

## **Education Program Status Report**

### ***Presentations/Exhibits***

- Co-hosted a Project WET Sampler workshop to train new Facilitators with Lauren Daniel of DWR on 12/1/25.
- Co-hosted a Project WET workshop to train new Facilitators with Lauren Daniel of DWR on 12/8/25 at Walnut Creek Wetland Center in Raleigh, NC.
- ~~Participated in Garner's Ground Hog Day at White Deer Park on 2/2/25. Presented the Enviroscope for all ages, and set up a construction sand table and had coloring pages for young participants. Also provided informational resources and handouts for older participants. Cancelled due to weather.~~
- ~~Attended the NCSU Engineering Career Fair with several other NCDEQ representatives on 2/3/25. Postponed due to weather.~~
- 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 hybrid in-person and virtual NC E&SC Workshops (formally the E&SC Design Workshop), was held on December 4, 2025, in Raleigh at the McKimmon Center. In total 144 participants attended the full day in-person workshop and 44 attended the half day virtual workshop and 9 vendors attended.

~~A new workshop for contractors was held on January 29, 2026 at the Steve Troxler Agricultural Center in Raleigh. This workshop was planned in collaboration with the Raleigh Regional Office. Postponed to Feb. 27 due to weather.~~

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 summer edition of the Sediments Newsletter, email the Sediment Education Specialist by mid-June!*