga.edu	?
17	Solovel	Jared	jes66689@uga.edu	?
18	Smith	Regina	reginas@uga.edu	Brooklyn Cemetery
19	Williams	Richard	rhwmule@gmail.com	Trail Creek
20	Williams	James	rhwmule@gmail.com	Trail Creek
21	Williams	Charlie	rhwmule@gmail.com	Trail Creek
22	Ness	Kim	kimjness@yahoo.com	Brooklyn Cemetery
23	Ness	Erik	kimjness@yahoo.com	Brooklyn Cemetery
24	Ness	Ben	kimjness@yahoo.com	Brooklyn Cemetery
25	Ness	Kat	kimjness@yahoo.com	Brooklyn Cemetery
26	Ness	Tenny	kimjness@yahoo.com	Brooklyn Cemetery
27	Sherrill	Julia	julia.sherrill@uga.edu	Brooklyn Cemetery
28	Tucker	Rosy	rosy.nah@att.net	Trail Creek
29	Tucker	Emilio	rosy.nah@att.net	Trail Creek
30	Yeomans	Lucy	lucyyeoman@clarke.k12.ga.us	Brooklyn Cemetery

ALL CHECKED-IN VOLUNTEERS **Kickoff Walk-Ups Only** Master2020 | BY SITE | BY LAST

**VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT:** Provide a list of volunteer opportunities available with descriptions of each

Opportunity Name	Description
<b>Rivers Alive</b> <a href="http://www.acgov.com/RiversAlive">www.acgov.com/RiversAlive</a>	Rivers Alive is Georgia's annual volunteer river clean-up event that encourages civic involvement in the preservation of Georgia's precious water resources. In Athens, it is the single largest watershed clean-up event, bringing in 300-400 volunteers each year. ACC Stormwater sits on the Steering Committee and is in charge of site selection, site leader recruitment/training, and volunteer management. We typically have 18 to 22 different clean-up sites across Athens, and try to focus on tributaries to our drinking water sources, the North and Middle Oconee Rivers.
<b>Athens MLK Day of Service</b> <a href="http://www.acgov.com/MLKDay">www.acgov.com/MLKDay</a>	Athens MLK Day of Service is an annual celebration in support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and commitment to service. ACC Stormwater is a member of the Steering Committee, heading up Project Site selection as well as Volunteer Management duties. The Day of Service engages 800-1,000 volunteers every year in community improvement projects like stream clean-ups, invasive plant removal, garden workdays, and planting projects.
<b>Storm Drain Decaling</b> <a href="http://www.acgov.com/1922/Volunteer">www.acgov.com/1922/Volunteer</a>	In Athens-Clarke County, storm drains empty directly into streams and rivers. ACC Stormwater leads volunteer groups in applying colorful decals to storm drains that warn people not to dump anything down the storm drain. Locations are selected based on group preference and number of Stormwater inlets, and decals are specific to what stream they are near. This activity is often done by summer camps or scout groups.
<b>Watershed Litter Pick-Up</b> <a href="http://www.acgov.com/1922/Volunteer">www.acgov.com/1922/Volunteer</a>	ACC Stormwater works with Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful to schedule, support, and lead stream and river clean-ups throughout the year. All groups are welcome, and tools are provided. This is often a good volunteer opportunity for college service groups or environmental clubs.
<b>Water Quality Monitoring</b> <a href="http://www.acgov.com/1922/Volunteer">www.acgov.com/1922/Volunteer</a>	ACC Stormwater leads groups who are interested in learning more about water quality monitoring, or who are interested in the health of a particular stream. Georgia Adopt-A-Stream protocols are followed, and advanced stream testing equipment can also be used/shown. ACC Leisure Services also offers free Georgia Adopt-A-Stream workshops where participants learn more about clean water and the protocols for citizen chemical and macroinvertebrate monitoring.
<b>Athens Water Festival</b> <a href="http://www.athenswaterfestival.com">www.athenswaterfestival.com</a>	The Athens Water Festival is a family event celebrating all things water. Community groups and clubs are asked to bring in educational activities. We typically have 40+ stations for families to visit at the Festival, along with water trucks, music/dance performances, and art activities. Volunteers are used to man these stations, welcome families, sell food, and set-up/breakdown event equipment. We usually recruit 50+ volunteers from local UGA ecology classes, school environmental clubs, and local water resource engineering firms.

