



# MONTHLY REPORT

March 2025

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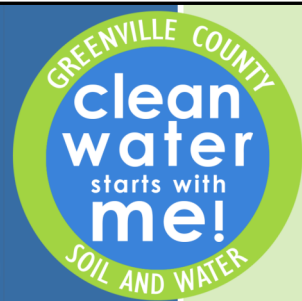


## GARDENING WORKSHOP COVERS COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING

Haley Mumaw, District Programs Coordinator, hosted a library workshop titled "Upcycling and Your Garden" that included information about seed saving, composting and recycling household goods to be repurposed for your garden.

Participants learned the difference between heirloom and hybrid plants, common seed saving mistakes, and how to find the best composting system for your garden. At the end of the workshop, participants went home with a packet of herb seeds curtesy of the Seed Library.

Upcycling &  
Your Garden



## PARTICIPANTS MAKE RAIN BARRELS AND LEARN ABOUT PROPER USE



In partnership with Conestee Nature Preserve, GCSWCD staff conducted two rain barrel construction and education workshops in March. Abigail Greer, Stormwater Programs Coordinator, gave a brief talk on the importance of responsibly using collected rainwater--no drinking! Conestee staff shared about the history of the preserve and its role as an important floodplain in the Greenville County watershed. Seventeen participants went home with completed rain barrels and best practice information about these water-saving devices!







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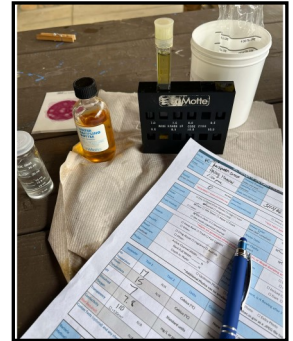
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## **TEAM LEARNS ABOUT WATER QUALITY MONITORING AT AAS TRAINING**



This month, the GCSWCD education team traveled to Spartanburg to participate in Adopt-A-Stream volunteer training. The training, facilitated by SC Adopt-A-Stream volunteer coordinator Beth Foley, covered various aspects of water quality monitoring metrics such as pH, temperature and dissolved oxygen.

The education team enjoyed learning about this statewide citizen science program and especially loved getting their feet wet as they practiced their newly learned monitoring techniques.



## **HYDROLOGY WORKSHOP MAKES CONNECTION TO VIDEO GAME LANDSCAPES**



Abbi Greer, GCSWCD's Stormwater Programs Coordinator, headed to the Berea Library to teach a workshop on the hydrology of various video game landscapes. Participants enjoyed discussing the possibility (or impossibility) of certain water features in beloved games such as Zelda and Minecraft. This workshop covered the basics of groundwater and surface water hydrology, addressed virtual examples of common water-formed features, and compared real versus rendered hydrological phenomena for accuracy.

Soil and Water staff is thankful for all the opportunities the Greenville County Library System creates for conservation education.

## **CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE**

On March 4, Commissioner Chair Mike Stewart attended the SCACD Conservation Districts Day at the Statehouse on behalf of Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District. During his visit, Stewart had the opportunity to meet with members of the legislation delegation and share with them the district's accomplishments, including being named Outstanding Conservation District of the Year by SCACD.







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## SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP INCLUDES EXPERIMENTS AND LOCAL FARM TOURS

In partnership with Clemson's New and Beginning Farmer Program, District Manager Kirsten Robertson held a soil health workshop about the importance of determining soil health and how to improve it as it relates to farming. Attendees received Soil Health Experiment Kits at the workshop and toured two local farms. The event drew more than 30 attendees.

