

Education Program Status Report

Presentations/Exhibits

Exhibited at the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (S&WCD) 75th Annual Meeting & Expo on January 7&8 in Raleigh with the Division of Water Resources (DWR) educator. Distributed business cards as well as copies of the Erosion Patrol activity set and our Education Material's Order Form to the S&WCDs education outreach coordinators and others who knew or are educators.

Invited by the DWR educator and City of Raleigh Public Utilities Dept. Water Conservation Specialist to partner on an education outreach event at the Town of Garner's Groundhog Day Celebration on February 2. While there we will be interacting with the public at a booth about soil and water education.

Invited by Marbles to participate in their Future Me Kids Career Fair on February 23. Approximately 500 kids, mostly 3-8 years old, and their families will participate in this event. The Enviroscape will be presented as an interactive activity to demonstrate the importance of preventing pollution due to stormwater runoff and sedimentation.

Invited by White Oak Elementary to participate in their science day on April 11. Attending with Kimberly Summers of the RRO office to present the Enviroscape to 6 forty-five minute sessions of 20-30 4th/5th grade students per session.

Workshops

The 2018 Design and Planner Workshop was held on December 4 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, with a total of 160 participants. Of the 160 participants we sent 21 DEQ employees and 5 local program representatives. The workshop was presented in partnership with the Southeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association and NCSU's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. Among the 14 presentation topics, four representatives from DEQ presented. Thank you to Dr. John Havlin for representing the SCC and delivering the Opening Remarks.

The 2019 Local Program Workshop and Awards Luncheon is currently being planned for April in the Wake Forest/Raleigh area. It is being worked on in partnership with the Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI).

Contract Administration

A contract between DEMLR and the WRRI is currently being executed. The contract will include support for the 2019 Local Program Workshop and Awards Luncheon.

Updates

An E&SC Education web page, a Student and Teacher Packets and Activities subpage, and a Professional Packets and Modules subpage, and an E&SC FAQ page have been created for the website and are waiting to be approved and published. Approval of all new website content must first go through the Division's Public Information Officer.