



# MONTHLY REPORT

December 2024

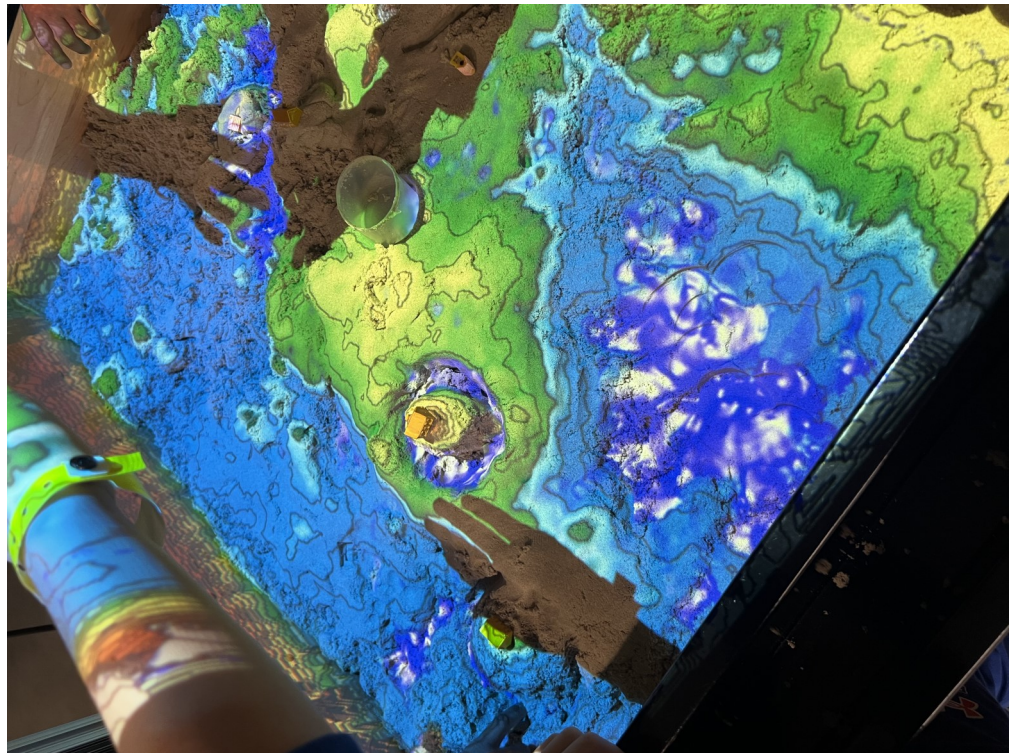
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## FLOOD PREVENTION LESSON PROVIDES HANDS ON LEARNING

The district's Stormwater Programs Coordinator, Abbi Greer, taught approximately 75 students visiting the Roper Mountain Science Center about using wetlands for flood prevention.

Students used a kinetic topographic sand table to create watersheds and simulate a heavy rainfall event, observing which areas faced the most flooding.



## UPPER SALUDA WATERSHED TO UNDERGO STREAMBANK STABILIZATION



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

GSWCD hosted the kickoff of the \$4 million dollar project cost-shared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the SC state legislature. This project will stabilize streambanks in the upper Saluda watershed to minimize sediment in Saluda Lake.

## “THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY” CAMPAIGN FINISHES STRONG IN DECEMBER

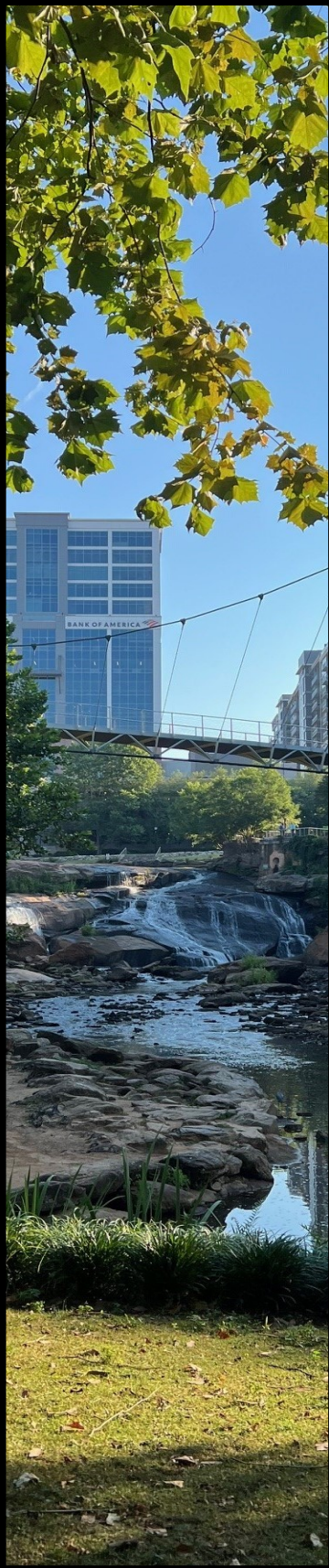
The district’s “There Is No Poop Fairy” campaign continues to make an effective impact on the community. The team distributed two Poop Fairy yard signs and three pet waste stations in December. The campaign provides Greenville County residents with a solution to pet waste issues by encouraging them to “grab it, bag it, trash it.” Residents can pick up yard signs for free or request a pet waste station for their neighborhood that comes with two rolls of pet waste bags as part of a cost-share program. Picking up after pets is important to maintain a healthier and cleaner environment since 20 to 30% of bacteria found in urban waterways can be traced back to dog waste.



