



Call for Entries: Ripple Effect Film Project

Calling all young, budding filmmakers! Join the Ripple Effect Film Project by creating a short film about water. The film contest is open to Pre-K through

12th-grade filmmakers of all experience levels in Athens-Clarke County and neighboring counties. Finalists' submissions will be shown at The Morton Theater on World Water Day: March 22, 2020. This creative event supports the EPA WaterSense's Fix A Leak Week, waterway protection, and World Water Day. Entries can be submitted by an individual or team. Films must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm on February 15, 2020. There are no entry fees, and cash prizes will be awarded! For rules, themes, and entry forms, visit www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org [<http://www.rippleeffectfilmproject.org>].

New Stormwater Utility Fee Credits

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater is currently developing an enhanced Credit Manual for Stormwater Utility Fee customers. The manual will outline new and existing fee credits that will apply to both residential and commercial customers. New credit topics include gravel driveways, septic system maintenance, natural area preservation, tree canopy, watershed stewardship, and more. The manual is still in draft form. If you have any feedback about our current credit system or ideas about what to include in the new manual, please call us at 706-613-3440 or email stormwater@accgov.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Roll Out the Barrels 2020 Call for Artists

We are looking for local artists who would like to transform ordinary rain barrels into functional pieces of art! These painted barrels will be auctioned off in May as part of Roll Out the Barrels, an annual event that raises funds for the ACCGOV Green School Program (an initiative to promote environmental education in our local schools). Barrels and hardware will be provided for selected artists; artists provide their own priming and painting supplies. If you would like to participate, please complete the [online interest form](https://www.accgov.com/FormCenter/Stormwater-Management-24/Roll-Out-the-Barrels-Artist-Interest-For-594) [<https://www.accgov.com/FormCenter/Stormwater-Management-24/Roll-Out-the-Barrels-Artist-Interest-For-594>] by Friday, February 14th. Email stormwater@accgov.com [<mailto:stormwater@accgov.com>] with any questions.

**ROLL OUT
THE BARRELS**





*Artist Nat Freeman with
her 2019 Barrel*



*Artist Joan Terrell with her
2019 Barrel*

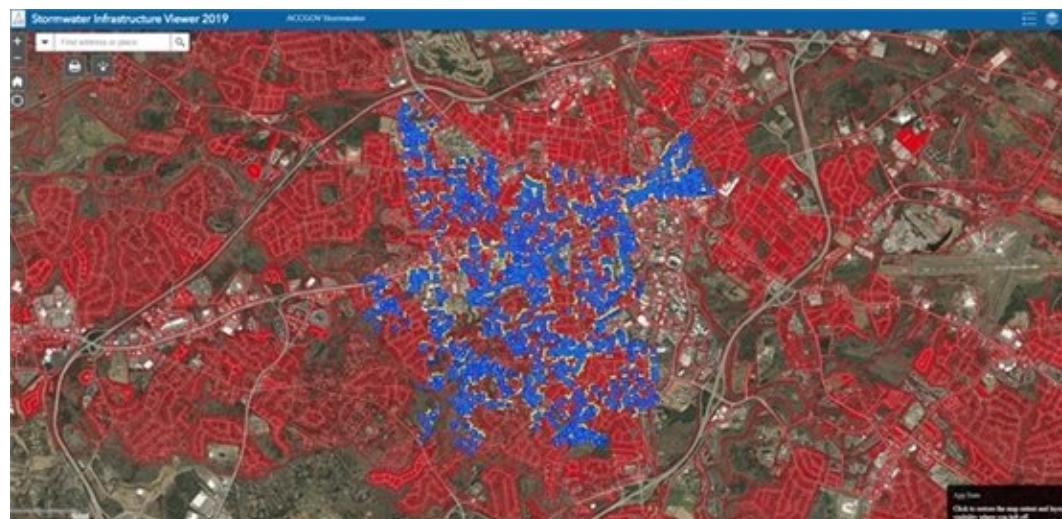


*Artist Maggie See with her
2019 Barrel*

Stormwater Infrastructure Viewer

Ever wonder where all that stormwater goes once it hits the street and runs down the gutter into a storm drain? ACCGOV Stormwater contracted with Arcadis in January of 2019 to complete stormwater infrastructure mapping for certain portions of the County. Mapping efforts are still underway with a new contract to continue the effort. Members of the public can now view the mapped infrastructure [here](#)

[<https://athensclarke.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ca950483d3674e529edd2a4c2fdf8f2a>]. This data will allow ACCGOV staff to better track work requests, infrastructure upgrades and replacements, and investigate illicit discharges.



Upcoming Events

Free Gardening Workshop: Pruning 101

Wednesday, February 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Athens-Clarke County Extension Office (275 Cleveland Road)

Did you know that proper pruning can save you water? Please join the Athens-Clarke County Extension's 2020 Free Gardening Class Series this month for February's class on Pruning! It will include an informative presentation on topics including why pruning is important, which plants should be pruned, the most beneficial time to prune, pruning techniques and pruning styles. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome.

Sustainable Industries Roundtable Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

W&A Engineering (355 Oneta Street, Suite D100)

Community members and business & industry professionals are invited to share sustainable practices in a discussion organized by Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division and hosted by W&A Engineering. This will include a tour of W&A's new office building which is an adaptive reuse of a renovated historical textile manufacturing facility located in the Southern Mill. They will also share an overview of their business, their sustainability practices including their recent installation for solar panels, and conclude with an open group discussion. Please RSVP to recycle@accgov.com [<mailto:recycle@accgov.com>].

2020 Green Life Expo & Awards

Saturday, February 29, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Avenue)

The Green Life Expo will feature environmentally-focused organizations for a day of family fun followed by a ceremony to honor Athens' sustainability superstars. Through peer nominations within the community, the Green Life Awards recognize sustainability leaders in Athens-Clarke County schools, businesses, community organizations, & government. Please visit www.accgov.com/GreenLife [<http://www.accgov.com/GreenLife>] for a full schedule of events.

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.

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