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**On**

**Litter Cleanup, Education/Prevention and Enforcement**

**This report provides statistics for the year 2004.**

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## **Litter Report 2004**

This report is prepared pursuant to Session Law 2001-512, Sections 9 and 10<sup>1</sup> and provides information describing the outcome of North Carolina's 2004 anti-litter campaign.

The state's 2004-litter prevention campaign brings together three components:

- Litter cleanup
- Education/prevention
- Enforcement

### **2004 Litter Report Summary**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has increased the number of miles it maintains from 78,490 miles to 78,615. In 2004 as in recent years, the state experienced severe weather conditions. This past year hurricanes Alex, Charley, and Gaston as well as numerous tropical storms affected litter cleanups.

In 2004 more than 10 million pounds of roadway litter were picked up from 78,678 shoulder miles. This amount does not include items such as automobile components, construction and other miscellaneous debris that are too large or too heavy to fit into the litterbags. The expenditures associated with roadside litter cleanup were more than \$15.2 million.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), its Office of Beautification Programs and other state agencies collectively supported statewide anti-litter initiatives. The other agencies include the Departments of Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, and Environmental and Natural Resources.

Anti-litter education/prevention activities continued. The Office of Beautification Programs promoted and supported anti-litter projects through various channels. These channels are enhancements to its Internet home page, participation on various statewide organizational boards, promoting anti-litter information at conferences and the NC State Fair, and supplying anti-litter promotional items to a multitude of local organizations. It also aired an anti-litter radio campaign through the NC News Network from January through December 2004 reaching an estimated 1.5 million listeners.

Law enforcement was consistent with previous years in the number of charges for littering violations. A 2004 recap from the Administrative Office the Courts shows the number of charges and convictions by offense code, by county and by law enforcement agency. In addition, the Conference of the District Court Judges continues to provide an alternative to first time offenders charged with littering of less than 15 pounds. This alternative allows first time offenders a means of using a process similar to that of paying a traffic ticket. This was effective January 2004 – revisited in December of 2004 and remains in effect.

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A - page 36

# Statewide Roadside Litter Cleanup 2004

## North Carolina Department of Transportation

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) maintains 78,615 state roadway miles. It has built relationships with other agencies, local governments, citizen volunteers and other organizations/industries in order to provide safe, environmentally sound and aesthetically clean roadsides. Examples include the Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program volunteers, an alliance with the Department of Correction (DOC), participating on organizational boards such as NC Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and NC Big Sweep and working with the North Carolina Soft Drink Association.

## NCDOT Adopt-A-Highway Program

The NCDOT through its Office of Beautification Programs continues to administer the Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program. Citizens of North Carolina continue to support local roadside litter cleanup by adopting a two-mile stretch of roadside and volunteering their time to pick up litter. It's a partnership endeavor between community volunteers and the NCDOT. The volunteers are primarily made up of individuals and school, civic, business, professional, religious and social groups.

The AAH program is a fine example of state government working with citizens to improve the cleanliness of roadsides across North Carolina. To assist with the local AAH roadside adoption, the NCDOT has 58 AAH Coordinators who oversee the adoption process within their assigned counties. The program cost \$351,875 in 2004 versus \$293,357 spent in 2003. This cost includes items for administration, sign installation/removal, bag retrieval and other miscellaneous cleanup supplies, i.e., bags, gloves and safety vests. There were 11,124 man-hours charged to this program.

In 2004, the AAH program continues to have some 6,000 groups who had adopted approximately 12,000 roadside miles. The volunteer cleanup efforts of the AAH program saved the state's taxpayers \$4.2 million dollars in cleanup costs in 2004, and over the last three years, the AAH program has provided cumulative savings of more than \$11 million dollars in roadside litter cleanup costs.

