

Keep

Fort Mill
Beautiful



Keep America Beautiful Affiliate

Keep Fort Mill Beautiful Begins!

The Fort Mill Stormwater Department is pleased to announce that on Monday, November 11th, the Fort Mill Town Council voted YES on a resolution to create Keep Fort Mill Beautiful.

This local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful will be dedicated to making the community at large knowledgeable and responsible in natural resource conservation, solid waste handling, recycling, litter abatement, and beautification.

We will accomplish this important work through heightened public awareness, beautification of public areas, tree & native plant plantings, litter control and prevention.

If you are interested, please complete the application found [here](#). If you have questions, reach out to the Stormwater Management Coordinator at mmacdonald@fortmillsc.gov

Upcoming Dates

STORMWATER FLOAT
IN FM CHRISTMAS
PARADE

DEC 7

SECOND SATURDAY

JAN 11
FEB 8
MAR 8



Volunteer Year in Review

This year the Stormwater Volunteer program has grown yet again! We now have over 70 registered Stormwater Volunteers who participate in programs like our Adopt-a-Stream water testing, Adopt-a-Storm Drain, Creek Cleanups, Water Goat cleanouts and more!

Between our registered volunteers and our one-time public volunteers, we've had close to 400 people volunteer with us in 2024!

Total, our volunteers have picked up 9,976 pounds of trash and 96 tires so far in 2024. Let's all go out there and pick up a few pounds before December 31st! Email me pictures and your estimated weights if you do a trash pick up!





Stream Bank Stabilization Workshop

FORT MILL STORMWATER PARTNERS WITH CLEMSON EXTENSION

The Fort Mill Stormwater Department will be hosting a FREE Streambank Stabilization workshop on Friday, February 21st with Clemson Extension. This workshop will focus on what homeowners, volunteers and professionals can do to stabilize streambanks located on their property.

The workshop will include a three hour classroom presentation, followed by a boxed lunch. After lunch, participants will travel to Harris Street Park to participate in a hands-on experience, putting what was taught in the morning to work.



This could be you!

The workshop will cover the basics of stream hydrology, native plants for riparian buffers, techniques and tools needed and more!

Participants should dress for the weather and be prepared to spend the afternoon creekside (your feet may get wet).

Register for free [here!](#) Lunch is included for all participants.





Art Contest Submissions being accepted now through Dec 31

Don't forget to tell the kids in your life about our annual Stormwater Art Contest! Children zoned for Fort Mill School District schools, kindergarten through 12th grades are eligible to enter their original artwork in our contest.

For full details on the contest, [click here!](#)

A Look towards 2025....

Some fun things are on the horizon for 2025! Here's a sneak peek!



New Community Garden coming soon!

There will soon be a new community garden in Town! Plans are underway to create a vibrant community garden near Steele Street Park in Fort Mill. We will have plans to share with the community soon and lots of potential volunteer projects in the first half of 2025.

Join Us For A Town-Wide Community Clean-Up Effort!

We are excited to invite all area groups and businesses to join us in a friendly trash competition!

Register a group clean-up with the Town of Fort Mill Stormwater Department and complete your clean-up between April 22-May 11 2025. The Stormwater Department will coordinate with individual groups to provide supplies (trash bags, gloves, safety vests, trash scales) for cleanups throughout the Town of Fort Mill. [More details here!](#)



**TEAM-UP TO CLEAN-UP
FORT MILL**

Pollinator Gardens are Bee-autiful!

We are partnering with Master Gardeners and a local Girl Scout working on her Gold Award to create and install native pollinator gardens at two area parks. There will be upcoming volunteer opportunities to help with planting (and maintaining!) the gardens. Reach out to Mina at mmacdonald@fortmillsc.gov if you are interested in learning more!

