



Stormwater Almanac

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Fall Event — Planning is underway for a Saturday morning stormwater education event in September. Check the town’s website in August for details.

Odie Street Bioswales — Town staff and volunteers planted native plants and grasses in bioswales along Odie Street this spring. Stay tuned for a video about this special stormwater project.

Compost Blankets — In March, the town installed a compost blanket along a section of Riverwalk. In June, the compost blanket of coreopsis was a riot of yellow along the fence in Gold Park. The town now has compost blankets in several parks. See the compost blanket information sheet to learn about the benefits of installing compost blankets.

Did you know?

Resources are available on the Stormwater and Environmental Education page including information sheets on rain gardens, compost blankets and lawn care. Visit hillsboroughnc.gov/stormwater-education.

Stormwater Control Measure Owners of the Year

Urban development projects often require stormwater control measures to meet development regulations. Each owner of a stormwater control measure is responsible for regular inspection and maintenance to protect water quality.

The Hillsborough Stormwater and Environmental Services Division wishes to recognize those owners with consistently well-maintained stormwater control measures, a long-term record of on-time inspection reports, and overall excellence in stormwater compliance. This year, three outstanding Owners of the Year were selected:

- * **Burke’s Meadow Homeowners Association** — Dry Detention Pond
- * **State Employees’ Federal Credit Union** — Bioretention & Dry Detention Pond
- * **Top Dog Training and Resort** — Stormwater Wetland

The Burkes Meadow neighborhood pond collects water when it rains and dries out between rain events. The dry detention pond was required to treat stormwater when the neighborhood was built in the early 2000s. Regular maintenance is especially important for older ponds so that structural problems can be easily identified. When repair needs are identified early,

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Burke’s Meadow Dry Detention Pond

What is an SCM?

A stormwater control measure (SCM) captures and treats stormwater runoff — water that runs off surfaces when it rains.

Development projects throughout the town use these devices to meet stormwater requirements. If you see a pond near a shopping center, that’s probably a stormwater control measure. Other types include dry detention, swales, bioretention, level spreaders, and stormwater wetlands.

Stormwater control measures slow stormwater runoff and prevent erosion and flooding. They also remove pollutants from stormwater runoff, which helps protect the water quality of our creeks and the Eno River. All stormwater control measures require maintenance to ensure public safety, achieve pollutant removal, and prevent costly repairs.

Stormwater Control Measure Honorable Mentions

The Hillsborough Stormwater and Environmental Services Division recognizes the following stormwater control measure owners who received honorable mention for maintenance and compliance:

- **ACM Skimmerland LLC**
Bioretention Cell
- **Davis Dental**
Stormwater Wetland and Infiltration Swale
- **Formalwear Outlet**
Bioretention Cell
- **Kenion Grove Homeowners Association**
Dry Detention Pond
- **Weaver Street Market**
Underground Detention



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more expensive repairs may be avoided. The Burke's Meadow Homeowners Association has been proactive to repair eroding areas and other issues as soon as they occur. The association regularly maintains the vegetation within and surrounding the pond and completes all inspections on time. Way to go, Burke's Meadow Homeowners Association!



Top Dog Training and Resort Stormwater Wetland

At Top Dog Training and Resort, a stormwater wetland receives runoff from the parking lot and roof. For a consistent compliance record and excellent maintenance, Top Dog has received honorable mentions in past years, and this is their first year to be designated as Owner of the Year. Congratulations!

At the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) on South

Churton Street, a bioretention cell removes pollutants from stormwater runoff when it rains. Bioretention cells function like mini-ecosystems, using natural processes to remove sediment, excess nutrients, and other pollutants from stormwater runoff. Regular maintenance is key to achieving these water quality benefits, and one of the most important tasks is refreshing the mulch layer each year. The mulch layer protects a bioretention cell from being clogged with sediment and helps reduce harmful bacteria in stormwater. SECU routinely replaces the mulch layer and also maintains a small dry detention pond. Great job, SECU!

"Stormwater control and treatment have never been more important," Stormwater Program Coordinator Heather Fisher said. "Our town is fortunate to have so many responsible owners maintaining their stormwater control measures. We had a tough choice this year and applaud everyone's efforts."

The Owners of the Year will receive:

- A certificate signed by Mayor Jenn Weaver and Stormwater and Environmental Services Manager Terry Hackett.
- A one-year exemption from the annual inspection requirement.

Congratulations to the Owners of the Year! Keep up the great work!

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