

2012

North Carolina Interagency Report

On

Litter Cleanup, Education/Prevention and Enforcement

This report provides information for the year 2012.

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Litter Report 2012

This report is prepared pursuant to Session Law 2006-79, Section 15 G.S. 147-12 (b) ¹ and provides information describing North Carolina's 2012 litter prevention initiatives.

The state's 2012 litter prevention campaign had three components:

- Litter cleanup
- Education - prevention
- Enforcement

Executive Summary

The North Carolina Department of Transportation's total state highway system was comprised of some 79,330 road miles in 2012.

During 2012, the NCDOT spent \$16,174,962 removing 325,938 bags of litter picked up by inmate highway work crews and medium custody inmates from state routes. The NCDOT employees picked up litter along 137,927 shoulder miles. In 2011, the Department of Correction closed prison facilities in the counties of Durham, Haywood, Cabarrus and Mecklenburg. These closings continue to affect the minimum road squads and minimum litter squads in these areas.

In 2012, the NCDOT transferred \$9,040,000 to the Department of Public Safety for costs associated with the Minimum Custody Inmates (Highway Work Crews) and Medium Custody Inmates. This amount was set in the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget Bill, and has remained unchanged to date. Prior to 2010, the amount was \$11,300,000. The Minimum Custody Inmates (Road Squads) are utilized within DOT crews; funding to DPS is \$1 per man-day worked.

Statewide litter prevention continued to be collectively supported by the NCDOT, its Office of Beautification and the North Carolina Departments of Public Safety, Environment and Natural Resources, and the Wildlife Resources Commission. The NCDOT participated on various statewide organizational boards through its Office of Beautification, promoting litter prevention information at conferences, Earth Day events, N.C. State Fair, as well as providing litter prevention promotional items to numerous local organizations.

The Administrative Office of the Courts provides a 2012 recap of statewide littering charges by offense code and by law enforcement agency. There were 4,166 charges and 1,686 convictions. Charges and convictions are also shown by offense code and by each county.

As in previous years, the Conference of Chief District Court Judges continued to provide an alternative to first time offenders charged with littering of less than 15 pounds. On execution of written waiver of appearance and trial, and plea of guilty/responsible, an offender may have the court appearance waived. The fine for intentional littering is \$250 plus costs and \$50 plus costs for unintentional littering. This was adopted by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges on Oct. 3, 2012, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 7A-148, and applies to any new offenses on or after Dec. 1, 2012.

¹ See Attachment A - page 32

I. Statewide Roadside Litter Cleanup 2012

A. North Carolina Department of Transportation

The North Carolina Department of Transportation sponsored Litter Sweep, its statewide roadside litter cleanup. Litter Sweep was held the last two weeks of April and September. During Litter Sweep, the department provided volunteers with safety vests, gloves and bags for use in roadside litter removal. The department also provided additional manpower during Litter Sweep for litter cleanup, removal and immediate disposal of bags filled with trash from the roadsides.

In 2012, the NCDOT continued to build its relationships with statewide nonprofit organizations to promote safe, environmentally sound and aesthetic roadways. The nonprofit organizations involved include Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc., North Carolina Big Sweep, Inc. and the North Carolina Solid Waste Enforcement Officers Association. The department also worked with the N.C. Department of Public Safety - Prisons, Community Service Work Program, N.C. State Highway Patrol, local governments, Adopt-A-Highway program volunteers and other citizen volunteers and industries.

In addition, the department continued with the Sponsor-A-Highway Program, its private public partnership initiative. This program provided a means for businesses, individuals and other organizations to sponsor roadside litter removal. This public private partnership is pursuant to North Carolina SECTION 3. General Statute 136-28.1 (l). Per the terms of the program, a service provider's responsibilities include marketing, securing sponsors, sign installation and maintenance, litter removal and disposal using their own crews. The sponsors, who hire the department's approved service providers for highway litter removal, receive a logo acknowledgement panel that's attached to the Sponsor-A-Highway program sign. The signs are installed at the beginning of each sponsored one-mile segment.

There are two phases. Initially in phase one, which began in June of 2011, it included both travel directions of Interstate 95 in its entirety and both travel directions of Interstate 40 from the Orange-Durham county-line at Exit 270 proceeding eastward to Kings Grant Road in New Hanover County. The program expanded into a second phase in September of 2012, increasing the mileage in both travel directions from the Orange –Durham County line moving westward through Rowan County. Interstate 40, 85 and various US Routes as 29, 52, 70, 220 and 421 were included.

At the close of 2012, the service providers maintained 26 one-mile segments. Of the 26 segments, five were maintained by the service provider without a sponsor in anticipation of future segment sponsorships. Some sponsors sponsored multiple segments. Sponsors during 2012, included: Agri-Supply, All Points Personal Transportation, Bulk TV, Cape Fear Community College, DJ Billy Base, Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Michael & Son Plumbing, Mixed Chicks, Morgan Creek Capital, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Regional Transportation Alliance, SoftPro and Triangle Karaoke Jockey Association.

The department requested proposals for each of the two phases separately. Adopt A Highway Maintenance Corporation of Santa Ana, CA, and Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Service of America, Inc., of Encinitas, CA, were the "service providers" selected based on the technical proposals they submitted. Both companies have a 21-year history in the roadside litter removal industry, and use their own staff, that's trained to work on interstate and other high traffic volume roadways.

B. NCDOT Adopt-A-Highway Program

The NCDOT Office of Beautification continued to administer the department's Adopt-A-Highway Program. This statewide program is a mutually beneficial partnership between the department and community volunteers. The volunteers participating in the AAH program include individuals, schools, civic organizations, businesses and professional, religious and social groups. Participants agree to support local roadside litter removal by adopting a two-mile stretch of roadway and volunteering their time to pick up litter at least four times a year. The AAH agreement is for a four-year period. In return, the department provides gloves, safety vests and bags for cleanups and recognizes each group by installing a sign with the group's name at each end of its adopted roadway.

In 2012, the AAH Program cost \$225,533 versus \$250,847 reported in 2011. Program costs include statewide program administration as well as the costs to highway divisions for their local AAH program administration, sign installation, bag removal, safety vests, etc. There were 4,704 man-hours charged to this program in 2012 versus 4,928 in 2011.

The State Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator employed the assistance of 50 statewide program coordinators and 43 co-coordinators. The coordinators oversee the adoption and signage approval processes and other program administrative responsibilities within their assigned counties.

In 2011, the AAH Web Application was updated to increase functionality and usability; however at the end of 2012, it is in need of additional report revision to accurately capture cleanup totals.

In 2012, there were 11,043 road miles adopted by 4,385 groups. The volunteer cleanup efforts of the AAH Program saved the state's taxpayers more than \$5.3 million dollars in cleanup costs, and during the last three years, the AAH program provided a cumulative savings of \$16.7 million dollars in roadside litter removal costs.

Annual Comparison of AAH Program Taxpayer Savings:

Year	Hours Worked	Cleanup Cost Savings
2012	498,296	\$5.3 million
2011	447,147	\$4.8 million
2010	619,664	\$6.6 million

Annual Comparison of the amount of litter collected through the AAH Program:

Year	Total Pounds Collected Statewide by Adopt-A-Highway Groups
2012	3,077,215
2011	3,406,508
2010	3,526,220

Of the three million pounds of litter collected in 2012, the AAH groups recycled 418,800 pounds as follows: 100,200 lbs. of metal, 207,960 lbs. of glass and 110,640 lbs. of plastic. There was an additional 343,840 lbs. of mixed recyclable materials.