## STORM DRAIN MARKING: Provide examples of your waivers and safety information

Volunteers are typically asked to complete adult or child liability waivers (specific to ACCGov Stormwater) prior to their volunteer activity. Occasionally, waivers are completed through their own group or camp organizer, and those are sufficient for our purposes. A blank liability waiver is included here.

All volunteer groups doing Storm Drain Decaling projects receive a safety briefing at the beginning of the session. Safety notes include staying on sidewalks, checking for traffic before crossing or entering roadways, and proper use of decaling materials. All volunteers are required to wear a high-visibility safety vest, along with gloves if they are handling the decal adhesive. A task list, including safety notes that are communicated to volunteers, is included below.



Please read the following waiver and sign at the bottom, indicating your agreement. Please complete all fields and write legibly.

In connection with my voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release and discharge the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, its community service partners, officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any claim, demand or cause of action that may be asserted by me or on my behalf as a result of my volunteering for activities through the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program.

I hereby attest that attendance and involvement is voluntary, that I am participating at my own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions release. Furthermore, I grant the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program and its partners the irrevocable right to use photographs and video or audio recordings of my person while volunteering, in any medium, without pay.

Permission: I also give the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program and/or event Site Leaders permission to take me to the hospital in case of emergency and to administer medications provided to me by physician's prescription.

I further attest that I have no allergies or special medical needs other than those listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Storm Drain Labeling Instructions/Task List

#### Goal

Raise awareness of our water resources and stormwater infrastructure, and increase the number of storm drains labeled in Athens-Clarke County. Engage citizens in protecting their local watersheds.

#### Safety Information

- Every volunteer should wear an orange safety vest at all times.
- Volunteers should stay on the sidewalks as much as possible. If volunteers are in an area where there are no sidewalks, stay on the side of the road as much as possible and cross the street only after there is a break in traffic.
- Wear gloves when handling the marker adhesive. It is very sticky!
- Stay on sidewalk or out of the road when applying a decal.

#### Background Information on Stormwater and Decaling

- Water that enters a storm drain DOES NOT get treated. The stormwater system is separate from our sanitary sewer system or water system.
- Storm drains lead directly to streams. Anything other than stormwater that enters a storm drain will become water pollution.
- The storm drain labels remind everyone not to put anything down a storm drain.
- Most storm drains are located in the public right of way (essentially, that means ACCGov owns them). BUT not all are, so we have to scout out labeling sites ahead of time.



**STORM DRAIN MARKING:** Provide an inventory list of equipment and supplies available

Supply Type	Number	Location	Notes
Safety Vest	200	Storage Bunker	
3 gallon Bucket	26	Storage Bunker	
Wire Brush	34	Storage Bunker	
Curb Marker Adhesive	37	Storage Bunker	
Rubber Gloves (pack of 50)	4	Storage Bunker	
Dust Brush	4	Storage Bunker	
Trash Bags (box of 20)	10	Storage Bunker	
Large Trash Bags (box of 100)	2	Storage Bunker	
Manhole Hook	1	Storage Bunker	
Protective Eye Glasses	30	Storage Bunker	
Vinyl Decal - Big Creek	25	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Bear Creek	25	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Walton Creek	25	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Malcolm Branch	51	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Carr Creek	125	Storage Bunker	
Vinyl Decal - Sulphur Springs	25	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Sandy Creek	122	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Turkey Creek	135	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Brooklyn Creek	52	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Cedar Creek	133	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Middle Oconee River	260	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Tanyard Creek	125	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - North Oconee River	265	Storage Bunker	
Vinyl Decal - Shoal Creek	170	Storage Bunker	
Vinyl Decal - McNutt Creek	25	Storage Bunker	
Vinyl Decal - Trail Creek	80	Storage Bunker	Old website
Vinyl Decal - Hunnicutt Creek	45	Storage Bunker	Old website



Decals and glue are ordered from Das Manufacturing.

