



2017 Stormwater Steward Award Winners

The Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Stormwater Steward Awards!

The Business Stormwater Steward Award goes to the Smith Planning Group for their design of a new stormwater conveyance system at the Athens Orthopedic Clinic Imaging Center off of West Broad Street. The stormwater treatment train includes pervious pavers in the parking lot leading to a series of rain gardens that temporarily hold and treat stormwater runoff by allowing water to slowly infiltrate through the engineered soil media. This design mitigates flow off the parking lot and treats water quality while serving as a beautifully landscaped amenity. Thanks to Bob Smith of the Smith Planning Group for improving this property's stormwater management.



Photos courtesy of the Smith Planning Group

for their work done on campus and beyond. Watershed UGA is a “town and gown” stream restoration initiative aimed at engaging the campus community in sustainability through watersheds. This year, Watershed UGA led the efforts in developing the Trail Creek 9-Element Watershed Management Plan, which included input from partners both on and off campus, including Athens-Clarke County Stormwater. Other projects include installing stormwater control measures behind H. B. Stroud Elementary School as a part of a nature trail improvement project, working to improve water quality at Lake Herrick, and hosting a student design competition that fused art with environmental issues. The Stormwater Management Program is proud to recognize Watershed UGA for the wonderful partner that they are.



GreenFest 2017

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April is here which means Athens GreenFest is upon us! Join ACC Stormwater and other organizations in a community-wide celebration of Earth Day and the environment. We have a stack of events that provide opportunities for improving our environment & helping our community. Check them out here or visit our [Facebook page \[https://www.facebook.com/AthensGreenFest/?ref=bookmarks\]](https://www.facebook.com/AthensGreenFest/?ref=bookmarks).

Adopt-A-Highway Challenge 2017

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful is challenging all active Adopt-A-Highway groups to complete a roadside cleanup of their adopted road during the month of April. For more information, contact stacy.smith@athensclarkecounty.com or call 706-613-3501 x309. Visit kepathensbeautiful.org to submit a tool request or a cleanup report.

River Rendezvous - April 8, 9 am–1 pm, Sandy Creek Nature Center

Help collect water samples to determine the health of our streams in Athens or attend the children’s activities from 10 am to 1 pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

Plantapalooza - April 8, 8 am–2 pm, Multiple Locations

Plantapalooza is three simultaneous plant sales in Athens: at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, UGA’s Horticulture Club, and the Trial Gardens at UGA. There will be a variety of traditional and unique plants, plus access to horticulture professors, garden curators, and master gardeners to answer your questions. Visit <http://botgarden.uga.edu/index.php> for more information.

Full Moon Hike - April 11, 8-9:30pm, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Come see the garden come alive at night! Each hike will focus on a different topic such as the moon, constellations, or nocturnal creatures. Bring family and friends of all ages along to enjoy the mysterious world of nature at night!

Basics of Vegetable Gardening Class - April 12, 6-7:30 pm, ACC Library

Join the Athens-Clarke County Extension for a free and informative class on vegetable gardening including information on choosing a garden site, planting seeds vs. seedlings, fertilizer, water and sun needs, weed prevention, and

**Kayak Clean-up - April 14, 1-4 pm, Big Dogs on the River**

Join WatershedUGA and Big Dogs on the River for their annual kayaking river clean-up on the Middle Oconee. Volunteers will be fed but registration is required. Register at <https://givepul.se/4m7od>.

Georgia Review Earth Day Celebration - April 19, 7:00 pm, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

The Georgia Review's eighth annual Earth Day event will include a talk by John Lane, Professor of English and environmental studies at Wofford College and director of the college's Goodall Environmental Studies Center. A reception with live music will follow.

GreenFest Environmental Awards Ceremony - April 21, 5:30-8:30 pm, Morton Theatre

Several local groups, organizations, and government agencies will be presenting awards to individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a positive impact on the environment of Athens-Clarke County over the past year. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Super Shredder Saturday - April 22, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, CHaRM Facility

The Lindsay Group will provide secure destruction of sensitive materials for FREE and the ACC Recycling Division will recycle the shreds. Area residents and small businesses can shred up to 2 boxes of documents for free, and additional boxes can be shred for \$5. The Lindsay Group also offers hard drive destruction for \$25 per hard drive. Cash only. For more information, call ACC Recycling at (706) 613-3512 or visit www.athensclarkecounty.com/recycle.

Exotic Birds and Reptiles on Planet Earth - April 22, 10:00-11:30am, State Botanical Garden of Georgia

At 10am, Roy Hodge from Exotic Paradise in Atlanta will educate and entertain family members with his menagerie of exotic animals. Discover amazing animal adaptations and learn about conservation concerns of many different animals including cockatoos, parrots, spectacled owls, monitor lizards, anacondas, boa constrictors and more! \$5 per person or \$15 for families (kids under 2 are free).

UGA Office of Sustainability Semester in Review - April 27, 11:00 am-1:00pm, Memorial Hall Ballroom

The Semester in Review celebrates small and large actions that create a culture of sustainability at UGA. Students engaged in sustainability coursework and research are invited to share their work with others. Office of Sustainability Internship projects are highlighted through short, engaging presentations followed by lunch, networking and a poster session. RSVP at goo.gl/AHlwMy.

2017 Grand Opening of the West Broad Farmer's Market - April 29, 9:00am-1:00 pm, 1573 W. Broad Street

Join the Athens Land Trust for flavor, family, and fun on April 29, 2017! The West Broad Farmer's Market will kick off this season with fresh food, cooking demonstrations, bounce houses, kids activities and more! Come support local business and get fresh for less with your SNAP/EBT.

Oconee Waters Ice Cream Social - April 30, 1:00-4:00pm, Harris Shoals Park in Watkinsville

The Oconee Waters Committee of the Upper Oconee Watershed Network is hosting an ice cream social at Harris Shoals Park on Sunday, April 30. There will be educational activities, demonstrations of Adopt-A-Stream sampling methods, and information about UOWN activities. Visit uown.org for more information.

KACCB Trash 2 Treasure Yard Sale - 1005 College Avenue

Vulture pre-sale: Friday, May 5, 4-7 pm, \$3 admission

Songbird sale: Saturday, May 6, 8-11 am, free

Discount sale: Saturday, May 6, 11 am-12 pm, free

This is a yard sale like no other. KACCB watches for treasures all year and saves them for you! Furniture, art, home goods, toys, and unique items you just have to see. All proceeds support KACCB's community beautification programs. For updates on sale items, go to facebook.com/KACCB or keepathensbeautiful.org.



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Notice Dumping?

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



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