### Annual Comparison of AAH program Taxpayer Savings:

	Hours Worked	Cleanup Cost Savings
2004	388,064	\$4.2 million
2003	326,776	\$3.2 million
2002	384,248	\$3.8 million

In 2003, the Office of Beautification Programs reported that the AAH reporting system experienced occasional downtime due to the age of the hardware and software used in gathering cleanup report data. In 2004 new hardware and software were installed. This enhanced the reliability of the reporting process. AAH groups are now able to call in their reports without any difficulty.

When it comes to the amount of litter collected, the actual pounds are higher than what was reported by AAH groups. As mentioned previously, some litter is not accounted for because it is too large or too heavy to fit into the bags.

**Annual Comparison of the amount of litter collected through the AAH program:**

Year	Total Pounds Collected Statewide by Adopt-A-Highway Groups
2004	3,795,040
2003	3,649,360
2002	4,241,100

Of the 3.8 million pounds collected, the AAH groups also recycled 241,840 pounds as follows: 79,200 lbs. of metal, 86,240 lbs. of glass and 76,400 lbs. of plastic.

The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) also sponsored Litter Sweep, the biannual roadside litter cleanup. Litter Sweep is typically held the last two weeks of April and September. Volunteers on a statewide basis are asked to contribute their time for roadside litter pick up. During Litter Sweep, the NCDOT provides volunteers safety vests, gloves and bags for roadside litter cleanups. It also provides additional manpower to ensure filled bags are picked up for immediate disposal.

**NCDOT and Department of Correction (DOC)**

As in previous years, the NCDOT alliance with the DOC is critical in keeping roadside litter to a minimum on many heavily traveled routes throughout the state. This alliance makes it possible to have 1,360 inmates performing litter pick up on a daily basis (weather permitting). Here is the breakdown and description of the inmate crews:

**110 Medium Custody Eight-man Road Squads**

- Armed DOC staff is required to supervise these inmates (two officers to eight inmates).
- NCDOT transfers \$11,300,000 to the DOC for medium custody inmate labor for roadside litter cleanup. Approximately 81% of all medium custody inmate labor were spent on litter pick-up.
- An additional \$40,500 was expended for support cost related to working with DOC officers on work assignments.

**60 Minimum Custody Highway Work Crews.**

- Correctional officers supervised minimum custody inmates (one officer per eight inmates).
- Assigned primary responsibility for removing litter from major highways statewide.
- The labor cost for these crews is included in the NCDOT \$11,300,000 transfer to the DOC.

**Minimum Custody Road Squads**

- NCDOT staff, trained by the DOC, supervised minimum custody inmates.
- Inmate labor was billed at \$1 per day per inmate for litter cleanup. In 2003 there were 16,087 man-days at a charge of \$16,087.
- NCDOT spent an additional \$115,269 for supervision and transportation costs.

**115 Governor’s Community Work Program (CWP) crews.**

- Through this program, a correction officer supervises a crew of up to 10 minimum-custody inmates on short-term, manual labor projects for local governments and state agencies.
- These crews are dedicated to litter pick up during Litter Sweep.
- There is no charge for this labor.

During the 2004 Spring and Fall Litter Sweeps, the NCDOT picked up 491,805 pounds of litter versus 455,490 pounds in 2003, and expended approximately 21,977 man-days of its employees and inmates for picking up litter on 15,253 highway miles. The amount of litter picked up during the 2004 Spring and Fall Litter Sweeps by the DOC inmates was 2,421,915 pounds versus 2,123,601 pounds in 2003.

**NCDOT and DOC Inmate Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup Comparison:**

Year	Pounds Collected
2004	2,913,720
2003	2,579,091
2002	3,528,180

**Community Service Work Programs (CSWP) Litter Control Efforts, Calendar Year 2004**

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 Division of Community Corrections (DCC) through legislative action. CSWP is a separate program from the Division of Prisons 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 on the criminal offense committed and history of the offender.

