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N.C. Forest Service receives state water resources grant award

RALEIGH – The state recently awarded the N.C. Forest Service a \$45,000 grant to improve the water quality in the Little River in Transylvania County.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources awarded the grant to the N.C. Forest Service as part of the \$966,177 included in the 2014 fall grant cycle for the Water Resources Development Project Grant Program. The program will help North Carolina towns and counties restore streams, reduce erosion, study future water supplies and benefit other water resources. Money for the grants was generated by appropriations from the General Assembly.

The grant the N.C. Forest Service received will enable the state agency to develop a plan for identifying future river, stream and wetland restoration efforts that improve the water quality and ecological function of the Little River and its tributaries in DuPont State Recreational Forest.

The water resources program provides cost-share grants and technical assistance on a competitive basis to local governments in North Carolina. Applications are accepted for general and recreational navigation, water management, stream restoration, beach protection, land acquisition and development of water-based recreation facilities.

There are typically two grant cycles each fiscal year with application deadlines of July 1 and Jan. 1. Units of local government and local political subdivisions are eligible for these grants. The full list of grant recipients can be found at: http://www.ncwater.org/files/grants/Fall_2014_Grant_Awards.pdf. For more information, contact Jeff Bruton, state-local grant program coordinator with the N.C. Division of Water Resources, at 919-707-9006, or jeff.bruton@ncdenr.gov.

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