## STORM DRAIN MARKING: Provide evidence of active promotion to the community

Storm Drain Decaling is advertised as a volunteer opportunity on our website, [www.acgov.com/stormwater](http://www.acgov.com/stormwater). We also use the half-sheet handout below to advertise all of our service-learning opportunities for school and community groups.

### Volunteer with ACC Stormwater



There are a number of ways you can get involved in your watershed and your local community! To get updates about Stormwater events and volunteer opportunities, sign up for [Stormwater Education Updates](#), or contact [stormwater@acgov.com](mailto:stormwater@acgov.com) to schedule your own service project.

#### "Down n' Dirty" Stream Clean-Ups

ACC Stormwater works with Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful to schedule, support, and lead stream and river clean-ups. All groups are welcome. Do you know of a stream that could use some attention? Nominate it for a clean up.

#### Water Quality Monitoring

Interested in stream health and want to collect water quality data? ACC Stormwater works with ACC Leisure Services to find streams in need of monitoring that are accessible for volunteer groups. Leisure Services also offers free [Georgia Adopt-A-Stream](#) workshops where you can learn more about clean water and the protocols for citizen chemical and macroinvertebrate monitoring. Visit [acgov.com/7621/Adopt-A-Stream-Workshops](http://acgov.com/7621/Adopt-A-Stream-Workshops) for upcoming workshops.

#### Storm Drain Decals

In Athens-Clarke County, storm drains empty directly into streams and rivers. ACC Stormwater leads volunteer groups in applying colorful decals to storm drains that warn people not to dump anything down the storm drain. With permission from the Homeowner's Association, this can be done in your own neighborhood! Email [stormwater@acgov.com](mailto:stormwater@acgov.com) to schedule a session.

#### Community Volunteer Events

ACC Stormwater helps organize several community-wide volunteer events, including [Rivers Alive](#) in October and the [Athens MLK Day of Service](#) in January. Follow the links to get more details on volunteer registration and participating sites.



### ACC Stormwater Management Program Service-Learning Activities

Contact: Cecile Riker, Stormwater Education Specialist  
Phone: 706-613-3440 x6717  
Email: [cecile.riker@acgov.com](mailto:cecile.riker@acgov.com)



#### Storm Drain Decaling

Students glue decals onto storm drains on school property or in a nearby neighborhood. Decals say "No dumping, drains to stream," and list which stream the rain drains to. Students become educators and help raise stormwater awareness.

#### Rain Barrel Making

Stormwater staff will give a brief lecture about the importance of water collection devices and then have students help build one. Materials are provided, but the facility must make installation arrangements on their own.

#### Watershed Litter Pick-up

We can arrange to conduct a litter pick-up on your school site or at a nearby stream to get students involved in protecting our water resources. Tools are provided.

#### Physical/Chemical Water Sampling

Water samples are brought to the classroom or students can visit a stream to test for pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and turbidity. Collected data allow students to make inferences into the quality of the water and sources of pollutants.

## STORM DRAIN MARKING: Provide evidence of implementation

Date	Event	Audience	# Volunteers	Activity
7/11/2019	Storm Drain Decaling with Teens in Action Summer Camp	Grades 6-8	10	Decaled 70 storm drains in the Creekside Manor subdivision and talked about causes of water pollution.



✉ Reply ✉ Reply All ✉ Forward  
Thu 7/11/2019 7:31 AM

**Heather McNamee**

**RE: Location for Storm Drain Decaling Next Thursday**

To Cecile Riker  
 ⓘ You replied to this message on 7/11/2019 8:23 AM.

Yes ma'am, they will still be coming to see you.

**Heather McNamee**  
 Program Leader, Sandy Creek Park  
 Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department  
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 Athens, GA 30607  
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From: Cecile Riker <[Cecile.Riker@acgov.com](mailto:Cecile.Riker@acgov.com)>  
 Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 4:10 PM  
 To: Heather McNamee <[Heather.McNamee@acgov.com](mailto:Heather.McNamee@acgov.com)>  
 Subject: Re: Location for Storm Drain Decaling Next Thursday

Hi Heather! Just wanted to check in and make sure Teens in Action are still good to decal storm drains with me on Thursday. We're going to stick with the same location that we were going to do last time - Creekside Manor neighborhood off of Highway 78. Let me know if you need the map again!

