

Education Program Status Report

Presentations/Exhibits

- Assisted with moderating the quarterly facilitators meeting for NC Project WET Facilitators on 9/9/2025.
- Attended NC A&T's career fair on 9/10/2025 with 2 other DEQ employees.
- Participated in the 9th Annual Mud Day at the Walnut Creek Wetland Center on 9/16/25. Presented a construction sand table for young participants and had coloring pages, a stormwater/erosion bingo, and informational resources and handouts for older participants.
- The Sediment Education Specialist was one of the professionals who partnered with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences at the annual Educator Open House and SciREN Triangle Networking Event on 9/25/25 to distribute information about DEQ's education programs to NC educators.
- Attended NCSU's Ag, Sciences, and Natural Resources Career Fair on 9/30/2025 with 2 other DEQ employees.
- Attended and co-presented with DWR's water educator, Lauren Daniel at the NC Outdoor Classroom Symposium for educators on 10/13/25.
- Presented at NCSU to Dr. Allen's Environmental Technology Laboratory I class of 16 students on 10/15/25 about NCDEQ, DEMLR, and environmental science roles in the Division in addition to leading them through several educational activities.
- Virtually met with a student on 10/17/25 from NCSU's Dr. Madline Stallerd's EMS 450 - Teaching Environmental Education class to discuss careers and resources in environmental education.
- Presented to three of Trinity Middle School's 8th grade classes on 10/20/25. The Enviroscope was presented in addition to the Project WET activity Sum of All Parts.
- Co-presented with Kimberly Summers of RRO to two of Millbrook Magnet Elementary School's 3rd grade classes on 10/21/25. The Enviroscope was presented in addition to doing an outdoor stormwater/erosion bingo hunt.
- Presented to two of Trinity Middle School's 8th grade classes on 10/22/25. The Enviroscope was presented in addition to the Project WET activity Sum of All Parts.
- Co-presented with Kimberly Summers of RRO to two of Millbrook Magnet Elementary School's 3rd grade classes on 10/23/25. The Enviroscope was presented in addition to doing an outdoor stormwater/erosion bingo hunt.
- Presented to two of Trinity Middle School's 8th grade classes on 10/24/25. The Enviroscope was presented in addition to the Project WET activity Sum of All Parts.
- Co-presented at Bridging the Gap Conference for educators on 10/28/25. Presentation was on Wake County's SummerSTEM program and NCDEQ's partnership. Co-presenters were Lisa Tolley with NCDEQ Office of EE, and Josh Hunter and Paul Domenico of Wake County.
- Exhibited at the NCSTA (North Carolina Science Teachers Association) Annual professional Development Institute on 11/6/25 & 11/7/25 to distribute information about DEQ's education programs to NC educators. Co-presented on 11/7/25 with DWR's educator, Lauren Daniel, on ProjectWET and NCDEQ's Resources.

- Attended the State of NC Career Expo with 5 other NCDEQ representatives. Over 2,000 people registered to attend this event.
- Continued to co-host monthly Water Education Coffee Talks with DWR's water educator, Lauren Daniel, for formal and non-formal educators. The purpose of these coffee talks are to answer questions, showcase our education resources, facilitate networking, and discover/facilitate collaboration opportunities.

Workshops

The NC E&SC Workshop has been scheduled for December 4, 2025, in Raleigh at the McKimmon Center. This workshop is planned in partnership with the Southeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association and the NCSU Department of Crop & Soil Science.

A new workshop for contractors is being planned for January 29, 2026, in collaboration with the Raleigh Regional Office.

The 2026 Annual Local Program Workshops and Awards Luncheons has been scheduled for April 14 & 15, 2026 at the Union County Agricultural and Event Center. This workshop is planned in partnership with WRRI.

Contract Administration

The contract between DEMLR and WRRI for the support of the 2026 & 2027 Annual Local Program Workshops and Awards Luncheons has been signed.

Updates

The E&SC website pages are continuously being updated as needed.

If you or a colleague would like to contribute an article or suggest a topic for the winter edition of the Sediments Newsletter, email the Sediment Education Specialist by December 12!