C. North Carolina Departments of Transportation and Public Safety-Prisons

The NCDOT arrangement with the NCDPSP, (formerly Department of Correction), is one component of keeping roadside litter removed from many heavily traveled routes throughout the state. During the work week, approximately 1,200 inmates participate in roadside litter removal on a daily basis (weather permitting). Overall, the budget reduced funding for NCDPSP inmate labor by 20 percent for 2009-2011. In 2012, the NCDOT transferred \$9.04 million for cost associated with minimum custody inmate (highway work crews) and medium custody inmates. In 2012, the breakdown of inmate crews was as follows:

74 Medium Custody Eight-Man Road Squads; remains unchanged from previous year.

- Armed NCDPSP staff is required to supervise these inmates (two officers to eight inmates).
- The cost of NCDPSP medium custody inmate labor for 2012 is in the \$9,040,000.
- Approximately 68.79 percent of all medium custody inmate labor was spent on litter pick-up which equated to 38,371 man-days.

51 Minimum Custody Highway Work Crews; previous year it was 55. Highway work crews pick up litter on designated routes in 14 Highway Divisions where inmates are available. There were 6,350 miles of interstate, primary and high volume secondary roadways that were specified to be cleaned on a routine basis.

- Correctional officers supervised minimum custody inmates (one officer per eight inmates).
- Labor cost for these crews is in the \$9,040,000 that the NCDOT transfers to the NCDPSP.
- Approximately 90.89 percent of all minimum custody highway work crew labor was spent on litter removal which equates to 50,964 man-days.
- An additional \$172,930 in support costs was expended for minimum custody highway work crews and medium gun squads.

Minimum Custody Road Squads

- NCDOT staff, trained by the NCDPSP, supervised minimum custody inmates for a total of 151,135 man-days at a total cost of \$151,135.
- Inmate labor for litter removal was comprised of 3,548 man-days at a cost of \$1 per day for a charge of \$3,548.
- NCDOT spent an additional \$144,099 for support - supervision and transportation costs.
- The use of these inmates for litter removal accounted for 2.4 percent of the work performed; the work is captured within the shoulder miles performed by NCDOT crews.

During the 2012 spring and fall Litter Sweeps, the amount of litter removed by the NCDPSP inmates was 874,687 pounds versus 877,794 pounds in 2011; the NCDOT picked up 709,327 pounds of litter versus 600,990 pounds in 2011. There were approximately 9,014 Department of Transportation employees and 2,295 minimum custody road squad inmates that removed litter from 14,177 miles of highway. There were 73,144 bags of litter removed. The inmate costs associated with Litter Sweep is included in the above amounts.

NCDOT and NCDPSP Inmate Litter Sweep Roadside Litter Removal Results:

Year	Pounds Collected
2012	1,584,015
2011	1,478,784
2010	2,082,911

Community Service Work Program – Litter Control Efforts Calendar Year 2012

The Community Service Work Program was established as a grant funded initiative in the early 1980's. During 1983, it was established as a program through the Safe Roads Act. Effective January 2002, CSWP was transferred from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to the Department of Correction, Division of Community Corrections through legislative action.

As of January 1, 2012, CSWP is now a part of the N.C. Department of Public Safety. CSWP is a separate program from the inmate work crews. Offenders in CSWP are not incarcerated, but are ordered to perform community service work hours, as a condition of either supervised or unsupervised probation, depending upon the criminal offense committed and the offender's history.

Division of Community Corrections judicial services coordinators place offenders at government or non-profit agencies, within the local community, to perform work needed by the agency. During 2012, there were more than 3,000 agencies statewide which participated in the CSWP by contracting as worksites for placement of community service offenders.

Offenders perform a variety of work, including general labor, skilled labor, clerical labor, professional labor and litter removal. The value of the various types of labor is calculated upon the N.C. Department of Labor categories and relative market value minimum payment rates. Many of these agencies focus on litter control regularly and also participate in the NCDOT Litter Sweeps.

CSWP Litter Pickup Results by Year:

Year	Pounds Collected	Number of Hours Worked
2012	2,240,226	124,457
2011	2,298,708	127,706
2010	2,044,872	113,604

The DPSP inmate crews and the CSWP litter pickups are performed separately and independently of one another. The pounds of litter reported above represent the litter removal efforts of each separately.

D. 2011 Roadside Litter Removal Summary - NCDOT, AAH, NCDPSP and CSWP

Roadside Litter Removal Recap and Comparison:

In 2012, the NCDOT removed and disposed of 325,938 bags of litter filled by NCDPSP inmate labor from the state's roadsides versus 393,012 bags in 2011. The amount of pounds reported does not reflect the items that were too large or heavy to fit into the bags. Below is the 2012 recap.

Departments and Other Groups	Pounds of Litter Removal by Year		
	2012	2011	2010
NCDOT *	709,327	600,990	764,264
NCDPSP *	874,687	877,794	1,318,647
CSWP**	2,240,226	2,298,708	2,044,875
AAH**	3,077,215	3,406,508	3,526,220
Other volunteers *	236,716	298,372	329,704
Sum of Pounds	7,138,171	7,482,372	7,983,710

* Litter Sweep (only) litter cleanup amount

**Annual litter cleanup amount

NCDOT Disbursements:

NCDOT Disbursement Recap By Year			
	2012	2011	2010
NCDOT Employees	\$6,640,975	\$5,235,878	\$4,869,088
Adopt-A-Highway	\$225,533	\$250,847	\$270,310
NCDPSP (Medium and Minimum Custody Inmates)	9,308,454	\$9,492,034	\$9,461,903
Disbursement by year:	\$16,174,962	\$14,978,759	\$14,601,301

E. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Division of Parks and Recreation - 2012 Litter Cleanup Highlights

- Division of Parks and Recreation hosted educational programs to demonstrate the importance of litter abatement and recycling and holding litter cleanups which removed 11,919 pounds.
- Park staff partnered with civic groups, youth groups and environmental organizations to engage 556 participants in removing more than 11,919 pounds of litter from the environment in 2012.
- Several state parks worked to establish litter-free areas, where visitors were asked to take out everything they brought with them, when leaving the park.
- In 2013, Fort Macon State Park will receive a Sustainability Award from the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources for its efforts to make litter pickup more safe, efficient and sustainable by using litter collection bicycles.
- Four North Carolina State Park rangers serve as their county's N.C. Big Sweep coordinator.

Division of Parks and Recreation - Litter Cleanup Efforts in 2012 by Park.

Park Name	Dates of Litter Pickups	Number of Volunteers	Number of Staff	Number of Pounds	Other- man hours, etc.
CABE	6/27/2012, 9/29/12	20	2	350	Big Sweep. Cleaned up along Snow's Cut and the Cape Fear River.
DISW	Various dates	11	1	11	
ENRI	Various dates	41	23	571	Big Sweep, Young Naturalist cleanup, School of Science and Math cleanup, Durham School of the Arts cleanup.
GOCR	10/6/12	6	1	240	
HABE	Various dates	48	3	756	One woman volunteered for 23 days and removed 251 pounds of litter. NC Coastal Federation held cleanups on Jones Island, Bear Island and Huggins Island, removing one toilet, one metal grill and 1900 pounds of wood.
HARI	5/8/12	0	1	15	
JONE	3/18/2012, 5/24/12	2	0	100	
LAJA	4/28/12	22	1	1200	
LAWA	Various dates	33	30	No Data	boy scout volunteers on 1/21/12
MARI	5/9/12	0	1	15	
MEMI	Various dates	20	6	10	Boy scout volunteers on 3/17/12, 8/13/12, and 11/13/12
MEMO	2/23/12	2	1	No Data	
NERI	5/25/2012, 9/8/12	169	26	7580	River Cleanup collected 740 lbs. of trash including 2 tires and 1 sofa. Seven Volunteers logged 28 hours.
PETT	5/19/12	0	1	1	
RARO	4/14/2012, 10/6/12	19	2	1070	Annual Big Sweep on 10/6/12
WEWO	Various dates	64	0	No Data	Cub Scout volunteers on 1/7/12
Division Litter Cleanup Totals		457	99	11,919	

Division of Parks and Recreation - 2012 Recycling Highlights

- The division opened a new LEED certified “green” visitor center at Gorges State Park. The building incorporates a variety of reuse materials. In all state park visitor centers, the Division of Parks and Recreation aims to teach visitors about sustainable practices and recycling.
- The Summit Conference Center at Haw River State Park recycled 220 gallons of vegetable oil by selling it to a company making biodiesel fuel. This recycling initiative generates revenue for the N.C. General Fund.

