Dear Volunteers,

Here’s our exciting spring schedule for 2017 with 16 litter cleanups! To volunteer, select one of the 11 sites that indicate “Volunteers Welcome!” Be sure to read the site description carefully for requirements regarding minimum age of volunteers and whether adults must accompany children.

Contact Big Sweep Zone Captain or park office directly to pre-register and to make sure the site is appropriate for your group. All volunteers must sign a liability waiver to participate. Dress for the weather and put safety first! Big Sweep cleanups may be cancelled and/or re-scheduled due to severe weather. THANK YOU for helping to keep our waters clean!

**SATURDAY – MARCH 18, 2017**  
**Swift Creek Week!**

**FUQUAY-VARINA**

Kenneth Branch at Carroll Howard Johnson Environmental Center (for families) ~~

**Volunteers Welcome! 9:00 am-12:30 pm**
Meet at 9:00 am to receive instructions, gloves, trash bags and data cards. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots. Volunteers will work until 12:00 pm. This site is appropriate for families with young children.

*Please register in advance with Fuquay Parks by calling 919-552-1430 or pre-registering online at [https://apm.activecommunities.com/townoffuquayvarina/Home](https://apm.activecommunities.com/townoffuquayvarina/Home)*

This spring cleanup is coordinated in partnership by The Center for Human-Earth Restoration, Fuquay-Varina Parks and Recreation, and Fuquay-Varina Stormwater.

**Directions:** Take Highway 401 South through the town of Fuquay-Varina to Wagstaff Road. Turn right on Wagstaff. The Environmental Center will be approximately ¼ mile on the left.

**RALEIGH**

Lake Wheeler at Lake Wheeler Park ~~

**Volunteers Welcome! 9:00 am to 11:00 am**
Come clean up the shoreline and park grounds of Lake Wheeler! Check in at 9:00 am at the waterfront program center. Volunteers will clean up until 11:00 am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for cleanup (no open-toed shoes.)

*Volunteers under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Questions? Please call the park office at 919-662-5704.

**Directions:** From Beltline I-40/440, take Lake Wheeler Road exit and drive south for 5 miles. Enter park on right-hand side at 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603.
**WAKE COUNTY BIG SWEEP**

**2017 Spring Schedule**

Select a litter cleanup below. Read site description carefully for requirements regarding minimum age of volunteers and whether adults must accompany children. Contact Big Sweep Zone Captain or park office directly to pre-register and to make sure the site is appropriate for your group. All volunteers must sign a liability waiver to participate. Dress for the weather and put safety first! Big Sweep cleanups may be cancelled &/or re-scheduled due to severe weather. Thank you!

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**SATURDAY – MARCH 25, 2017**

**RALEIGH**

**Crabtree Creek at Historic Lassiter Mill Park** ~
For St. David’s School students ONLY! Led by Zone Captain and science teacher Molly Bostic.

**Rocky Branch on NCSU campus** ~
ADULT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME (ages 18+)!
8:30am to 12pm Bagels & Coffee Provided!
Join the NC Safewater (NC AWWA-WEA) Student Chapter in cleaning Rocky Branch Trail on NCSU campus. Students, faculty, and staff from NCSU and adult volunteers from the public are welcome. Check-in at 8:30am at Mann Hall to sign liability waiver and receive supplies. Dress for the weather and wear long pants & closed-toed shoes. Rain or Shine! Questions? Contact Zone Captain Amanda Karam at alkaram@ncsu.edu.
Pre-register using the Google form at this link: [https://goo.gl/forms/MbZBkE7sq3GwjWXx1](https://goo.gl/forms/MbZBkE7sq3GwjWXx1)

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**SATURDAY – APRIL 1, 2017**

**CARY**

**Town of Cary (multiple sites across town)** ~
(Neuse: Walnut, Crabtree, Swift and Middle Creeks; Cape Fear: Lower & Upper New Hope Creeks)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Please join us! Volunteers are needed for the Town of Cary’s Spring Litter Sweep on Sat., April 1st.

Join us at one of the four organized sweep sites (see below), or we can help you organize a project in a location of your choice. All supplies and materials are provided, including trash pickup service at the completion of the project. To register, all volunteers must EMAIL Zone Captain Sarah Justice at sarah.justice@townofcary.org. RSVP with your selected sweep location or propose one of your own. Volunteers 15 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

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**MORRISVILLE**

**Lake Crabtree at Lake Crabtree County Park** ~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon PRIZE RAFFLE! Must register online!