Thanks so much,  
 Cecile R.

## STORM DRAIN MARKING: Provide evidence of post-event public communications/follow-up publicity/participant evaluation

ACC Stormwater values your feedback as we are always looking for ways to improve our programs. Please answer the following questions to help us better serve you in the future.

1. Name, date, and location of volunteer activity: *Teens in Action*

Storm Drain Decaling with Teens in Action, July 2019

2. Is this the first time you have volunteered with ACC Stormwater? Y  N

3. How did you hear about ACC Stormwater's volunteer opportunities?

*Athens-Clarke County Website*

Please rate the following statements based on how well you agree or disagree with them, with a score of 1 meaning Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Neutral, 4 Agree, and 5 Strongly Agree.

A brief introduction to Stormwater was given before the activity started.

1 2 3 4  5

Staff from ACC Stormwater were engaging with volunteers and knowledgeable about the topic at hand.

1 2 3 4  5

Volunteers were given clear instructions and relevant safety information before the activity started.

1 2 3 4  5

This activity kept my group's attention.

1 2 3 4  5

Volunteer tasks were appropriate for my group's age and knowledge levels.

1 2 3 4  5

The length of the activity was appropriate.

1 2 3 4  5

Volunteers left with some new information or a new skill.

1 2 3 4  5

I would schedule this activity again and/or recommend this activity to someone else.

1 2 3 4  5

### Participant Evaluation

The way you feel we could improve this specific volunteer opportunity.

*Offer even more stenciling opportunities.*

5. Please share with us what you enjoyed most about the activity.  
*our group really enjoyed the stenciling & the feeling that are helping educate the community.*

6. Are there any other types of volunteer activities you would like to see offered from ACC Stormwater?

*More stenciling! ☺*

7. Please leave any other comments or suggestions below.

*Thank you for always being one of our volunteer locations!*

Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our volunteer programming!

### Snapshot, August 2019 Edition



### Informed & Engaged Citizens

- July 10, 19, 24, and 31, Stormwater Education staff led enrichment activities for several different neighborhood sites as part of Action Ministries, Inc's Smart Lunch, Smart Kid summer feeding program. Activities included H2Olympics, making stream buffer bracelets, and playing a Stormwater Trivia game.
- On July 11: The Stormwater Education Specialist led a Storm Drain Decaling project in the Creekside Manor neighborhood with the Leisure Services' Teens in Action summer camp. Campers secured 70 educational decals on top of storm drains throughout the neighborhood.



**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS (ROLL OUT THE BARRELS):** Provide evidence of planning, partnerships, innovation, etc.

# ROLL OUT THE BARRELS



Roll Out the Barrels is an annual event held in May that raises awareness of stormwater runoff, water pollution, and water conservation, all while promoting local artists and supporting environmental education. Local artists turn rain barrels into beautiful pieces of functional art to be auctioned off in support of the Athens Green School Program, an initiative to ensure environmental education is taught in the classroom. The event is organized by ACCGov Stormwater Management, the ACCGov Water Conservation Office, and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, with support from Athens Paint & Body, who clear-coats the barrels.

The 2020 Roll Out the Barrels event was originally planned for May 21. It was cancelled in early April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wed 1/29/2020 11:07 AM

Cecile Riker

Roll Out the Barrels 2020 Call For Artists

To: 'aleahurst@gmail.com'; 'kretzer@uga.edu'; 'georgiawebgurl@gmail.com'; 'rwilsand@yahoo.com'; Sarah Cook; 'helen.kuykendall@gmail.com'; 'jamiecalkin@gmail.com'; 'jimmy@thecapman.us'; 'joanterrellart@gmail.com'; 'elephantcean@gmail.com'; 'jsafer@rocketmail.com'; 'painandwonder@gmail.com'; 'badgerandvren@gmail.com'; 'peterooseart@gmail.com'; 'princessmoonbeam@gmail.com'; 'osbornewhite@gmail.com'; 'art@villestridge.com'; 'fzeodaniel@gmail.com'; 'aleishamyers@gmail.com'; 'alentini@uga.edu'; 'annamcnell86@gmail.com'; 'thirtyfournorth@gmail.com'; 'debo\_ward@yahoo.com';

Bcc: You replied to this message on 2/12/2020 3:24 PM.