Division of Parks and Recreation - Recycling Study

- In 2012-2013, the North Carolina state parks system is conducting a comprehensive review of recycling operations in parks. This study and subsequent recommendations is a coordinated effort with the Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach.

Summary of the 2012 Division of Parks and Recreation Recycling Collection by Park.

Park Name	Aluminum (pounds)	Plastic (pounds)	Glass (pounds)	Paper (pounds)	Other recycling- cardboard, batteries, etc. (pounds)
Carolina Beach	182	262	497		265 pounds of cardboard.
Chimney Rock	12	12		84	
Crowders Mountain	185	265	245	405	175 pounds of cardboard.
Dismal Swamp	28	43		31	32 pounds of cardboard.
Eno River		825	3,098	311	551 pounds of metal. 325 pounds of cardboard.
Falls Lake				100	
Goose Creek	84	70	149	170	136 pounds of metal.
Gorges	147	238	321	556	1,225 pounds of cardboard, tires, and metal.
Hammocks Beach	2,212	2,338	85	350	
Hanging Rock	275	1,204	1,010		794 pounds of cardboard and tires.
Haw River	102	1,296	4,360	649	220 gallons of vegetable oil. Revenue sent to N.C. General Fund. Two 55-gallon bags of packing materials given away for re-use.
Jones Lake	39	37		25	38 pounds of cardboard.
Lake James	200	310		519	251 pounds of cardboard.
Lake Waccamaw	100	495		155	
Merchants Millpond	37	45	70	30	105 pounds of cardboard.
Mount Jefferson	120	120	240	300	300 pounds of cardboard and other.
New River	162	245	347	45	380 pounds of cardboard.
Pettigrew	31	36	6	10	14 pounds of metal.
Raven Rock	12	53	231		69 pounds of cardboard.
Singletary Lake	28	712	58	2190	60 pounds of cardboard.
South Mountains	318	420	440	715	4,770 pounds of metal. 1,385 pounds of cardboard and vehicle batteries.

2012 Recycling Efforts - Division Totals In Pounds

Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Paper	Other Recycling	Total Recycling
4,274	9,026	11,157	6,645	10,975	42,077

F. Other Statewide Litter Cleanups

North Carolina Big Sweep

North Carolina Big Sweep is a 501(c)(3) environmental education nonprofit organization. It was founded in 1987 by state employees with a mission of litter-free watersheds. Since its inception 26 years ago, more than 335,000 Big Sweep volunteers have retrieved more than 11 million pounds of debris from North Carolina's environment. Big Sweep coordinated the nation's first statewide waterway cleanup, implemented the nation's first statewide six-pack ring recycling program, and has been recognized for its teacher activity books.

In addition to coordinating massive statewide cleanups, Big Sweep installed monofilament line recycling containers at 15 coastal marinas. Schools and Big Sweep County Coordinators were provided with teacher activity books about the harmful effects of litter. A statewide design contest and a video contest challenged students to use their creative talents after they learned about the problems associated with litter. Interactive educational exhibits and presentations about litter prevention and upcoming cleanups were held in communities throughout North Carolina. Four regional training and motivational meetings were held in June, and approximately 64,000 supplies were shipped to the Big Sweep County Coordinators at no cost to them.

Below are the statistics for the 2012 N.C. Big Sweep litter cleanups.

- 16,518 Big Sweep volunteers worked 76,018 hours cleaning 1,490 miles and retrieving 414,088 pounds of debris.
- Seven counties broke their all-time record for volunteers. They were Alexander, Beaufort, Chatham, Davie, Orange, Person and Randolph.
- Forty-six additional counties improved their community participation from the previous year. They were Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Bertie, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Dare, Davidson, Durham, Graham, Halifax, Henderson, Hertford, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Robeson, Rockingham, Scotland, Stanly, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Wake, Warren, Washington and Yadkin.
- There were 29 animal entanglements reported in 2012. Only 5 of the 29 entangled animals were able to be released alive.

2012 N.C. Big Sweep Litter Pickup Results

County	Volunteers	Miles	Estimated Hrs.	Pounds	Entanglements, Unusual Finds, Miscellaneous Comments
Alamance	170	35.00	680	9,460	Highchair, Easter egg, weights, bricks, PVC pipe, circuit board, set of drums. 2 sites still cleaning.
Alexander	220	2.00	880	250	Rubber snake. Tied field trip to landfill with Big Sweep service project.
Alleghany/Ashe	192	24.00	768	6,250	Metal wash tub, 8 5-gals. buckets, metal siding, vinyl siding, metal pipe, drain tile, 2 bikes, lawn chair, shopping cart, traffic cone
Avery	13	2.50	52	450	Fishing pole, cooker, animal in bag, picket fence, siding, 20 bottles, 45 cans.

