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Share! July 1 registration deadline for Environmental Educator Workshops July 13-16; <http://bit.ly/1LuPxps>

Durham Hosts Environmental Educator Workshops July 13-16

*Teachers to Learn New Approaches for Environmental Education; July 1 Registration
Deadline*

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham County and City of Durham staff are teaming up to offer environmental workshops for educators next month.

[Project Learning Tree](#), [Project WET](#), and [Project Food, Land & People](#) will be a part of this workshop series, which are nationally recognized curriculum guides aligned with state education standards. Teachers and informal educators, such as park rangers and scout leaders, will learn how to use hands-on activities in topics ranging from the water cycle to forest ecosystems to food.

According to Jennifer Brooks, soil conservationist and education coordinator with the [Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District](#), nature-based education compliments students' classroom experience. "When kids can get outside and learn about the soil that grows their food and the water that supports all life, they feel empowered to make connections to local issues," Brooks said. "The concepts that students are learning in books come alive through the hands-on lessons we share in these workshops."

The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the [Bahama Fire Department](#) on Monday, July 13; Tuesday, July 14; and Thursday, July 16. On Wednesday, July 15, the group will meet at the [Fews Ford Access at Eno River State Park](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per workshop or \$50 for all four days. The fee covers all workshop materials and participants should bring a bag lunch each day. Educators can also earn continuing education and environmental education certification credits.

Brooks is joined by facilitators from the City of Durham [Water Management](#) and [Public Works](#) departments for these workshops. To register, educators should contact Brooks at (919) 560-0558 or by [email](#) by Wednesday, July 1.

About the Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District

The [Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District](#) seeks to conserve, enhance and promote the natural resources of Durham County by providing technical assistance, environmental education information and economic incentives to County residents, and by exhibiting a diversified program to meet its changing needs. For more information, visit the [Web page](#) or like on [Facebook](#).

About the Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division

The [Stormwater](#) and [GIS Services](#) Division with the City of Durham's [Public Works Department](#) is guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#) goals of stewardship of the City's physical assets and well-managed city. Activities include storm drainage design and plans review; inspecting and maintaining City-owned drainage systems; enforcing stormwater ordinances and regulations; education and outreach; stream monitoring, restoration, and watershed master planning; maintaining multiple layers of the City's geographic information; and stormwater billing. To learn more, visit the [Web page](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#).

About the Water Management Department

The [Water Management Department](#) is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, water treatment and water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities, the collection and distribution systems (including meter reading), and customer billing services. The department has a wide variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that provide these integral services and strive to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For information, visit the [Web page](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on Twitter.

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