DCC community service coordinators place offenders at government or non-profit agencies within the local community to perform work needed by the agency. During 2004, more than 3,000 agencies statewide, maintained agreements with the community service staff to place offenders. Many of the agencies focus on litter control or participate in the NCDOT Litter Sweep. Offenders perform a variety of work, including general labor, skilled labor, clerical, and professional level assignments.

For calendar year 2004, approximately 11% of the general labor work hours focused on litter control efforts, equating to approximately 190,181 hours worked and 3,026,730 pounds of litter collected.

**CSWP Annual Roadside Litter Cleanup Comparison:**

Year	Pounds Collected
2004	3,026,730
2003	3,222,675
2002	4,498,590

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

**2004 Roadside Litter Pick Up Summary - NCDOT, AAH, DOC and CSWP**

**Roadside Litter Cleanup Recap and Comparison:**

Departments and Other Groups	Pounds of Litter Picked Up by Year		
	2004	2003	2002
NCDOT *	491,805	455,490	847,545
DOC *	2,421,915	2,123,601	2,680,635
CSWP**	3,026,730	3,222,675	4,498,590
AAH**	3,795,040	3,649,360	4,241,325
Other volunteers *	400,620	382,590	391,410
Sum of Pounds	10,136,110	9,833,716	12,659,505

\* Litter Sweep (only) litter pick up amount

\*\*Annual litter pick up amount

**NCDOT 2004 Disbursements:**

NCDOT Disbursement Recap By Year			
	2004	2003	2002
NCDOT Employees	\$3,410,517	\$3,328,699	\$4,324,947
Adopt-A-Highway	351,875	293,357	590,092
DOC (Medium and Minimum Custody Inmates)	11,471,856	10,289,129	10,457,854
Disbursement by year:	\$15,234,258	\$13,911,185	\$15,372,893

## Department Of Environmental and Natural Resources

### Division of Parks and Recreation 2004 Litter Cleanup Summary

**Summary Statement:** During 2004, approximately 200 litter cleanups were held across the state park system. About 1,400 bags of trash and a number of large items such as tires and appliances were collected from roadsides, trails and waterways in or near state parks. Estimated weight of all this litter is greater than 10 tons. More than 38,000 pounds of trash (aluminum, paper, glass and plastic) was recycled in the state parks system. See the 2004 Annual Recycling Report for more information.

At least seven parks annually host the Big Sweep event in October. Traditionally, this is the time when most volunteers participate. Litter cleanups at other times of the year are generally smaller in scope. Scout, church and business groups sometimes volunteer to clean up their favorite park trails or creeks. Community service workers in our parks are often assigned to litter patrol. Children who are working on their state park Junior Ranger badge occasionally do litter cleanups as part of their service requirement.

#### Division Of Parks And Recreation – Litter Cleanup Efforts – 2004

Park Name	Dates of Litter Pickups	# of Volunteers/Staff	# of Bags, or # of Man-Hours	# of Pounds
Carolina Beach	No activity reported			
Cliffs of Neuse	10-02-04	22 volunteers and 2 staff	23 bags & other debris	Estimated 185 lbs
Crowders Mountain	Each weekend	2 community service workers and 2 seasonal staff members	240 bags	
Eno River	9-18-04	12 volunteers	7 bags	75 lbs
Falls Lake	2-07-04 2-13-04 3-20-04 5-04-04 5-07-04	3 boy scouts 3 students 18 students 30 youth 5 adult volunteers	37 bags unknown 12 bags unknown unknown	
Fort Fisher	No activity reported			
Fort Macon	10-09-04	Not provided	132 bags	
Goose Creek	4-17-04 7-28-04 11-06-04 12-29-04	13 Volunteers Volunteers Volunteer	Not counted 10 bags 25 bags 1 bag and debris	Not weighed
Gorges	Total for period (Various Dates)	4 staff	15 bags	
Hammocks Beach	10-04-04	30 volunteers	7 bags	Estimated 105 lbs
Hanging Rock	6-25-04 9-10-04 Month of Dec. 04	5 park volunteers park staff park staff	3 bags ----- -----	Estimated 1 ton refuse Estimated 500 lbs
Jockey's Ridge	May 2004	4 staff 8 inmates	7 bags	In addition. 2.5 tons of building debris
Jones Lake	Various dates	5 volunteers (community service workers)	17 bags	