County	Volunteers	Miles	Estimated Hrs.	Pounds	Entanglements, Unusual Finds, Miscellaneous Comments
Beaufort	109	16.00	436	1,700	Fish (entangled in net). Homemade spear knife lashed to 4-ft. stick, black plastic tub, boat wooden cull tray, vinyl siding, machinery parts.
Bertie	50	5.00	200	1,250	Dead snake.
Bladen	1		4		Had to cancel at the last minute. Working on ideas for next year.
Brunswick	10	6	40	612	In car accident, not sure about additional results. Baby rattle, flower pot.
Buncombe	168	38.00	672	16,950	4 newspaper boxes, 57 balls (footballs, baseballs, basketballs, etc.), car fender, TV, barrel.
Cabarrus	191	7.00	764	1,330	Dalmatian figurine, lottery ticket, full can of beer, trampoline, bag of fertilizer, streetlight, Guinea pig food, plastic finger.
Caldwell	327	14.00	12,262.5	6,619	
Camden	4	2.00	16	260	Miscellaneous metal.
Carteret	216	157.50	864	2,054	Pacifier, toilet seat, plastic skull, signs, backpack, fireworks, electronic cigarette.
Caswell	25	5.50	100	1,435	Safety glasses, tube of rubber.
Catawba	64	2.00	256	600	
Chatham	400	7.50	1,600	35,220	Bed box springs.
Cherokee	60	4.75	240	15,760	Rained but still successful. Propane tanks, computers, buoy, Styrofoam, mattress, countertop, sofa cushions, gate, plastic chairs.
Chowan	9	0.50	36	120	Cups and bottles.
Clay	5	3.00	20	80	Hoping to enlist more volunteers next year.
Cleveland	19	6.00	76	2,420	Nintendo, medicine bottle, mattress, storm door. "Good event. Any amount collected is good."
Columbus	67	6.00	268	1,180	Toilet, boat float.
Craven	55	1.00	220	1,320	
Cumberland	75	2.00	300	850	
Currituck	1		4		Advertised, but no calls.
Dare	175	25.00	700	5,560	Starfish and horseshoe crab (entangled in wire), fish (in bag), seagull, whale, dolphin. Keychain with keys, golf club, GoPro camera, fireworks, box full of unopened min-butter pkgs., umbrellas, wetsuit gloves.
Davidson	62	1.50	248	5,680	5 diapers. Most of the trash was cigarette butts, beer bottles, cans.
Davie	135	2.00	540	1,320	
Duplin	7	1.00	28	29,520	
Durham	416	27.00	1,664	20,513	Items not bagged weighed 13,533 pounds.
Forsyth	3,232	19.00	12,928	34,275	Cellphone, recycling cart, tennis racket, pregnancy test, fire extinguisher, scooter, rock w/info written on it, dog house.
Franklin	27	1.00	108	1,080	Rescheduled 3 times, but finally had cleanup.
Gaston	1,434	212.00	5,736	38,619	Propane tank, 8 ft livestock gate, weight bench and weights, TV.
Gates	2	1.00	8	40	
Graham	53	27.00	212	1,840	Child's battery operated jeep.
Granville	1		4		
Greene	12	1.00	48	400	Radiator, speaker, washing machine tub.
Guilford	685	49.50	2,740	6,100	Manhole cover, scooter, handheld massage. "Significant decrease in items collected."
Halifax	3	2.00	12	900	
Harnett	19	2.75	76	870	9 Beetles (in glass bottle). Lumber, Christmas tree lights, TV, chair.
Haywood	70	5.00	280	3,280	
Henderson	101	9.00	261	2,500	Coke machine, road signs, traffic barrels, recliner, crutches, construction materials, shopping cart.

County	Volunteers	Miles	Estimated Hrs.	Pounds	Entanglements, Unusual Finds, Miscellaneous Comments
Hertford	21	1.00	84	2,940	Toy tractors, athletic equipment, bikes, kiddie pools, TV sets, water heater.
Hoke	2	1.00	8	40	
Hyde	22	3.00	88	80	Less trash in 30 years. Usually 100s of cigarette butts, found only 20.
Iredell	190	20.00	760	5,920	2 Sets of china, 5 gal. cooking oil, plates, tables, wire, mattress wood. Scuba divers involved.
Jackson	10	5.00	40	480	Toy car, chairs, broken kayak, 2 doors.
Johnston	120	9.10	480	11,500	Safe, 5 dead dogs, medicine bottle, lump of clay, carpet for a large room, house siding, 5 1-gal paint cans, recliner, TV
Jones	2	1.00	8	40	
Lee	70	14.00	280	800	Hydraulic chair, empty plastic drum.
Lenoir	68	11.00	272	660	
Lincoln	195	5.00	780	950	
Macon	17	5.00	68	2,880	Sofa, lawn furniture, pump hose, plastic, pipes, toilet.
McDowell	7	1.00	28	400	
Mecklenburg	543	121.70	2,172	9,140	Unopened King Cobra, Christmas stocking, mixer stand base, traffic cones, terrarium, skateboard ramp, rocking horse.
Mitchell	12	1.00	48	20	
Montgomery	52	6.50	208	1,180	Boat ladder, grill, lawn chairs, 18 propane cylinders, 4 barrel hoops.
Moore	14	2.00	56	200	
Nash/Edgecombe	384	50.80	1,536	14,060	Illegal dumpsite cleaned
New Hanover	637	46.00	2,548	5,645	Plastic hotel card, open pocket knife, asthma inhaler, film roll, full can beer, doll house, fire extinguisher, bag of 31 condoms, license plate.
Northampton	48	8.00	192	1,280	Tires, cans, plastic bottles, paper, shingles, beer bottles.
Onslow	292	85.00	1,168	320	Black canvas apron, sonic hedgehog, rusty horseshoe, umbrella, headlamp, PopTart, Super Glue.
Orange	384	9.35	704	4,374	Broken javelin, fire extinguisher, playground pieces, skateboard, large pipe, full beer bottles, 2 empty wallets, wagon
Pamlico	120	5.75	480	2,720	Drywall, car parts.
Pasquotank	1		4		with Perquimans
Pender	150	26.00	600	3,300	
Perquimans	15	2.50	60	420	Satellite dish, kid pool.
Person	246	36.00	984	2,460	Cleanups through end of October.
Pitt	180	3.00	720	2,840	
Polk	35	7.00	140	1,220	250 flip-flops and crocs, 55 gal steel barrel, old metal sign.
Randolph	1,781	50.00	7,124	39,140	Home pregnancy test, purple flip-flops, Mexican Coke bottle, lots of band aids, fire extinguisher, old stadium lite, 2 football mouth guards.
Richmond	10	4.00	40	365	
Robeson	50	5.00	200	1,100	Trash can container.
Rockingham	195	20.00	780	2,820	Waiting on rest of reports.
Rowan	33	5.00	132	1,360	
Rutherford	1		4		RESCHEDULING LATE SPRING OR LATE SUMMER.
Sampson	14	8.50	56	1,070	Fishing line, shingles, 10 gal. plastic bucket.
Scotland	45	7.00	180	900	
Stanly	181	20.65	724	2,400	Plastic culvert, fish attractor, tiers.
Stokes	156	46.00	624	1,250	
Surry	9	9.00	36	760	Cardboard, box of magazines, mattress, bed frame, chair, pillow.

County	Volunteers	Miles	Estimated Hrs.	Pounds	Entanglements, Unusual Finds, Miscellaneous Comments
Swain	10	2.30	6	120	Packaging straps, 503 cigarette butts.
Transylvania	56	10.00	224	3,480	
Tyrrell	17	2.25	68	200	
Union	5	0.25	20	240	
Vance	1		4		
Wake	1,023	51.70	4,092	19,121	Red lace thong, Hindu calendars, gnessh statues, signs, teddybear, kayak oars, golf clubs, x-mas ornament. One site 80 percent walked or biked to site.
Warren	8	2.00	32	160	2 Hubcaps.
Washington	12	1.00	48	140	
Watauga	1		4		Postponed until spring due to weather.
Wayne	158	20.75	632	1,396	Medicine bottle, wallet (found owner), prepaid Visa cards, car keyless entry pad, unused body spray bottle, large roll of wire.
Wilkes	12	1.00	48	1,840	
Wilson	10	0.50	40	1,100	A/C, large plastic can.
Yadkin	6	2.00	24	550	Mattress, couch, dog carrier.
Yancey	2	1.00	8	40	
TOTAL	16,518	1,489.60	76,018	414,088	

Keep North Carolina Beautiful

Keep NC Beautiful, Inc. (KNCB) was established in 1984, and is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to developing partnerships that engage and empower individuals, businesses and local governments to take greater responsibility in making and keeping North Carolina beautiful. Its core focus areas are litter prevention and cleanups, beautification and community greening projects, waste reduction and recycling. The strength of KNCB is its ability to organize “on-the-ground” volunteers that provide valuable services which ultimately improve community aesthetics, create safer environments and positively impact economic development without using tax dollars.

KNCB is currently comprised of 35 certified Keep America Beautiful Affiliates located in 33 North Carolina counties. On average, a local community recognizes \$26 in value for every \$1 of public funds invested in the Keep America Beautiful program. Some counties house more than one affiliate within their boundaries, such as Gaston, Guilford and Mecklenburg.

