



The Department of Environmental Quality provides science-based environmental stewardship for the health and prosperity of all North Carolinians.

DEQ Divisions

Air Quality

- Monitors outdoor air quality across the state.
- Employs emissions modeling to ensure air pollutants don't exceed standards.
- Educates and assists the public with air quality issues.
- Issues permits and certifies compliance with air quality rules.



Coastal Management

- Provides technical assistance and funding to local governments to boost coastal resiliency.
- Oversees land-use planning under the Coastal Area Management Act.
- Provides grants to support public beach and waterfront access.
- Manages North Carolina's coastal reserves.

Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

- Implements regulations and provides technical assistance related to mining, dams, sediment and erosion control, and stormwater management.
- Houses the NC Geological Survey, which surveys and maps NC's geology, mineral resources, and topography for conservation and beneficial use.



Environmental Assistance & Customer Service

- Provides customer assistance to residents, businesses, and local governments to facilitate greater understanding of environmental permitting and compliance.
- Promotes increased recycling and reduced waste disposal through grants and technical assistance to businesses and local governments.
- Reduces impacts from resource consumption.

Marine Fisheries

- Responsible for the stewardship of marine and estuarine fisheries and habitats.
- Supports the \$4.5 billion annual economic impact of coastal fishing through extensive research and science-based management.
- Houses the Marine Patrol and the Artificial Reef and Oyster Sanctuaries programs.



Mitigation Services

- Restores and protects wetlands and waterways while offsetting environmental impacts from economic development.
- Provides assistance to NCDOT and developers seeking to comply with environmental regulations.

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Boards & Commissions

Coastal Resources
Commission

Energy Policy Council

Environmental Justice and
Equity Advisory Board

Environmental Management
Commission

Marine Fisheries
Commission

Mining Commission

Oil & Gas Commission

Secretaries' Science Advisory
Board

Sedimentation Control
Commission

Divisions, continued

Waste Management

- Regulates the safe management of solid and hazardous wastes, underground storage tanks, and Superfund sites.
- Supports the redevelopment of idle or abandoned properties into productive sites through the Brownfields Program.
- Provides waste management assistance to businesses, local governments, and residents.

Water Resources

- Ensures safe drinking water for the public.
- Issues water quality permits to protect public health and natural resources.
- Monitors surface and ground waters to support planning and resilience.
- Provides grants and offers technical assistance to reduce point and nonpoint source pollution.



Water Infrastructure

- Supports the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) in distributing state and federal funds for water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure.
- Since 2014, SWIA has awarded over \$3.5 billion to 1,600+ projects.

Community Partnerships

- DEQ's **Environmental Education Certification Program** provides training for formal and non-formal educators.
- The **Environmental Stewardship Initiative** recognizes and supports companies and facilities that go above and beyond to reduce their impact on the environment. Since 2002, ESI members' efforts have saved over \$105 million, reduced energy use by more than 87 million Btus, water use by more than 15 billion gallons, and landfilled waste by more than 4.3 million tons.
- **Waste Reduction Partners** works with businesses and institutions to shrink their waste and energy usage while reducing costs. Since 2000, WRP has provided free assistance to 2,806 clients to save more than \$140 million, cut waste by over 267,000 tons and reduce energy consumption by more than 1.1 million megawatt hours.

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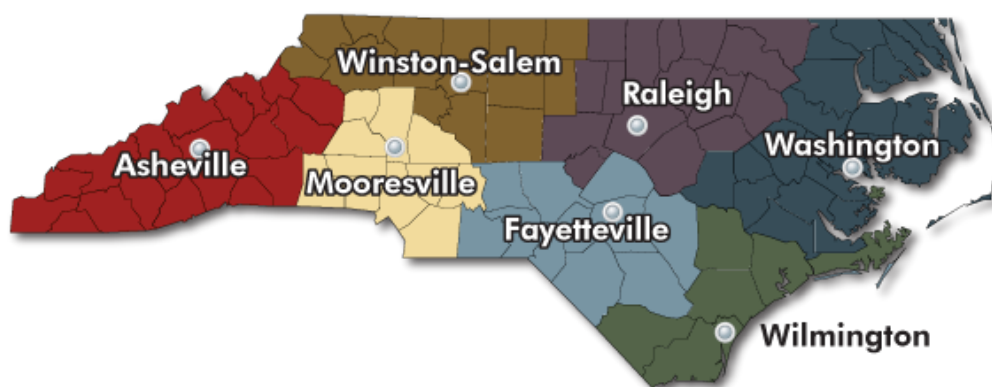
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Numbers to Know

\$2.3 billion

of investments in drinking water and sewer infrastructure across North Carolina communities over two years

600+

brownfield agreements signed since the program's creation in 1998, bringing economic development to municipalities across the state

\$61.8 million

awarded in Phase 2 of the N.C. Volkswagen Settlement to fund the replacement of diesel vehicles and the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure