



Start of Summer Update

THINGS HAVE BEEN BUSY...REAL BUSY!

We have hosted multiple trash clean ups, with youth groups, corporate groups, individuals and other folks who are helping to keep our Town beautiful! So far for 2024, our total trash picked up is 4,317 pounds!

The Stormwater Department also participated in several middle school job fairs this spring, getting the chance to interact with approximately 1,500 middle schoolers from the 6th and 7th grades.

This summer, the Stormwater Department will host five high school interns. These students are either graduating Seniors or rising Juniors from our local high schools. They are all interested in environmental science and related fields. We can't wait to see what they do this summer with us!

Above Photo: shows trash we found as we cleaned up a local wetland with the Catawba Riverkeeper and local volunteers

Upcoming Dates

Second Saturday
Service
JUNE 8

Stories & Shaved Ice
JUNE 12 ~ WALTER
ELISHA PARK

JULY 10 ~ STEELE
STREET PARK

AUG 6 ~ HARRIS
STREET PARK

Volun-Thursdays
Harris Street Park
JUNE 13, JULY 11,
AUG 1



At Left: Group of volunteers from our April Litter Sweep event

Students observe the camera truck at the STEAM-focused event at FMMS



Kirkland Smith Residency

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

We had a wonderful time hosting Kirkland Smith in April. Close to 200 people from our community participated in creating our one-of-a-kind collage artwork. From preschoolers to retirees, the Fort Mill community was a part of this environmental artwork!



This program would not have been possible with out the generous support of our sponsors.

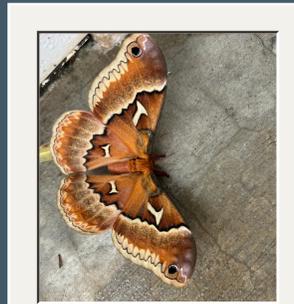


Master Naturalist Program

This spring, the Stormwater Management Coordinator, Mina McLean MacDonald, completed the Master Naturalist program from Clemson Extension.

Hosted at the Anne Springs Close Greenway, the 12-week course focuses on the natural flora and fauna of South Carolina.

With the foundational knowledge provided by the class, we will be able to offer additional environmental education programs to Town of Fort Mill residents.



Interested in Volunteering?

It is easy to get started!



Sign up as a Stormwater Volunteer on our website: <https://fortmillsc.gov/516/Volunteer-Opportunities>



Have a short phone call with the Stormwater Management Coordinator about your interests.



Start signing up for programs and activities!

SC Adopt-a-Stream Program

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS HELP PROTECT LOCAL WATERWAYS

Our local group of Adopt-a-Stream volunteers continue to monitor their chosen creeks monthly, providing the public with data about our waterways.

We are lucky to have dedicated trainers here in our community, always willing to lead a workshop or assist a new volunteer on their first creek monitoring outings.

This spring, we hosted a freshwater monitoring workshop and a macroinvertebrate workshop. Interested in learning more? Sign up for the waitlist for our fall workshops! <https://scdhec.gov/environment/your-water-coast/adopt-a-stream>



Eagle Scout Completes Outdoor Classroom

BANKS TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL TO UTILIZE CREEKSIDE CLASSROOM

Local Boy Scout Stephen Guilfoyle worked with the Stormwater Department and the staff at Banks Trail Middle School to complete an outdoor classroom for the students and teachers to enjoy.

Stephen worked many hours in planning, meeting with both school and Stormwater staff, as well as consulting with the Carolina Thread Trail on proper trail design and installation.

Stephen and his team of helpers worked for 7 hours to clear the area, cut in the trail and build out the convertible benches. These benches can be utilized as table tops as well, to give classes flexibility when utilizing the space.

Well done, Stephen! Congratulations on earning your Eagle!

Interested in completing similar projects? Both BSA and GSUSA scouts are welcome to do higher-level awards with the Stormwater Department. Reach out to Mina McLean MacDonald for more details: mmacdonald@fortmillsc.gov

