

Neuse Education Team i m p a c t s

Educational Impacts 3.

Scholastic Surfing

To maximize learning opportunities the Neuse Education Team has developed an on-line stormwater course.

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“By using the World Wide Web platform, we can teach the important information more efficiently and have it reach a greater number of people.”

*— Bill Hunt,
Neuse Education Team*

The on-line stormwater course targets Neuse River Basin planners and engineers. The information presented can reach a greater number of people than a workshop or tour. The site includes fact-sheet links, links to other educational resources and points people to possible funding agencies.

Whereas in a traditional classroom setting, students raise their hands when they have questions — this new format allows students to e-mail the instructor directly.

Educational provisions of the Neuse stormwater rules and the forthcoming Environmental Protection Agency rules may require communities to develop World Wide Web sites to achieve compliance.

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- The Neuse Team’s site enables communities to avoid reinventing the wheel; it can be used in any office in the Neuse River Basin with a computer — www2.ncsu.edu/eos/info/bae/cont_ed
- This new way of working maximizes both the instructor’s and students’ time. The course comes to the student and the student can take the course at his or her convenience. Although some student-teacher interaction is sacrificed, the flexibility and availability of the course more than compensate for this aspect.
- The course provides engineering professionals and land surveyors the chance to earn professional development hours.
- The site includes different types of audio and visual software to ensure the information presented can be absorbed at a glance. Eventually, video of BMP design and installation — as well as the equipment needed for both — will be added to the site.
- Local governments are encouraged to include the link on their respective Web sites.



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