Annually, from March 1 through May 31, KNCB affiliates engage their volunteer base to conduct statewide litter cleanups, beautification projects, graffiti removal, recycling projects and environmental workshops through participation in the Great American Cleanup™, a national signature program of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. The GAC™ tracks data in five major categories: events, cleanups, recycling, beautification and education.

KNCB affiliate members and their volunteers worked in partnership with local businesses, nonprofit and civic groups, government agencies and members of the faith communities to accomplish a variety of tasks during the 2012 GAC™, resulting in thousands of saved tax dollars in improved community environments.

2012 GAC™ Participating KNCB Affiliate Results

Events/Volunteers	
Events Held	732
Volunteers/Participants	81,018
Volunteer Hours	131,315
Communities Involved	262
Groups that Participated	1,522
Cleanups	
Litter & Debris Collected (lbs.)	994,986
Roads, Streets, Highways Cleaned/Beautified (miles)	12,700
Parks & Public Lands Cleaned (acres)	5,073
Hiking, Biking & Natural Trails Cleaned (miles)	298
Playgrounds & Community Recreation Areas Cleaned/Restored/Constructed	
	68
Rivers, Lakes & Shorelines Cleaned (miles)	154
Underwater Cleanup Conducted	4
Wetland cleaned & Improved (acres)	10
Illegal Dump Sites Cleaned	153
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	
Clothing Collected for Reuse (lbs)	2,300
Aluminum & Steel Recycled (lbs)	222,010
Newspaper Recycled (lbs)	1,500,734
Tires Collected	9,050
Batteries Collected	2,500
Electronics Recycled (lbs)	375,000
PET (Plastic) Bottles Collected	15,011,000
Junk Cars Removed/Collected for Recycling	110
Beautification	
Gardens, Xeriscapes & Green Spaces Created & Improved	750
Edible Community Garden Planted/Replanted	28
Flowers & Bulbs Planted	650,000
Trees Planted	4,250
Residential & Commercial Buildings Painted/Renovated/Built	25
Graffiti Sites Removed/Abates	675
Education	
Educational Workshops	350
Educational Workshops Attendees (adults)	3,750
Educational Workshops Attendees (children)	10,010
General Awareness Events	150
General Awareness Event Attendees	76,025

America Recycles Day 2012

KNCB's 35 affiliates celebrated the Keep America Beautiful annual America Recycles Day by hosting 65 events throughout North Carolina reaching an estimated 68,110 participants. Events included paper shredding, recycled art contests in the schools, collection of aluminum cans for school fundraisers and

plastic bag collections. Nationally, greater than 1,800 ARD events were held reaching over 1.8 million participants. The primary goal of ARD is to bring greater awareness to recycling and to ask individuals to sign a pledge promising to increase their recycling knowledge and behavior.

In celebration of ARD, KNCB hosted two major recycling drop-off events, one in Raleigh and the other in Charlotte in November 2012. Between the two events, an estimated 750 vehicles dropped used electronics, rigid plastics such as lawn furniture, large buckets and children toys. These events were made possible through partnerships with: Clear Channel, Creative Recycling, Goodwill Industries, Harris Teeter, Lowes, North Hills, Otto Container Company, Park Road Shopping Center, Progress Energy, ProShred, Sonoco and Republic Waste. Additional supporters included: City of Raleigh, Wake County, Keep Charlotte Beautiful and Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful.

Annual Tarp Awareness Program 2012

The 2012 Tarp Awareness Program was held in conjunction with a grant from UPS, a national sponsor of Keep America Beautiful. Eight counties agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding whereas they would receive a quantity of free 8' x 10' vinyl tarps to distribute in their communities. They each agreed to host an event to give the tarps away at no cost to the public. The events were well advertised and in many cases local law enforcement agencies were present to assist in handing out the tarps. This connected the link between the NC litter laws and the dangers of litter being blown from pickup trucks.

In addition to the UPS grant, NC Department of Transportation Office of Beautification donated 1,000 tarps to be used in the 2012 campaign. That donation along with the purchased tarps allowed Keep NC Beautiful to distribute 3,000 tarps to individual pickup truck owners.

II. Anti Litter Education/Prevention – 2012

A. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach (DEAO)

The Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach conducts three separate campaigns to reinforce recycling behavior and to encourage North Carolinians to properly manage their discarded materials at home, work, school and on the go. These programs are described briefly below:

Recycle Guys

The Recycle Guys campaign is intended to reach elementary and middle school children with television commercials, activity books, stickers, tattoos, trading cards and other promotional materials to encourage recycling behavior. Of the most commonly used Recycle Guys commercials, one specifically addressing litter (developed through a partnership with NCDOT) is consistently among the highest accessed links on the www.recycleguys.org Website.

RE3.org

The RE3.org campaign is aimed at a young adult audience, from high school through late 20's, also using television advertisements but more focused on use of social media. The campaign often makes use of commercials or short films submitted by students and amateur film producers and a number of these video pieces include anti-littering themes.



Recycle More NC

Recycle More NC is a campaign designed to engage the 30 – 55 age demographic on recycling issues. The intent is to encourage broader participation in existing recycling programs but also to create a recycling ethic everywhere people go by fostering the development and promotion of Away From Home recycling in locations outside of the home like parks, gas stations, special events and venues, pedestrian areas, retail outlets, etc. By expanding and growing recycling opportunities in these locations, DEAO hopes to encourage proper disposal of materials while people are on the go as they do at home.

The following provides a general description of the activities of DEAO's three outreach programs in FY 12:

- Ran statewide advertising for all three campaigns through Time Warner Cable, both online and on air.
- Continued usage of social media outlets such as Blogspot, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and LinkedIn for the campaigns.
- Production of promotion materials, distributed directly to the public or through local government recycling programs.
- Coordination of an operational recycling program and educational booth for the N.C. State Fair.
- Promotion around national events such as Earth Day and America Recycles Day.
- Training of recycling and solid waste staff, teachers, and environmental educators on recycling and outreach methods.

Other Participation of DEAO in Littering Issues

DEAO functions as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources customer service center and handled numerous inquiries in FY 12 on littering and illegal dumping issues. DEAO also oversees the state of North Carolina's recycling efforts, which includes technical assistance to local government recycling programs across the state. Through regular communication in email newsletters, workshops, conference sessions, and other settings, DEAO staff provided information in FY 12 to communities about littering issues, opportunities for anti litter initiatives (such as the tarp program) and the management of illegal dumping. Finally, DEAO staff also participated in meetings of the Keep NC Beautiful Board of Directors in FY 12 and supported the work of the organization to improve litter prevention efforts statewide.

Division of Parks and Recreation 2012 Anti Litter Education/Prevention

Division of Parks and Recreation sponsored educational programs and community events that served as a proactive approach to litter prevention and law enforcement.

Division of Marine Fisheries – Marine Patrol

The North Carolina Marine Patrol concentrated its litter enforcement on the coastal waters and had a decrease in littering violations again this past year. The Marine Patrol's efforts were concentrated on the gill net fishery and protecting endangered sea turtles.

B. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

The Division of Engineering Services has an inventory of 211 boating access areas. Additionally, Engineering Services maintains approximately 68 public fishing access areas across the state. Maintenance and operation of these areas included the policing and removal of litter. Approximately

3,522 man-hours were spent performing litter removal for the past year versus 3,655 in 2011. This is a decrease over the past year due to slight reduction in the use at our sites from a slow economy.

