



## Stormwater Steward Award Nominations Close Friday, March 17

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017 Stormwater Steward Awards through Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a person, business, or organization that completed an innovative project last year relating to stormwater management, fill out an application on our [website \[https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/FormCenter/Stormwater-Management-24/2017-Stormwater-Steward-Award-Applicatio-403\]](https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/FormCenter/Stormwater-Management-24/2017-Stormwater-Steward-Award-Applicatio-403) and let us know. Help us shine a light on some of the good work that has happened in Athens! If you are looking for inspiration, a description of past year's winners can be found [here. \[https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/6600/Past-Stormwater-Steward-Winners\]](https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/6600/Past-Stormwater-Steward-Winners)

The Stormwater Steward Award winners will be recognized at the 2017 GreenFest Environmental Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 21 at the historic Morton Theatre in Downtown Athens. A variety of environmental awards are given out, and the ceremony is free and open to the public. The awards ceremony is part of [Athens GreenFest \[http://athensclarkecounty.com/6543/GreenFest\]](http://athensclarkecounty.com/6543/GreenFest) - a community-wide celebration providing citizens with an opportunity to increase awareness of and interest in improving the environment. Events are held March through May by different organizations to encourage learning and to provide tools necessary for creating an environmentally friendly community. Keep an eye out for an event calendar that will come out in late March.



*Gwyneth Moody and Daniel Peiken's (2016 winners) rain garden in the front of their home.*



*Bojangles' stormwater treatment train, designed by Kimley-Horn and Associates (2016 winners).*



*Alfie Vick accepting the Stormwater Steward Award for an Individual on behalf of 2015 winner John Crowley.*

## A Successful Tire Clean-Up

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 38 volunteers converged on a wooded area on John Collier Road that had become badly littered with tires. Our brave volunteers spent the morning pulling tires from the woods, stacking them for removal, and cleaning up trash from illegal dumping. Project organizers also worked with local agencies to secure the area to stop future dumping.

EMC, and several neighbors on John Collier Road. In the end, the project removed 450 tires and a 30 yard roll off full of trash- including old mattresses, rugs, and washing machines. We are happy to have helped turn this wooded stretch of country road back into a beautiful drive instead of an environmental health hazard.

Proper tire disposal is important because it cuts down on the risk of disease, landscape blight, fire hazards, and the cleanup costs associated with illegal dumping. If you see illegal tire dumping, please report it to ACC Code Enforcement at 706-613-3790.



*Volunteers came from several different organizations, including the UGA Rugby Team, the UGA MBA program, and Junk South.*



*Matilda Wooden from ACC Code Enforcement, Stacey Farrell from Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, and Cecile Riker from ACC Stormwater pose in front of some of the tires that were removed from the woods.*

## Upcoming Events

**Ripple Effect Blue Carpet Premiere**  
**Saturday, March 25, 5:00pm-7:00pm**



Effect Film Finalists- new short films about ocean connections by Georgia filmmakers of all ages! Meet the award winners and vote for audience choice awards. Tickets are \$5 in advance or at the door.

The 2017 Ripple Effect Film Project is co-presented by the Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities' Water Conservation Office, ECOGIG at UGA (Ecosystem Impacts of Oil and Gas Inputs to the Gulf), the Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management Program, and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful. For more information, visit [www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org](http://www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org) [<http://www.rippleeffectfilmproject.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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