Minors and high school students must be accompanied by adult (does not have to be child’s guardian.) Groups with minors must complete waivers prior to the event.

Meet at 9:00 am at Boat Rental Tower to clean up the shore of Lake Crabtree and its connecting creeks. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Cleanup continues until 12 noon.

Pre-registration is required. Register at the following web site:
[https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks/Activity_Search/1544](https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks/Activity_Search/1544)

If new to online registration system, click "Create an Account" in upper right hand corner to get started. Questions? Contact Zone Captain Carol Cunningham at 919-460-3355.

Directions: Lake Crabtree Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560. From I-40, take Exit 285 (Aviation Parkway). Go south towards Morrisville, away from airport. Proceed downhill less than 1/4 mile and turn left at the light into park. Once in park, take fourth right to go to Boat Rental Tower.
WAKE COUNTY BIG SWEEP
2017 Spring Schedule

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RALEIGH

Richland Creek in western Raleigh ~~
ADULT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Join the Umstead Coalition in cleaning Richland Creek in preparation for the Walk/Run/Bike for Umstead event on Earth Day! This cleanup is for ADULTS ONLY as the site can be very wet, muddy, and unsuitable for children. Cleanup will be from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Bring drinking water and snacks. Wear sunscreen, hat, sturdy shoes that can get wet, long pants, and a rain jacket if raining. Trash bags and work gloves provided. To register, visit Umstead Coalition web site at: http://umsteadcoalition.org/event-2297396

Directions: Meet at the pasture east of 6000 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. Turn into pasture gate across from Mannorbrook Way. Drive through small pasture gate and take immediate right. Park along the fence within the pasture. Questions? Call 919-852-2268.

Rocky Branch at Boylan Heights ~~
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Join the Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association in cleaning the section of Rocky Branch that flows along the greenway in front of the Boylan Heights community. Meet at 9:00 am in the small parking lot at the end of Tate Street. Volunteers will clean up until 12 noon or when done. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for cleanup (no open-toed shoes.) This cleanup is in loving memory of Co-Zone Captain Steve Bryan.

Volunteers 10 years and up are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST PRE-REGISTER by emailing Zone Captain Truett Thompson at truett.thompson@gmail.com

Directions: From Western Blvd., turn into Dorothea Dix Park on South Boylan Avenue. Take the first left onto Tate Drive. Park and meet in the parking lot at the end of Tate Drive.

Walnut Creek Wetland in southeast Raleigh ~~
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon
Raleigh Parks & Recreation, Partners for Environmental Justice, and Wake County Big Sweep invite you to help in maintaining this one of a kind wetland. Meet at the Walnut Creek Wetland Center located at 950 Peterson Street, Raleigh, NC 27610. Please wear work clothes, pants and boots (no open-toed shoes) and bring a water bottle. Volunteers must pre-register! Contact Zone Captain Frances Carmichael at 919-996-2760 or WC.WetlandCenter@raleighnc.gov

Directions: From Martin Luther King Blvd., take South State Street to Peterson Street. Turn right onto Peterson. Walnut Creek Wetland Center is on the corner of Peterson and State Streets.
SUNDAY – APRIL 2, 2017  

Good Deeds Day!

NEW HILL – SOUTH WAKE COUNTY  
NOTE: This is a Sunday afternoon!

Harris Lake at Harris Lake County Park ~~
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 12:00 pm-3:00 pm.
Help keep Harris Lake clean! Volunteers are needed to help collect trash along the lake shore and along New Hill Holleman Road. Minimum age for shoreline cleanup is 6; minimum age for roadside cleanup is 10. All volunteers must wear closed toe shoes or boots, bring a filled water bottle, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and your own work gloves. We have loaner gloves if needed. Dress for the weather. We will provide trash bags for all and orange vests for the roadside crew. All volunteers must sign the Wake County Volunteer Release. Volunteers under age 16 must be with a guardian or an adult group sponsor. Meet at the Park Office for introductions and assignments. Please register in advance online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks/Activity_Search/big-sweep-at-harris-lake-county-park/2004

Questions? Call the park office at 919-387-4342.
Directions: Take Highway 1 South to Exit 89 - New Hill Road. Park is 3 miles on the right.

SATURDAY – APRIL 8, 2017  

Draw a Picture of a Bird Day!