The division has installed more educational signage for these areas that deal with littering and how it impacts the environment. Two years ago, WRC initiated an "Adopt a Boat Ramp" pilot program in partnership with the NC Public Access Foundation. We have implemented the program and some fourteen sites were adopted. This should decrease the amount of state employee man hours in the upcoming years. Details can be found at http://ncpaf.com/Adopt_a_Boat_Ramp.htm.

The Division also issued "special use permits" for private and civic organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America to utilize boating access areas as focal points for litter sweeps. There is no data on the quantity of litter removed during the litter sweeps.

Funds expended by Division of Wildlife Management January 1, 2012 – December 01, 2012, for litter pickup was \$1,215.46 (including payroll, costs associated with mileage, and landfill fees) versus \$1,543.46 in 2011. Hours spent by Division of Wildlife Management personnel, from January 1, 2012 – December 01, 2012, for litter pickup, totaled 47.5 versus 55 in 2011.

C. NCDOT - Office of Beautification

The Office of Beautification continued to promote litter prevention awareness in 2012 through its website; there is a link to the Gaston County 2012-2013 Beautification and Environmental Education Programs provided by Keep Gastonia Beautiful Inc., of Gastonia. The entire curriculum is posted; this can be downloaded for classroom usage from the Office of Beautification website at www.ncdot.gov/~beautification within the Litter Prevention link.

Other items available through the Office of Beautification website include this report, the litter law, Swat-A-Litterbug, Sponsor-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Highway Programs. Litter Sweep and its forms including cleanup safety videos, printable activity pages - *Litter Activity Book* with litter prevention lessons and activities for students through third grade. There are also a variety of links to sites supporting litter prevention. Additionally, educational materials for schools, civic groups and others were provided by the Office of Beautification; these included litter prevention activity pages, "I don't litter, I recycle" stickers, no litter bumper stickers, Swat-A-Litterbug cards and stickers, temporary tattoos, car litter bags, litter law fliers and "Secure Your Load" fliers.

The Office of Beautification also distributed thousands of car litter bags and other litter prevention handouts, fliers and brochures through visitor and welcome centers, the N.C. State Fair, Earth Day events and upon request to numerous groups. The 2012 car litter bag's graphics promoted a stormwater – litter prevention message and another version with a secure your load message from the Colonel of the N.C. State Highway Patrol.

Adopt-A-Highway Program: Each year the Adopt-A-Highway groups are recognized for their consecutive years of service beginning with 10-years and at years of 15 and 20. In 2012, there were 56 AAH groups recognized for 20-years, 109 groups for 15 years and 146 groups for 10-years of consecutive service. Each of these groups received two special reflective star decals with the number of years (10, 15 or 20) for mounting to their AAH signs. In addition, 10-year groups receive a special recognition plaque; 20-year groups receive a special vest with a 20-year AAH logo. The cost of recognizing the groups for their efforts varies each year by the number of groups; in 2012, the cost was \$1,537.50. A complete listing of the 2012 recipients and groups recognized in previous years is located

on the AAH home page at www.ncdot.gov/~beautification/highway. 2013 marks the program's 25th year.

N.C. State Fair Booth: The NCDOT Roadside Environmental Unit's N.C. State Fair booth in 2012, continued to offer teacher materials; this was its ninth year that a teacher materials window was available for teachers to request litter prevention items to assist within their classroom curriculum. Items as the litter prevention activity pages, stormwater activity pages, stormwater fact sheets, Swat-A-Litterbug cards, stickers, pencils and temporary tattoos, litter law fliers, car litter bags and no litter bumper stickers were made available. The car litter bags had "Stop the Littering" printed on one side along with the message "it could cost you...up to a \$2,000 fine, community service work and a point on one's driver license," and a "Highway Stormwater Program" message on the other. In December, 2012, there were enough materials provided to supply more than 10,165 students in grades K-12. During the past nine years, 105,490 students received these materials with an average cost of seventy-three cents per student (includes postage).

Other Litter Prevention Displays, Meetings, and Presentations: The Office of Beautification participated in various litter prevention events as Earth Day at N.C. State University, Rotary, Turnpike Run, CRA, Wellness Fair and N.C. State Fair. In addition to these, the Office of Beautification participated in board meetings of both Keep N.C. Beautiful and N.C. Big Sweep; also participated in the Solid Waste Enforcement Officers Association fall conference and provided information during media interviews regarding the Sponsor-A-Highway Program and Litter Sweep.

Swat-A-Litterbug Program: The Office of Beautification administered the Swat-A-Litterbug Program. The program is intended to educate motorists that littering is illegal. Motorists observed littering can be reported through the mail, by calling the NCDOT Customer Service Office at 1-877-DOT-4YOU or using the Office of Beautification website at www.ncdot.gov/~beautification within the Swat-A-Litterbug link. Reports include information regarding the offender's vehicle license plate number, time of observance, date, street, city, county and a description of the littering offense observed. There were more than 10,000 Swat-A-Litterbug report cards printed for distribution in 2012.

When reports are received, a letter, signed by the Colonel of the N.C. State Highway Patrol, is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle reported. The recipient is informed of the littering offense observed, that littering is illegal and that it's a fineable offense upon conviction. There are no citations or warnings issued from these reports. The program is totally anonymous and no record is kept regarding who submits a report or receives a letter. The materials used in the mailings cost \$5,405 in 2012. The number of Swat-A-Litterbug letters mailed in each of the last three years is as follows: 10,385 in 2012, 11,217 in 2011 and 12,711 in 2010.

Litter License Plate: Since the N.C. General Assembly approved the "Litter Prevention" specialty license plate in 2001. The NCDOT Division of Motor Vehicles has 792 litter prevention license plates listed in their database of which 71 are not issued. Through the end of December, 2012, there were 190 active Litter Prevention plates, the highest numbered plate was 645. In 2011, the highest numbered plate was 639. Ten dollars of each plate sold is diverted to the "Litter Prevention Fund" on a quarterly basis. The money is used to help support statewide anti litter efforts.

III. Litter Law Enforcement

A. Department of Public Safety

In 2012, the N.C. State Highway Patrol issued 1,425 citations for failing to properly secure a load and littering. The State Highway Patrol also partnered with the N.C. Department of Transportation by participating in the NCDOT Litter Sweep (spring and fall) and focused on citing motorists that either littered or failed to properly secure and/or cover their loads. Troopers issued 199 citations during the spring and fall 2012 Litter Sweeps.

State Highway Patrol Recap of Litter Charges G.S. 14-399 and local ordinances:

Year	Number of Charges
2012	710
2011	779
2010	889

State Highway Patrol Recap of Improper Loading/covering of Vehicle G.S. 20-116(g):

Year	Number of Charges
2012	715
2011	742
2010	934

B. Division of Parks and Recreation

Division of Parks and Recreation sponsored educational programs and community events that serve as a proactive approach to litter prevention and law enforcement. In addition to these educational measures, state park rangers wrote a total of 24 littering citations.

The table below shows the number of littering citations written by state park rangers during the past three years.

Year	Number of Charges
2012	24
2011	21
2010	48

C. Division of Marine Fisheries – Marine Patrol

From January through December 31, 2012, Marine Patrol officers issued 7 citations and 3 warnings for littering violations. Marine Patrol officers attributed 107 hours to this effort. In 2011, Marine Patrol officers issued 11 citations and 5 warnings for a total of 16 littering cases expending 83 hours.

Marine Patrol Charges Recap:

Year	Littering Charges	Littering Warnings	Time Spent (in hours)
2012	7	3	107
2011	11	5	83
2010	7	1	115

The North Carolina Marine Patrol concentrated its litter enforcement on the coastal waters and had a decrease in littering violations again this past year. The Marine Patrol’s efforts have been concentrated on the gill net fishery and protecting endangered sea turtles.

