



## 2021 Stormwater Calendars



*This year's cover photo was taken by Sue Lawrence.*

and Public Works (120 W. Dougherty Street) once they're done printing, or mailed directly to your home.

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### Rivers Alive Wrap-Up

Athens' 22nd annual Rivers Alive Waterway Clean-up was held on Saturday, October 24. Although this year's event looked a bit different due to COVID-19, we ended up leading an incredibly successful (and safe) clean-up effort, with 158 dedicated volunteers turning out to work at 20 different sites around our community. Overall, 2.62 tons (5,250 pounds) of trash and recycling, 840 pounds of metal, 71 tires, and 4.23 tons of leaf and limb debris/invasive species were removed from our waterways and natural areas. In addition to those stats, 8 families/groups registered to host their own independent clean-ups around town during the month of October.



While we did not host a Trash 2 Treasure contest this year, we were able to put together some awesome prize baskets as a thank you for our volunteers. Brone Stewart from the Pulaski Creek site was the winner of our duffle bag giveaway - generously donated by Half-Moon Outfitters. The package also included gift cards to several local businesses who have supported Rivers Alive in the past, including Mama's Boy, Jittery Joe's Coffee, and Golden Pantry.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for rolling with this year's changes, and continuing to support waterway clean-up efforts in our community. We hope you all will join us again next year!



*The Bruner Family, after completing their own neighborhood clean-up.*



*Interesting finds at the Riverbend Parkway site.*



*Volunteers from the Walker Park site, posing with their collected trash!*

## Celebrate Geography on GIS Day

National GIS Day falls on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. GIS (or Geographic Information System) is an integral part of stormwater management, from creating maps of stormwater infrastructure and polluted streams, to tracking the placement of green infrastructure practices. Geography is embedded into almost everything we do.

In honor of this national celebration, ACC Stormwater is encouraging everyone to participate in our official Geocache GeoTrail, "Water Logged." The geocache trail, which brings participants up close and personal with several examples of stormwater management and green infrastructure, launched in 2015.

Interested participants should visit our [Educational Activities for Home](#) [<https://www.accgov.com/9493/Educational-Activities-for-Home>] webpage for direct links to the geocache postings. Anyone who completes the trail and logs all caches is eligible to receive a prize! All you need is a cell phone with GPS and internet access.

For more information, email [stormwater@acgov.com](mailto:stormwater@acgov.com) [<mailto:stormwater@acgov.com>] or call 706-613-3440.



## Call for Projects: 2021 Athens MLK Jr. Day of Service

The Athens MLK Jr. Day of Service Steering Committee is seeking project sites for the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, which will take place on Monday, January 18. Any public/private nonprofit organization, healthcare organization, school, religious entity, neighborhood group, or other public organization in the Athens-Clarke County area is eligible to host a volunteer project site for the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

More information, along with a link to the application, is available at [www.acgov.com/mlkday](http://www.acgov.com/mlkday) [<http://www.acgov.com/mlkday>]. Applications are due by Wednesday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. Email [athensgamlkday@gmail.com](mailto:athensgamlkday@gmail.com) [<mailto:athensgamlkday@gmail.com>] with any questions.

## Upcoming Events

### Green Thumb Lecture Series: Landscaping with Native Plants Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Online via ZOOM

Join Athens-Clarke County Extension for a free, educational webinar about native species of the southeast. Topics will include seasonal planting with native plants, planting for pollinators, planting for birds and wildlife, and creating native rain gardens. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Register by November 10 at [www.acgov.com/gardening](http://www.acgov.com/gardening) [<http://www.acgov.com/gardening>] to be emailed the Zoom link.

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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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