RALEIGH

Marsh Creek near intersection of Brentwood Road and Stoneybrook Drive ~~
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Sleep in or catch your fave cartoons!
Meet Zone Captain Parnell Bell of the Blue Phoenix Group on the bridge at 11 am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please dress for the weather. To pre-register, contact Parnell at 919-878-5122.

Directions: From I-440 Beltline, take Capital Blvd./US 1 North exit. Travel north, away from downtown. Turn right onto Brentwood Road. See Post Office on right, then turn left onto Stoneybrook Drive. See new bridge over Marsh Creek and park here on side of road.

TUESDAY – APRIL 18, 2017

RALEIGH

Bulldog Creek (now a named un-named trib to Hare Snipe Creek) ~~
For York Elementary’s York Creek Keepers ONLY! Led by Zone Captain and teacher Suzy Greene in partnership with teachers Janna Houston and Marisa Chandler.

MORE ➔
SATURDAY – APRIL 22, 2017  Happy Earth Day!

GARNER

Lake Benson and White Deer Parks and Streets of Garner ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!  9:00am-10:30am  Breakfast provided for all volunteers!
Volunteers are needed to help clean up the streets of Garner as well as White Deer and Lake Benson Parks.  Sign up online at: https://apm.activecommunities.com/garnerprcr/Activity_Search/big-sweep-litter-sweep/1204 or by calling White Deer Park Nature Center at 919-661-6982. On-site registration begins at 8:30am at the Holly Shelter the day of the event. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water and sun protection. Breakfast and all clean-up equipment will be provided.

Directions: White Deer Park is located at 2400 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529.

WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest Reservoir ~~

For Junior Girl Scout Troops #1413 and 1337, and their family members ONLY! Led by Zone Captain and Scout Leader Christina Bowman.

SATURDAY – APRIL 29, 2017  National Volunteers Week!

RALEIGH

Falls Lake in north Raleigh ~~

For Abbotts Creek Elementary students, parents, faculty and staff ONLY! Led by Zone Captain and Science Specialist Krista Brinchek.

SATURDAY – MAY 13, 2017  National Drinking Water Week!  Frog Jumping Day!

RALEIGH

Upper Crabtree Creek in western Raleigh ~~

For Crabtree Creek Canoe and Kayak Club members ONLY! Led by award-winning Zone Captain Art Ross and award-winning Big Sweep Partner James Hilton of Hanson Aggregates Crabtree Quarry.  See news article on next page!

Thank You for volunteering with Wake County Big Sweep!

Our Partners, Zone Captains and Volunteers Make All the Difference!

For more information on Wake County Big Sweep, call 919-250-1065 or email sbjones@wakegov.com
Zone Captain Art Ross wins 2016 Big Sweep Excellence Award!  
Hanson Aggregates wins 2016 Big Sweep Partnership Award!

Upon retiring as Pastor from White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Art Ross received a bright yellow kayak from his congregation. He immediately baptized his new watercraft with a paddle down Upper Crabtree Creek that runs behind Crabtree Valley Mall. Although the urban creek was beautiful, its scenery was spoiled by litter so Ross soon ordained himself a Big Sweep Zone Captain. At his first cleanup, the volunteers did not have a safe place to put their canoes and kayaks into the creek. Ross found a safer spot upstream, not realizing it was private property. Perhaps it was divine intervention that Hanson Aggregates Crabtree Quarry decided to partner with Ross rather than press trespassing charges.

For the last five years, Ross has led volunteers in a flotilla of canoes and kayaks in removing a total of 6,380 pounds of debris from Upper Crabtree Creek. Ross’ first priority is the safety of his volunteers. Groundtruthing the entire length of creek before each cleanup, Ross keeps a close eye on weather and water levels, knowing that a sudden storm can turn a sleepy stream into a raging river.

James Hilton, on behalf of Hanson Aggregates, provides volunteers breakfast, lunch, heavy-duty gloves, and extra-long litter reachers. Hilton also went the extra mile by rigging up a special handwashing station and bathroom facilities for participants since the take-out at historical Lassiter Mill Park has no public facilities. Hanson Aggregates also rents additional kayaks and canoes for a growing number of volunteers that includes their own employees and families.

Art and Jim are the perfect example of what can be accomplished when partners work together!

CONGRATULATIONS
Art Ross, James Hilton, and Hanson Aggregates Crabtree Quarry!

WANTED: SPONSORS to “adopt” and support a Wake County Zone Captain!

Help the Zone Captain make each cleanup a safe and enjoyable experience for Big Sweep volunteers!

Contact Wake County Big Sweep at sbjones@wakegov.com