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Lower Booker Creek Subwatershed Study Wraps Up



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After completing assessments of existing infrastructure and stormwater management within the Lower Booker Creek subwatershed, and modeling for future development, the Town's consultant W.K. Dickson has proposed a list of recommended improvements and capital projects to address flooding and drainage, water quality, and protecting natural stream corridors. Comments from the public and Town commissions and advisory boards helped to shape the final draft going to Council on January 9, 2017.

The Eastwood Lake subwatershed study is scheduled for 2017, while the Crow Branch and Cedar Fork subwatershed studies are respectively scheduled for 2018 and 2019.

Quick Topics



Did you know?

Preventing leaves from sitting in the street will help keep storm drains clear and may reduce harmful phosphorus concentrations in stormwater by more than 80%, according to a recent USGS study in Madison, WI.

Chapel Hill residents are urged to check the [leaf collection schedule](#) and rake leaves to the curb during their week of collection.

Residents in Chapel Hill may also use yard waste containers or paper yard waste bags for weekly collection by the Town.

Composting remains the recommended method of recycling leaves.

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Town of Chapel Hill Stormwater Management

Loose Leaf Collection Continues Through February





Town Illicit Discharge Ordinance Protects Our Waterways and Jordan Lake

As part of the federal and state requirements of the Town's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, the Town has adopted a comprehensive ordinance detailing what substances are not acceptable discharges into creeks and storm drains.

Pollutant means anything which causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes and solvents; gasoline and other petroleum fuels; oil and other automotive fluids; detergents; food waste, including cooking oil and grease; non-hazardous liquids and solid wastes and yard wastes; pool

filter backwash; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects; floatables; insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and other pesticides; fertilizers; soot, slag, and ash; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, animal wastes, fecal coliform, *Escheria coli*, and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; hot water; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure (including, but not limited to, sediments, slurries, and concrete rinsates); eroded soils, sediments, and particulate matter; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

REMEMBER: Only RAIN down the storm drain!!

POOP POLLUTES!



Please carry a bag and pick up after your pets.



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Please remember to carry bags on your dog walks to clean up after your furry friends, then dispose of the bags in your trash can. Please do not leave bags in someone else's trash can, on the ground or on the sidewalk.

Pet waste is loaded with bacteria, and when washed into waterways, will reduce oxygen and promote algal growth. Some parasites can last in soil or water for years and infect humans and other animals.

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High Schoolers Make a Difference!



2016 POW! Video Contest for High School Students

WINNER: Ben Heuser Carrboro High School

[Learn More](#) and Watch Ben's Video!



(Above) Sean Aiton, CHS, leads a watershed education activity at the Housing & Stormwater learning fair.



Ethan Smith, UNC intern (back row), led students from Chapel Hill and Carrboro High Schools in a Bolin Creek cleanup.

Chapel Hill's Stormwater Management and the Town's Housing and Community Development teamed up to host a community cleanup and learning fair for S. Estes Drive residents on October 29, 2016. Thanks to participating high school students, residents, Housing, Stormwater, County Recycling and YMCA after school staff members, participants learned about the Bolin Creek watershed and how to prevent pollution. Children and volunteers also created a colorful fish mural with the message: Protect Bolin Creek!



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