## DAM MOWING COMPLETE AND NRCS ASSESSMENT NEARING END



All of the PL566 dams have been mown, and most of the field work for the NRCS dam assessments is complete. The final three dams will be finished in January. Two Illinois engineering firms secured by NRCS have been working to assess each of the nine dams in the county. The assessment will determine whether the dams are adequately handling the amount of water moving through them. The firms will provide final reports to NRCS and share them with the district. These dams, which are maintained by the district, help reduce flooding and sedimentation in the county.



## >>> STORMWATER

- Responded to **citizen questions** about stormwater issues, stormwater harvesting, rain barrels and soil testing
- **GCSWCD websites reached 3,265 page views this month.**
- Soil and Water staff continues to support the Reedy River Water Quality Group by serving on the Public Outreach Committee. **RRWQG websites CleanReedy.org and ReedyReportCard.org, are maintained by Soil and Water staff.**
- Distributed **3 pet waste stations** and **2 Poop Fairy signs**

## >>> ENGINEERING

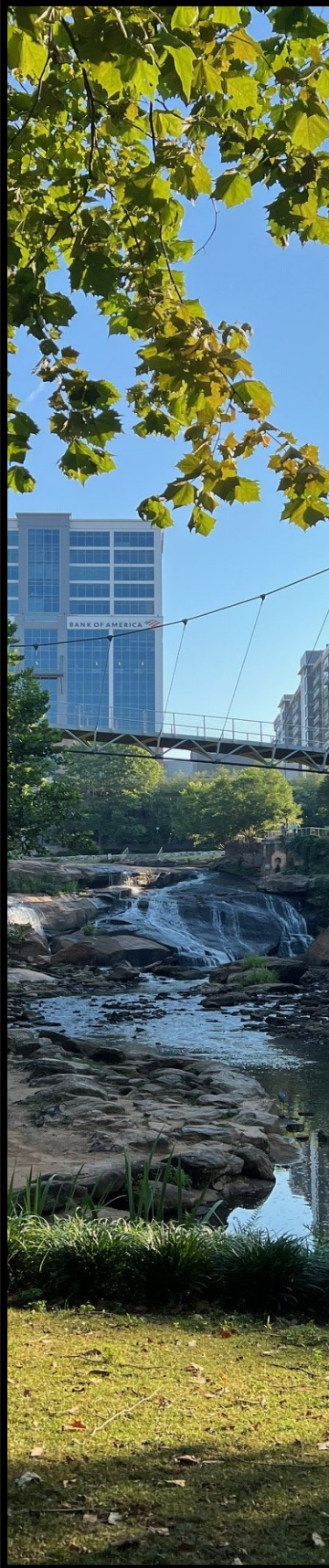
- Responded to **13 citizen requests** for drainage, flooding, erosion and sink-holes
- **Flood control dams -**
  - Completed mowing of dams.
  - NRCS engineering contractors are nearing the end of **dam assessments** on all nine of our Public Law 566 flood control dams built in our county.
- Hosted the kickoff of the \$4 million dollar project cost-shared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the SC state legislature to **provide streambank stabilization to the Upper Saluda watershed.**

## >>> AGRICULTURE / FOOD SECURITY

- Continued **Seed Library** partnership with the Greenville Library, providing free vegetable seeds to Greenville residents as a vector to give information about insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers
- Made **no-fill drill and soil penetrometer available** to county farmers

## >>> INTERDEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

- **Litter Ends Here** – Supporting social media engagement, participation on the board for the July Executive Committee meeting
- **Keep Greenville County Beautiful** – Participated on the board and working closely with new leadership



## >>> SOCIAL MEDIA

Stormwater	Total posts	Followers	Follower growth	Impressions
<b>Facebook</b>	19	2,146	-5	2,719
<b>Instagram</b>	19	1,357	+6	2,353
<b>RRWQG</b>				
<b>Facebook</b>	8	593	-1	739
<b>Instagram</b>	10	154	-1	544
<b>GCSWCD Website</b>	<b>Total views</b>			
	466			

## >>> DISTRICT

- Several members of the board continue to meet monthly regarding the Huff watershed.