ACC Stormwater is looking for local artists who would like to transform ordinary rain barrels into functional pieces of art! These painted barrels will be auctioned off in May as part of Roll Out the Barrels, an annual fundraiser that raises awareness of water pollution and water conservation. Barrels and hardware will be provided for accepted designs; artists provide their own priming and painting supplies. All participating artists will receive a check for 30% of the final bid value of the barrel following the event.

If you would like to participate, please complete the [online interest form](#) by **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. The event committee will review entries the following week, and accepted artists will be notified later in February. Completed barrels will be due in early April.

More information about the event can be found at [www.rolloutthebarrels.com](http://www.rolloutthebarrels.com)

Cecile Riker  
Program Education Specialist  
Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program  
Department of Transportation and Public Works  
120 W. Dougherty Street

## Email to Local Artists

Thu 4/16/2020 5:16 PM

Cecile Riker

Re: [EXT] RE: Roll Out the Barrels Meeting/Site Visit

To Stacee Farrell; Stacy Smith; Jackie Sherry; Laurel Loftin

**From:** Cecile Riker  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** 'Kevin Dombrow' <[kdombrow@graduateathens.com](mailto:kdombrow@graduateathens.com)>  
**Subject:** Roll Out the Barrels Meeting/Site Visit

Hi Kevin,

Hope all is well. We just had our first Roll Out the Barrels planning meeting and are getting excited for the May 21 event!

I wanted to see if we could set up a meeting for the planning committee over at the Foundry. We'd love to meet you in person and walk through the space to talk through some logistics. Are you available the afternoon of February 18<sup>th</sup>? Around 3 p.m. or so?

Thanks and happy Friday!

## Email to Planning Committee

Planning Timeline	Roll Out the Barrels 2020 Event Timeline
December 2019	Confirm/book location Check around for barrels
January 2020	Initial Planning Meeting (discuss timeline, delegate tasks, etc.) Contact Artist List and see who's interested Find/purchase barrels Prep barrels for artists
Late February/Early March 2020	Update and print artist contracts Coordinate barrel pick-ups with artists Book entertainment
April 2020	Barrel turn-in date: Friday, April 10 Get barrels clear-coated (takes at least 1 week) Get photos of all finished barrels ASAP Get bios from artists for program Start PR Push (event calendars, Flagpole ad, etc.) Update event invitation + get printed + send out to contact list Update event flyer with new barrels + get printed
May 2020	Display barrels around town (see task list) Site visit at venue to finalize layout of barrels Start Facebook Audience Favorite contest on Friday, May 1 (open for 3 weeks) Secure prizes for audience favorite Major PR Push Update program with photos and bios Get programs printed Create bid sheets and winner slips Print bid sheets and winner slips Make barrel buttons Pick up barrels Finalize timeline for day of event