D. North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

North Carolina Wildlife Enforcement Officers are always on the lookout for littering violations and often set up special details to target littering violations in problem areas along waterways, boating access areas and game lands. In 2013, Wildlife Enforcement Officers issued the following number of littering citations:

- **Littering under G.S. 14-399:** 92 citations issued for a total of \$12,900 dollars in fines and \$13,508 in court costs.
- **Littering Waters of This State under G.S. 75A-10:** 3 citations issued for a total of \$450 in fines and \$540 in court costs.
- **Littering on Boating Access Areas under 15A NCAC 10E .0104:** 9 citations issued for a total of \$700 in fines and \$1,460 in court costs.
- **Littering on Game Lands under 15A NCAC 10D .0102(b):** 14 citations issued for a total of \$1,750 in fines and \$2,340 in court costs.

Wildlife Resources Commission Litter Charges Recap:

Year	Charges
2012**	439
2011**	572
2010 *	438

* Includes G.S. 20-116 (g), 14-399, 113-264 (a) and local ordinances

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E. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Calendar year 2012 data on charges and convictions by county, the number of charges disposed, and the manner of disposition are provided for the following eleven offenses:

Offense Code

4425	Improper Loading/Covering of Vehicle	§ 20-116(g)
5370	Commercial Littering	§ 14-399(e)
5371	Littering Hazardous Waste	§ 14-399(e)
5372	Littering not more than 15 pounds	§ 14-399(c)
5373	Littering more than 15 but less than 500 pounds	§ 14-399(d)
5374	Littering more than 500 pounds	§ 14-399(e)
5375	Unintentional Littering not more than 15 Pounds	§ 14-399(c1)
5376	Unintentional Littering more than 15 but less than 500 Pounds	§ 14-399(d1)
5377	Unintentional Littering more than 500 Pounds	§ 14-399(e1)
6248	Litter Gameland/Access Area	§ 113-264(a)
8514	Littering Beer/Wine Container	local ordinance

STATEWIDE LITTERING CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS

Calendar Year 2012

The following data are from the AOC's Automated Criminal/Infraction System for calendar year 2012. The number of charges, convictions, and dispositions represents totals from district and superior court. Some of the defendants have other charges in addition to a littering offense. It is possible for a defendant to be charged in one calendar year and convicted in the next. Thus, for any given calendar year, the defendants convicted are not necessarily the same defendants charged in that year.

Offense Code	Charges	Convictions	CHARGES BY CHARGING AGENCY								Charges Disposed	METHOD OF DISPOSITION				
			ABC	ALE	DMV	Police	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other		Guilty Plea	Trial: Guilty	Trial: Not Guilty	Dismiss	Other
4425	1,003	23	0	0	0	253	30	715	0	5	1,074	60	2	1	600	411
5370	15	55	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	1	20	8	0	0	5	7
5371	4	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	4	2
5372	2,515	4	2	31	0	1,209	237	564	332	140	2,682	539	28	17	1,663	435
5373	145	165	0	0	0	55	44	4	15	27	138	39	0	2	91	6
5374	32	0	0	0	0	11	12	0	0	9	26	9	0	0	9	8
5375	284	49	0	0	0	89	40	137	11	7	297	43	3	0	155	96
5376	10	931	0	0	0	6	2	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	3	1
5377	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
6248	81	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	79	0	99	17	0	0	42	40
8514	76	456	0	0	0	67	5	3	0	1	81	21	1	0	57	2
2012 Total	4,166	1,686	2	31	0	1,693	386	1,425	439	190	4,429	737	35	20	2,629	1,008
2011 Total	4,417	1,953	9	22	1	1,819	318	1,521	544	183	4,749	825	33	15	2,688	1,188

Three-year Comparison

	Littering Offenses *		Number Of Charges By Charging Agency							
	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions	ABC	ALE	DMV	Police	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
2012	3,163	1,663	2	31	0	1,440	356	710	439	185
2011	3,293	1,455	9	22	0	1,517	284	742	544	175
2010	3,485	1,531	10	33	3	1,557	335	889	437	221

* Totals do not include charges and convictions for offense code 4425, GS 20-116(g).

LITTERING CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS BY COUNTY

Calendar Year 2012

The following data are from the AOC's Automated Criminal/Infraction System for calendar year 2012. The number of charges and convictions represents totals from district and superior court. Some of the defendants have other charges in addition to a littering offense. It is possible for a defendant to be charged in one calendar year and convicted in the next. Thus, for any given calendar year, the defendants convicted are not necessarily the same defendants charged in that year.

For each county, the number of charges is listed in the first row and convictions in the second row.

	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Statewide	4,166	1,003	15	4	2515	145	32	284	10	1	81	76
	1,686	456	1	0	931	49	0	165	4	2	55	23
Alamance	75	23			43	7		2				
	28	14			12	0		2				
Alexander	11	3			5	3		0				
	3	1			1	0		1				
Alleghany	6	2			3	0		1				
	5	1			2	2		0				
Anson	17	2			8	1		4			1	1
	4	1			1	0		1			1	0
Ashe	7	3			4							
	3	1			2							
Avery	12	3			8	1						
	8	3			5	0						
Beaufort	22	6			13	1		2	0			
	13	2			7	1		2	1			
Bertie	12	5			7			0				
	9	2			6			1				
Bladen	27	3			20	1		2			1	
	12	0			11	0		1			0	
Brunswick	46	12			28	3	1	2				
	16	4			6	2	0	4				

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	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Buncombe	134	16			110	2	1	2	2			1
	31	8			21	1	0	1	0			0
Burke	39	16			20	1		1				1
	21	8			11	1		1				0
Cabarrus	61	19			37			4	1			
	42	11			29			1	1			
Caldwell	25	3			17	1		1			3	
	22	1			14	1		1			5	
Camden	4				3	1						
	3				3	0						
Carteret	71	15	2	1	41	5	2	2			1	2
	34	8	0	0	23	1	0	2			0	0
Caswell	7	1			5			1				
	4	0			3			1				
Catawba	79	13			39	1		2	1		23	
	41	7			16	0		3	0		15	
Chatham	60	8			52			0				
	29	2			25			2				
Cherokee	5	4			1							
	0	0			0							
Chowan	15	1			14							
	7	2			5							
Clay	4	2			1			1				
	3	2			0			1				
Cleveland	44	6			29	7		2				
	19	3			12	2		2				
Columbus	20	2			14	2		1				1
	6	0			3	2		1				0

For each county, the number of charges is listed in the first row and convictions in the second row.

