

Education Program Status Report

Presentations/Exhibits

- Presented to three of Union Hill Elementary School's 4th grade classes on 11/15/24. The Enviroscape was presented in addition to doing an outdoor stormwater/erosion bingo hunt.
- Moderated and presented the welcome at the NC E&SC Workshop on December 5, 2024.
- Exhibited at the annual S&WCD Conference/Expo on January 6 & 7, 2025 with DEQ's Geology Educator, Amy Pitts.
- Attended Moore Square Magnet Middle School's Career Fair for all their 8th graders on 1/17/25. Representatives from DAQ and Geological Survey also attended.
- Exhibited at Garner's Ground Hog Day at White Deer Park on 2/2/25. The Enviroscape was presented in addition to a construction sand table, and a coloring pages table.
- Assisted with moderating the monthly meetings of the NC Stream Watch Cohort of educators. December 2024 & January 2025.
- 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 5, 2024, in Raleigh at the McKimmon Center. This workshop was presented by the NCDEQ - Land Quality Section in partnership with NCSU's Department of Crop & Soil Sciences and the Southeast Chapter of the International Control Association (SE-IECA). In total 138 participants attended the full day in-person workshop and 58 attended the half day virtual workshop and 8 vendors attended.

The Annual Local Programs Workshop is being planned for April 23 & 24, 2025 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center.

DEMLR staff are drafting changes to the award categories for the Local Program Workshop and Awards Luncheon.

Old Categories: Excellence in Erosion and Sedimentation Control - Small Program (0-3 FTE), Excellence in Erosion and Sedimentation Control - Large Program (3+ FTE)

New Categories: MVP in Erosion & Sedimentation Control (individual award), Most Improved (program award), and Best All-Around (program award)

If you or a colleague would like to present at the April Local Program Workshop, email the Sediment Education Specialist.

If you'd like to attend the workshop as a representative of the SCC, email the Sediment Education Specialist ASAP (we have 2 in-person spots reserved for SCC/Committee members and unlimited virtual spots).

Feb 6, 2025

Contract Administration

The contract between DEMLR and WRRI for the support of the 2025 Annual Local Program Workshop and Awards Luncheon is already in place.

The contract between DEMLR and WRRI for the support of the 2026 & 2027 Annual Local Program Workshops and Awards Luncheons is drafted for approval.

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!