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Annual Creek Week Leads Durham Community in Caring for Waterways

Visit DurhamCreekWeek.org for Opportunities to Serve, Learn & Explore

DURHAM, N.C. – Residents interested in discovering and protecting Durham’s local waterways should mark their calendars now to celebrate the 11th annual [Creek Week](#) next month.

[Creek Week](#), set for March 16-23, offers indoor and outdoor activities to help people of all ages and abilities learn more about creeks, rivers, and lakes as well as how to keep them healthy. Throughout the week, residents will have a chance to join litter cleanups, adopt-a-spot, or join a hiking or paddling adventure. A free open house on Thursday, March 21 allows potential volunteers to speak with sponsors of eco-adoption programs. Last year’s popular “Skip the Straw” campaign also returns for the month of March.

“Creek Week is one of our largest litter clean-up efforts each year,” said Executive Director Tania Dautlick of Keep Durham Beautiful. “Our volunteers are working hard, but we are also celebrating clean water as a vital community resource.”

According to Dautlick, Creek Week has been celebrated in the third week of March each year in Durham since 2009, with 2,783 volunteers collecting 152,798 pounds of litter to date. Now, over 30 events are detailed on the Creek Week [website](#) and this year’s volunteers are encouraged to sign up for opportunities to serve, learn, and explore. For additional information, contact Public Education Coordinator Laura Smith with the City’s Public Works Department at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30235 or by [email](#).

About the Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division

The [Stormwater and GIS Services Division](#) with the City of Durham Public Works Department is guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#) goals of stewardship of the City’s physical and environmental assets and innovative and high-performing organization. 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 division’s [webpage](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#).

About Keep Durham Beautiful

[Keep Durham Beautiful](#) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization working in partnership with the [City of Durham General Services Department](#) and [Durham County](#) to encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to protect the environment and enhance the appearance of Durham through cleanup events, beautification projects, waste reduction, and educational activities. To learn more, visit the [website](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Instagram](#), [flickr](#), and [Twitter](#).

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