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State Officials Provide Funding for 12 Water Resources Projects

RALEIGH – The state recently awarded nearly \$1 million in grants for 12 projects that will help North Carolina towns and counties restore streams, improve stormwater collection and benefit other water resources.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources awarded \$979,964 as a part of its 2011 spring grant cycle for the Water Resources Development Project Grant Program. Money for the grants was generated by appropriations from the General Assembly.

The division awarded:

- Sunset Beach a \$150,000 grant to help buy a 5.2-acre parcel for a water-based recreation facility.
- Manteo a \$5,000 grant for a feasibility study to conduct a required survey of the navigation canal around Ice Plant Island before future maintenance dredging.
- Durham County a \$20,000 grant for a feasibility study on how to capture and treat stormwater from paved areas and other impervious surfaces at Southern High School.
- Fletcher a \$50,000 grant to construct a 0.5-mile greenway extension along Cane Creek in Fletcher.
- The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission a \$200,000 grant for the first phase of a project that will help the commission restore free flowing water to part of the Big Hungry River by removing an abandoned dam.
- Clayton a \$100,000 grant to buy 11 properties covering 37 acres for the Mountains-to-Sea Trail corridor along the Neuse River in Johnston County.
- Martin County a \$29,737 grant to restore the Roanoke River waterfront community building and add park amenities.
- Carolina Beach a \$100,000 grant to buy a 0.287-acre parcel that will become part of the Ocean-to-Sound Access Park and future home of the N.C. Aquarium Pier.
- Rockingham a \$192,000 grant to remove navigation hazards, stabilize streambanks and develop a greenway along 10 miles of Hitchcock Creek.
- Transylvania County a \$22,977 grant to stabilize 230 feet of eroding streambank along the French Broad River.
- Wesley Chapel a \$100,000 grant to buy 4 acres of land and help develop water-based recreation amenities.
- Wendell a \$10,250 grant for a feasibility study that will analyze hydraulic capacities and identify deficiencies in the existing stormwater collection system serving the Greenwillow Circle area.

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 per 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/Financial_Assistance/Spring_2011_Grant_Awards.pdf. For more information, contact Jeff Bruton, grant project coordinator with the N.C. Division of Water Resources, at (919) 715-0387 or jeff.bruton@ncdenr.gov.

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