Roll Out the Barrels 2020 Task List	Event Task List
<p><b>Thursday, May 21, 6 – 9 pm</b>  <b>The Foundry</b>  <b>295 E. Dougherty Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set a date</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Select and confirm a location</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Secure 15-20 barrels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prep and clean barrels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Put out Call for Artists, contact previous artists</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Secure 15-20 artists</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalize artist contract</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate barrel pick-up times with artists</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Book entertainment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Secure food for 150-175 people</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact Athens Paint and Body about getting barrels clear-coated</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get barrels back and take photos</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Update event invitation + flyer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get invitations and flyers printed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facebook event (+ boosted post)</li> <li>○ Barrel previews and Fan Favorite contest on social media, <a href="#">NextDoor</a></li> <li>○ Handout flyers at events</li> <li>○ Water bill/May Stormwater bill inserts</li> <li>○ Post flyers around town</li> <li>○ Post on online event calendars (Visit Athens, GA, Flagpole, Online Athens, Athens Parent, Red &amp; Black, Athens Patch)</li> <li>○ Create and submit press release to local news and radio stations (Cox Media, WXAG, WUGA, WUOG)</li> <li>○ Submit paid ad to Flagpole</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Send invitations to artists and ACCGOV VIPs (internal and external)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Word email the week of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place finished barrels around town with event flyers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hotel Indigo</li> <li>○ The Foundry/Graduate</li> <li>○ Water Business Office</li> <li>○ Stormwater Office</li> <li>○ Planning Dept.</li> <li>○ Streets and Drainage</li> <li>○ Botanical Gardens</li> <li>○ Lyndon House Arts Center</li> </ul> </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Begin "Fan favorite" contest on Facebook (first week of May)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site visit at venue to finalize layout</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate any custom glassware</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secure prizes for fan favorite award</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get biographies from artists and finalize the program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get programs printed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Create bid sheets and artist info sheets</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make nametags for artists</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make table tents</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Identify who will speak at event (welcome, thanking artists and partners, etc.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Print bid sheets, artist info sheets, and winner slips</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Finalize timeline for the day of the event</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get thank-you cards printed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write thank-yous and mail out 30% commission checks</p>

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS (ROLL OUT THE BARRELS): Provide evidence of age appropriate and relevant content

All participating artists are required to sign an Artist Contract (along with a representative from ACGov) prior to receiving their blank barrel. A Rain Barrel Painting Tips handout is also given out with the barrel.

### How to Paint Your Barrel



There is nothing like a blank canvas or, in this case, a blank barrel. But before you get to painting, there are a few things you need to do to ensure that your design stays on the barrel for years to come. This quick guide will walk you through all the steps you need to prepare your barrel.

1. Wash the barrel (top, bottom and sides) with warm water and dish detergent. Dry with a soft cloth, and tape the faucets off with masking tape. Be sure to remove the masking tape before the paint is dry to prevent flaking.
2. Sand the barrel with 220-grit sand paper. A light sanding will remove the barrel's waxy coat and give the primer something to bite.
3. Wipe the barrel down with either vinegar or household ammonia. Windex works, too.
4. Coat the barrel using a primer that can adhere to plastic. If you use an aerosol primer, you will need two cans for complete coverage. You must apply the primer immediately after sanding, since the surface will re-wax if left.
5. Have fun and let your imagination roam! Decorate the barrel with acrylic paint, spray paint, stained glass, decoupage, exterior latex paint, sparkles, stencil or metal works. Avoid oil based paints, since they will not stick to the barrel.
6. Seal the barrel with a clear top coat. Let the barrel dry before moving.

#### Tips:

- If you want to use a pencil to sketch your design, use a dull one: a sharp point will scratch off the primer.
- Use two or three light coats of paint. The thicker the paint, the more prone to peeling.
- When your barrel is finished, give it at least 48 hours drying time before you move it. The longer you let it dry, the better.



Athens-Clarke County  
Stormwater Management Program

### ROLL OUT THE BARRELS 2020 ARTIST AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Contract") made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, between the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County ("ACC"), a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and \_\_\_\_\_, "Artist", WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Artist has designed, created, and delivered an original piece of functional art (hereinafter called "Barrel") for donation to ACC; and

WHEREAS, ACC and Artist have agreed Artist shall transfer ownership of said Barrel to ACC and allow for Barrel to be used and sold in an auction; and

WHEREAS, Artist has agreed to a 30% commission formulated from the total amount collected for said Barrel; and therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this agreement, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Definitions

1.1 A finished Barrel is the total design and completion of the functional rain barrel. The Barrel shall be in a condition ready for auction. The finished Barrel includes the work, services and labor, and the goods and materials used to create the finished Barrel.

1.2 The donation shall cover the conceptual design, services and labor, materials, promotional materials, and transportation required for transfers of Barrel.

#### 2. Intent

2.1 The parties intend and agree that the Artist shall construct, design, deliver, and transfer said Barrel to ACC. The Artist incurs all costs associated with pick up, construction, design, delivery, and transfer of Barrel. ACC shall provide the Artist with the barrel and hardware, as to provide Artist with a complete and functional rain barrel for use in construction and design.

