



Stormwater Education Specialist Cecile Riker proudly showcasing the award. You can't tell, but she is smiling under her mask!

ACCGov Stormwater Management Named Education Program of Excellence

We are so proud to announce that the Stormwater Management Program was recently named an "Education Program of Excellence" in the Watershed Category by the [Georgia Association of Water Professionals \[https://www.gawp.org\]](https://www.gawp.org). This award is given out each year to municipalities that demonstrate excellence and innovation in the realm of water education.

Did you know that our education program encompasses K-12, business, and public education and outreach? In 2019 alone, the Stormwater Education Specialist conducted 38 K-12/youth activities, participated in 6 business outreach events, attended 8 public events, and hosted 21 workshops or presentations for community groups. We consider education and public awareness a critical piece of stormwater management and will continue to strive for excellence in our programming.

Interested in reading more about Stormwater's education efforts? Check out the award application under the "[Downloadable Resources](https://www.accgov.com/1971/Downloadable-Resources)" [<https://www.accgov.com/1971/Downloadable-Resources>] section of our website.

Athens Water Festival Cancelled for 2020

The 2020 Athens Water Festival - originally scheduled for September 12, 2020 at Sandy Creek Park - has been cancelled due to COVID-19. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to make next year's Festival bigger and better than ever! Please check in at www.athenswaterfestival.com

[<http://www.athenswaterfestival.com>] for information on the 2021 Athens Water Festival. We appreciate your understanding and hope you continue to use water wisely!



Call for Photo Submissions

Any photographers out there? Stormwater Staff will be starting to put together the fourth edition of our Stormwater Calendar soon. If you'd like to submit a water or nature-themed photo to be considered for the 2021 calendar, please email it to stormwater@accgov.com with the name of the photographer, along

with a brief description of where, when, and why it was taken. It might get published in our calendar!



Upcoming Events

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Fall Vegetable Gardening Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Online via ZOOM

Join Athens-Clarke County Extension for a free, educational webinar about fall vegetable gardening. This session will include a presentation on topics including general vegetable gardening guidelines for our area, what vegetables grow best in the fall, when to plant, and how to maintain, troubleshoot, and/or harvest your vegetables. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Register in advance at www.accgov.com/gardening [<http://www.accgov.com/gardening>] to be emailed the Zoom link.

Trashercise with Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful June through October Anywhere!

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful challenges residents to complete their own "Trashercise" workout (walk, walk/jog, jog, run; trail, road, or wherever!) and keep your neighborhood clean. Bring a bag, some gloves or a grabber, and cleanup your favorite exercise route. Reserve tools and report your cleanup online at www.keeppathensbeautiful.org [<http://www.keeppathensbeautiful.org>] or contact carlos.pinto@accgov.com if you'd like to borrow supplies.


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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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