	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Craven	59	18			39	0		1	1			
	34	12			20	1		1	0			
Cumberland	86	21			51	3		4	2			5
	28	8			18	0		0	1			1
Currituck	14	4			3	1		6				
	4	1			2	0		1				
Dare	31	3			18	1		9				
	18	2			10	0		6				
Davidson	48	16		2	25			2			3	
	15	3		0	9			1			2	
Davie	20	4			15	1						
	9	3			6	0						
Duplin	30	15			9			6				
	18	8			7			3				
Durham	62	19			31	1		7		1	2	1
	28	13			7	0		5		0	2	1
Edgecombe	42	4			25	1	11	1				
	13	2			10	0	0	1				
Forsyth	161	25			109	7		5				15
	60	5			45	3		1				6
Franklin	21	8			9	3		1				
	7	2			5	0		0				
Gaston	144	19	1		104	6	1	8			5	
	65	10	1		41	1	0	9			3	
Gates	4				3			1				
	2				2			0				
Graham	1				1							
	1				1							

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	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Granville	8	3			5							
	4	1			3							
Greene	6	4			2							
	3	1			2							
Guilford	192	34			137	7	5	7				2
	39	9			19	9	0	0				2
Halifax	38	15			17			3			2	1
	12	9			2			0			1	0
Harnett	75	8	3		32	2		30				
	39	4	0		11	2		22				
Haywood	20	3	1		11		3	2				
	4	2	0		1		0	1				
Henderson	57	16			27	3	1	1			8	1
	29	6			15	1	0	0			7	0
Hertford	16	3			13							
	2	0			2							
Hoke	13	8			4			1				
	7	4			3			0				
Hyde	6				5			1				
	4				3			1				
Iredell	78	26			39			10			1	2
	39	13			13			11			1	1
Jackson	17	5			10	1						1
	8	2			6	0						0
Johnston	52	18			25	1		8		0		
	20	7			9	0		3		1		
Jones	7				7							
	2				2							

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	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Lee	32	10			15	3		1				3
	8	2			4	0		2				0
Lenoir	41	10	2		27	1		0				1
	19	4	0		13	0		2				0
Lincoln	30	3			24			3				
	21	2			17			2				
Macon	15	6			9							
	4	3			1							
Madison	10	1			6	1		1			1	
	5	2			3	0		0			0	
Martin	28	3			18	1		6				0
	20	3			9	1		6				1
McDowell	16	4			10			2				0
	5	1			2			1				1
Mecklenburg	273	100			126	2	2	30				13
	99	51			34	2	0	10				2
Mitchell	5	1			1	2		1	0			
	3	0			1	0		1	1			
Montgomery	19	2			15			1			1	
	13	1			10			1			1	
Moore	32	11			18		2	1				
	16	5			11		0	0				
Nash	43	9			29	3		1				1
	14	4			7	1		2				0
New Hanover	101	39			56	1		3			1	1
	31	12			17	0		1			0	1
Northampton	8	2			5	1						
	3	1			2	0						

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	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Onslow	89	26			48	2		12				1
	55	19			29	1		6				0
Orange	69	18			44	3		3				1
	26	10			14	0		1				1
Pamlico	17	1			12	2		2				
	4	1			2	0		1				
Pasquotank	19	4			14			1				
	8	2			6			0				
Pender	32	9	3		16	0	1				3	
	13	2	0		8	2	0				1	
Perquimans	6	2			3			1				
	3	0			3			0				
Person	21	2			10	3		1			5	
	13	0			7	1		0			5	
Pitt	73	22	1		43	2		4	1	0		
	18	4	0		9	0		4	0	1		
Polk	39	4			17			0			18	
	16	1			3			2			10	
Randolph	76	20			40	4	2	10				
	21	7			11	0	0	3				
Richmond	13	6			7							
	4	2			2							
Robeson	44	6			27	1		8				2
	30	4			21	0		4				1
Rockingham	24	8			14	0		0	1			1
	16	3			11	1		1	0			0
Rowan	61	15			37	5		3			1	
	38	5			29	0		3			1	

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	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2012											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Rutherford	45	8			31	3		3				
	29	5			22	1		1				
Sampson	26	6			11	4		3				2
	11	4			3	2		2				0
Scotland	15	3			10	1						1
	6	2			4	0						0
Stanly	30	4			24	1		1				
	14	3			9	2		0				
Stokes	14	2			10			2				
	1	0			0			1				
Surry	30	6			14	1		9				
	14	2			9	0		3				
Swain	9	2			4			2			1	
	3	0			2			1			0	
Transylvania	14	3			11							
	5	1			4							
Tyrrell	8	2			6							
	4	2			2							
Union	38	16	2	1	16			3				
	14	6	0	0	7			1				
Vance	21	4			16	1						
	6	2			4	0						
Wake	411	108			263	10		16				14
	103	52			40	2		4				5
Warren	3				3	0						
	3				2	1						
Washington	13	2			11			0				
	14	4			8			2				

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	Number of Charges and Convictions by Offense Code: CY 2011											
	Total	4425	5370	5371	5372	5373	5374	5375	5376	5377	6248	8514
Watauga	21	0			17	1		3				
	13	1			11	0		1				
Wayne	24	6			17	1						
	12	5			7	0						
Wilkes	27	6			13	6		1	1			
	12	1			7	2		2	0			
Wilson	43	10			30			2				1
	12	7			5			0				0
Yadkin	16	2			10	4						
	3	0			3	0						
Yancey	11	2			9							
	4	0			4							

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The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 15. G.S. 147-12(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Department of Transportation, the Department of Correction, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the State Highway Patrol, the Wildlife Resources Commission, the Division of Parks and Recreation in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Division of Marine Fisheries in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall deliver to the Governor by February 1 ~~and August 1~~ of each year detailed information on the agency's litter enforcement, litter prevention, and litter removal efforts. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall deliver to the Governor by February 1 ~~and August 1~~ of each year detailed information on the enforcement of the littering laws of the State, including the number of charges and convictions under the littering laws of the State. The Governor shall gather the information submitted by the respective agencies and deliver a consolidated ~~semiannual~~ annual report on or before March 1 ~~and September 1~~ of each year to the Environmental Review Commission, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, and the House of Representatives and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources."

Attachment B: "Keep NC Clean and Green" Signs Posted By County

County	# Signs	County	# Signs	County	# Signs
Alamance	13	Hoke	7	Warren	9
Alexander	5	Hyde	7	Washington	7
Alleghany	12	Iredell	15	Watauga	12
Anson	10	Jackson	10	Wayne	15
Ashe	13	Johnston	21	Wilkes	17
Avery	12	Jones	10	Wilson	18
Beaufort	14	Lee	9	Yadkin	9
Bertie	9	Lenoir	14	Yancey	9
Bladen	17	Lincoln	13		
Brunswick	12	Macon	6		
Buncombe	16	Madison	10		
Burke	12	Martin	15		
Cabarrus	15	McDowell	13		
Caldwell	10	Mecklenburg	20		
Camden	5	Mitchell	10		
Carteret	6	Montgomery	12		
Caswell	16	Moore	11		
Catawba	15	Nash	20		
Chatham	15	New Hanover	8		
Cherokee	6	Northampton	14		
Chowan	6	Onslow	10		
Clay	3	Orange	14		
Cleveland	17	Pamlico	4		
Columbus	15	Pasquotank	4		
Craven	10	Pender	12		
Cumberland	18	Perquimans	4		
Currituck	7	Person	9		
Dare	5	Pitt	20		
Davidson	14	Polk	8		
Davie	9	Randolph	18		
Duplin	17	Richmond	8		
Durham	14	Robeson	15		
Edgecombe	16	Rockingham	16		
Forsyth	19	Rowan	13		
Franklin	18	Rutherford	12		
Gaston	18	Sampson	20		
Gates	5	Scotland	12		
Graham,	3	Stanly	12		
Granville	10	Stokes	12		
Greene	12	Surry	14		
Guilford	24	Swain	6		
Halifax	18	Transylvania	8		
Harnett	18	Tyrrell	3		
Haywood	10	Union	15		
Henderson	11	Vance	8		
Hertford	10	Wake	31		

- Discretionary signs (1995) - 20 per Highway Division (a total of 280)
- Rest Areas & Welcome Centers - 58
- Total Signs - 1,827

In addition to the "Keep NC Clean & Green" signs, there were approximately 1,400 "Littering Is Illegal" signs posted across the state. These were issued at a rate of 100 per Highway Division.

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