2.2 The Artist agrees to return finished Barrel to ACC by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### 3. Promotion & Marketing

3.1 Promotional materials: Artist shall provide ACC at his/her expense with information regarding the barrel not limited to a brief biography of the Artist, a title for the finished art piece, a summary of the inspiration behind the Barrel, the medium used, and the type of sealant used on finished Barrel. The Artist agrees to submit these promotional materials to ACC at the time of transfer of finished Barrel.

3.2 ACC shall reserve the right to use the Artist's name, promotional information supplied by Artist, and image of the Barrel to publicize, promote, and advertise Roll Out the Barrels. ACC shall also reserve the right to use the aforementioned items for future educational purposes and subsequent auctions. These aforementioned items shall be used in printed materials, displays, TV spots, in radio promotions, website design, and other promotional materials. ACC shall not represent the Artist or the Barrel to the public in a questionable, ungrateful, or derogatory manner affecting the Artist's standing in his/her profession.

#### 4. Barrel Exhibition

4.1 The Artist's Barrel may be shown for up to thirty-five (35) days in a public location prior to the close of the auction. The Artist may suggest locations for public display of Barrel. Suggestions shall be considered by ACC, with ACC retaining rights to the final decision of barrel placement. ACC shall not be held responsible for the number of views Barrel receives in final location and ACC does not guarantee a set number of views.

#### 5. Commission

5.1 The parties agree the Barrel shall be placed in a silent auction and an online auction to raise funds for ACC Green School Program. The Artist shall receive 30% of the amount collected for the sale of their Barrel; the remaining 70% of the amount collected for sale of the Barrel shall be retained by Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful and transferred to the ACC Green School Program fund. ACC's Green School Program Committee shall determine how these funds shall be dispersed within the Green School Program. ACC and Artist acknowledge the final bid posted may not be equal to the actual amount collected for barrel. Proof of payment shall be furnished to Artist per written request.

#### 6. Ownership of Barrel

6.1 The Barrel is property of ACC. Artist shall prepare, design, decorate, and return Barrel to ACC. Artist shall transfer completed Barrel to ACC, with ACC retaining ownership of finished Barrel until payment is received from highest bidder in auction and transfer of barrel to said bidder occurs.

#### 7. Alteration and/or Restoration

7.1 ACC shall not alter, in any way, the Barrel without the express written consent of the Artist with the following exceptions: 7.1.1 ACC may affix a sticker to Barrel to inform purchaser and future user of Barrel of any risks associated with the inappropriate use of collected rain water.

7.1.2 If damage occurs to the hardware used to make the Barrel functional for the collection of rain water, ACC shall repair/replace these pieces without the consent of Artist.

Winners of the rain barrels are given a Rain Barrel Maintenance and Installation sheet and Rain Barrel brochure to go along with their new purchases.

## Stormwater Solutions: Using a rain barrel



Rain barrels are an easy, low maintenance way to conserve water and reduce water pollution. These barrels reduce runoff and store rain captured from roofs for use in gardens or lawns.

This brochure will provide information and resources for building, installing, and maintaining a rain barrel.





# TIPS FOR USING YOUR RAIN BARREL

## INSTALLATION

Channel water from your roof into your barrel by connecting the barrel to the downspout through a flex pipe or by using a rain chain to direct water into the barrel. You will need a hacksaw to cut your drain pipe.

Add an overflow valve to allow excess water to spill over into another barrel, or to direct the excess away from the foundation to a rain garden.

Since the water is gravity-fed, consider placing the barrel on concrete blocks to raise it. The barrel will be very heavy when full, so be sure whatever it is placed on can bear the weight.

## MAINTENANCE

1. Mosquitoes - Prevent mosquitoes by maintaining the insect screens over the drain covers. If these screens prove insufficient, adding larvicide briquettes can prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your barrel.
2. Algae - If the barrel starts to smell, or if you notice algae build up, rinse out the barrel with soap and a mild detergent. Let the barrel dry for 24 hours before use. Routine barrel cleaning should occur at least once or twice a year.
3. Leaks near the spigot - If you notice a leak near the spigot, reapply the silicon gel sealant. Let the gel set overnight before using the barrel.

