

Neuse Education Team i m p a c t s

Educational Impacts 2.

Collaborative Conferences

Since its inception in 1997, the Neuse Education Team has used the Neuse River conference as a major educational forum for its water quality message.

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"Of all the things we started in 1996 to help the Neuse River, I think the Neuse Education Team has been one of the most successful."

— Beverly Perdue, Craven County Senator

Neuse Education Team members seek ways to tailor their educational efforts to maximize learning. For the past three years, the team has hosted the Neuse Conference. The Team tries to balance science-based information about Neuse water quality issues with hands-on tours.

Just as important as the information presented at these conferences, is the networking that local, state and federal officials engage in during these forums.

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- The Neuse Conference is good forum for scientists, state and local leaders to meet and discuss practical ways to improve the health of the Neuse River.
- Although facilitated by the Neuse Education Team, each conference is a collaborative effort of many state and local agencies and the business community. Some of our partners include:

Neuse River Foundation	North Carolina Sea Grant
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Turfgrass Council of North Carolina
North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Natural Resources Conservation Service
North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation	North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- The 1999 Neuse Conference will focus on the importance of partnerships. It will show a snapshot of cooperating groups working toward solutions in the Neuse River Basin.

