



## **Celebrate Geography with ACC Stormwater**

November includes both GIS Day on Wednesday, November 15, and Geography Awareness Week from Sunday, November 12 until Saturday, November 18. GIS (geographic information system) is an integral part of stormwater management, from creating maps of stormwater infrastructure and polluted streams, to tracking the placement of cutting edge green infrastructure. Geography is embedded into almost everything we do.

In honor of these national events, ACC Stormwater is hosting a family-friendly scavenger hunt and encouraging everyone to participate in our official Geocache GeoTrail, “Water Logged.”

The geocache trail, which will bring participants up close and personal with

several good examples of stormwater management and green infrastructure, launched on November 14 of 2015. Interested participants should visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) [<http://www.geocaching.com/>] and search for “Water Logged.” Anyone who completes the trail and collects all five buttons is eligible to receive a prize! All you need is a cell phone with GPS and internet access.

The From Street to Stream Scavenger Hunt will take place at Trail Creek Park on Wednesday, November 15, from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm. Using maps and clues, families will follow the journey of a rain drop as it moves from the street to the stream. We hope you will join us for a fall evening exploring one of our beautiful local parks and streams.

For more information, email [stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com](mailto:stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com) or call 706-613-3440. To view other GIS Day events happening around the globe, visit [GISday.com](http://www.gisday.com) [<http://www.gisday.com>].

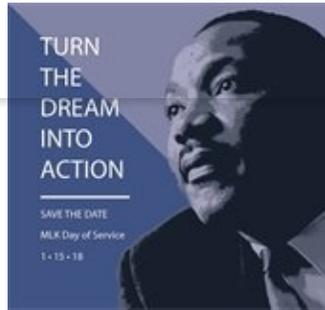


## Call for Photo Submissions

Any photographers out there? ACC Stormwater is in the process of putting together a calendar with nature scenes from all around Athens. This calendar will be used for outreach purposes. If you'd like to submit a photo to be considered for the calendar, please email it to [stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com](mailto:stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com) with the name of the person who took it along with a brief description of where, when, and why it was taken.

## MLK Day of Service Volunteer Project Site Applications Now Open

On behalf of the Athens MLK Day of Service Steering Committee, ACC Stormwater invites public/private nonprofit organizations, healthcare



agencies, or civic groups to apply to host a project for the 2018 MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 15. Last year, 18 different sites hosted over 1,000 volunteers for the Day of Service.

Potential project sites will be divided into two categories based on size. Central sites (50 or more volunteers) will have access to full volunteer registration support and tool reservations through

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, and will be advertised in all publicity. Affiliate sites (less than 50 volunteers) will have the chance to participate in the kick-off event, as well as receive volunteer sign-up support and recognition for their projects through the MLK Day of Service webpage and social media.

If you would like a copy of the site application, please email [stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com](mailto:stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com) [<mailto:stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com>] or visit the MLK Day webpage. If you are not interested in hosting a volunteer site for the Day of Service but would like to make a financial contribution to the event, please email [stacee.farrell@athensclarkecounty.com](mailto:stacee.farrell@athensclarkecounty.com) [<mailto:stacee.farrell@athensclarkecounty.com>]. We hope you will join us in making your 2018 MLK Jr. Holiday a day ON, not a day off!

## Upcoming Events

**UOWN Quarterly Water Quality Sampling**  
**Sunday, November 12, 9:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road)**

Curious about the health of our watershed? Support our friends at the Upper Oconee Watershed Network and attend their fall stream monitoring event, starting at Sandy Creek Nature Center. After a brief orientation complete with light breakfast and coffee, volunteers will go to various stream sites in the Athens area and monitor for biological, bacterial, and chemical water quality. No experience is necessary, and you should dress to get wet and dirty.

**From Street to Stream Scavenger Hunt**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 3:30pm - 5:30pm**  
**Trail Creek Park (200 Trail Creek Street)**

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Explore water's journey from Athens' streets to its streams with ACC Stormwater. Have fun with the whole family as you use maps to follow rain from street to stream on a free educational scavenger hunt. Snacks and prizes will be provided. This event is a part of a national celebration in honor of Geography Awareness Week and GIS Day. Email [stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com](mailto:stormwater@athensclarkecounty.com) or call 706-613-3440 for more information.

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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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