## SAFETY

Rain barrel water is not potable. Do not drink water from your rain barrel, and use caution when using the rain barrel water on edible portions of plants.

Barrels provided by Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program do not have removable lids. If you create a barrel, be sure to secure the lid to prevent children or animals from drowning.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS (ROLL OUT THE BARRELS): Provide evidence of active promotion to the community

**Call for Artists Facebook Event**



1 FEB 1, 2020 AT 8 AM EST – FEB 15, 2020 AT 8 AM EST

**Roll Out the Barrels 2020 Call for Artists**

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater

**About** Discussion **Invite** **Edit** **...** **Insights**

**Details**

- 30 people responded
- Event by Athens-Clarke County Stormwater, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful and Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department
- Athens-Clarke County Stormwater
- Feb 1, 2020 at 8 AM EST – Feb 15, 2020 at 8 AM EST
- Price: Free · Duration: 14 days
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

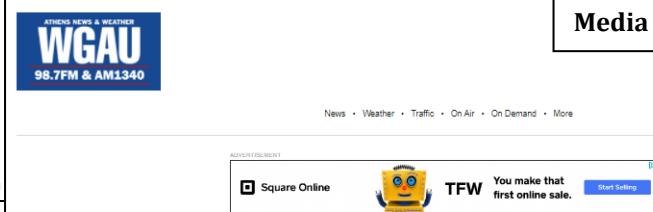
**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

ACC Stormwater is looking for local artists who would like to transform

**Insights**

Last 7 Days: Jan 4 - Jan 11

**Media Feature on WGAU**



ATHENS NEWS & WEATHER  
**WGAU**  
98.7FM & AM1340

News · Weather · Traffic · On Air · On Demand · More

SQUARE ONLINE **TFW** You make that first online sale. **Start Selling**

**Athens-Clarke Co Stormwater looks for artists** **Listen**

February 10, 2020 at 5:26 am EST

By Tim Bryant

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management is putting out a call to local artists who will work on this year's rain barrel project. There is a Friday February 14 deadline to apply to paint the barrels that will be auctioned off in May as a fundraiser for environmental programs in the Clarke County School District.

*From the Athens-Clarke Co government website..*

ACC Stormwater is looking for local artists who would like to transform ordinary rain barrels into functional pieces of art! These painted barrels will be auctioned off in May as part of Roll Out the Barrels, an annual event that raises funds for the ACC Green School Program (an initiative to promote environmental education in our local schools). Barrels and hardware will be provided for selected artists; artists provide their own priming and painting supplies. If you would like to participate, please complete the online interest form by Friday, February 14th. Email [stormwater@accgov.com](mailto:stormwater@accgov.com) with any questions.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS (ROLL OUT THE BARRELS): Provide evidence of implementation

Roll Out the Barrels was cancelled for 2020. We hope to host a modified 2021 event but are not quite sure what that will look like.

<h3><b>Roll Out the Barrels</b></h3> <h4><b>Roll Out the Barrels 2020 Update</b></h4> <p>Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the 2020 Roll Out the Barrels event - originally scheduled for May 21 - has been cancelled. We will post any updates on a 2021 event here, in our monthly E-newsletter, and on our social media pages. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope you will join us in the future to support this community event.</p> <h4><b>What is Roll Out the Barrels?</b></h4> <p>Roll Out the Barrels is an annual event (typically held in May) that raises awareness of stormwater runoff, water pollution, and water conservation, all while promoting local artists and supporting environmental education. Local artists turn rain barrels into beautiful pieces of functional art to be auctioned off in support of the <a href="#">Athens Green School Program</a>, an initiative to ensure environmental education is taught in the classroom.</p>	<a href="#">Event Website</a>
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## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS (ROLL OUT THE BARRELS): Provide evidence of post-event public communications/follow-up publicity/participant evaluations

Although the 2020 event ended up being cancelled, follow-up publicity for Roll Out the Barrels typically includes a direct email to barrel winners, social media posts, wrap-up numbers on the website, and an entry in the ACCGOV Manager's Snapshot. Handwritten thank-you cards are also mailed to the artists and event partners with a summary of how much money was raised.