**Division Of Parks And Recreation – Litter Cleanup Efforts – 2004**

<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Dates of Litter Pickups</b>	<b># of Volunteers/Staff</b>	<b># of Bags, or # of Man-Hours</b>	<b># of Pounds</b>
Jordan Lake	2-13-04 5-02-04 5-08-04 6-05-04 6-13-04 6-20-04	Cary Academy 9 cub scouts 12 girl scouts 10 Triangle Board 20 scouts 4 staff	12 bags 5 bags 10 bags 1.5 skiff boats 20 bags 3 bags	Not weighed
Kerr Lake	10-02-04	50 volunteers	20 bags	Estimated 400 lbs
Lake James	No activity reported			
Lake Norman	No activity reported			
Lake Waccamaw	10-02-04	15 volunteers	12 bags	Estimated 250 lbs
Lumber River	10-02-04	55 volunteers	90 bags	Estimated 3,000 lbs
Merchants Millpond	Weekly pickups	Community Service workers, park staff and one park volunteer	Total of 65 bags for the period.	
Medoc Mountain	6-07-04, 6-09-04, and 6-29-04	Comm. Service workers and park staff	14 bags	
Morrow Mountain	10-4-04	No number provided	----	Estimated 160 lbs
Mt. Jefferson and New River	4-29-04, 5-03-04 10-02-04 11-18-04	18 (cleaned 10 river miles) 40 volunteers 4 Comm. Serv. workers	25 bags 54 man-hours 110 bags & debris 20 bags/48 man-hours	Estimated 1,000 lbs
Mount Mitchell	4-17-04	8 volunteers & 1 staff	9 bags	
Pettigrew	Total for period	Park staff and 12 volunteers	NA	3,772 pounds (most was recycled)
Pilot Mountain	Various dates --- totals for the period	Community Service Workers Volunteers Staff	108 bags 2 bags 139 bags	Not weighed
Raven Rock	10-02-04 10-11-04 11-29-04	31 volunteers 1 violator and 1 volunteer 2 staff	41 bags 6 bags and other debris 12 bags and other debris	Estimated 1,000 lbs Estimated 460 lbs Estimated 260 lbs
Singletary Lake	4-17-04	19 volunteers	9 bags	Not weighed
South Mountains	4-24-04	11 boy scouts 2 staff members	One dump truck load of trash	Approximate weight was 1,000 pounds
Stone Mountain	Various dates	Park staff on litter patrol	50 bags	Estimated 1,000 lbs
Weymouth Woods	Various dates	9 (park volunteer and Comm. Serv. Workers)	46 bags for year	Not weighed
William B. Umstead	No activity reported			

### Division Of Parks And Recreation – Annual Recycling – 2004

Park	# of Sites	Site Locations	Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Paper	Other	Pounds Collected	Revenue Generated	Expenses
Carolina Beach			360					360		
Cliffs of the Neuse	4	Campground, Lake area, Picnic Area, Concession	250	150	200	225	9,980	10,805		\$150
Crowders Mountain	6	Linwood Road Access, Main Trailhead, Park Facilities and Projects, Lake Area, Picnic areas #1 & #2	220	443	217	427	840	2,147		\$382
Eno River	1	Few's Ford	1,175	240	280			1,695		
Falls Lake	15	Hwy 50 Boat Launch, Sandling Beach, Beaverdam, Holly Pt. Campground, Rollingview, BW Wells								
Fort Fisher	1	Refreshment Stand	250					250		
Fort Macon		N/A								
Goose Creek	10	Picnic Area 2, Campground 2, Park Shop 1, Environmental Ed./VC 4, Dinah's Landing Access 1	225	80	25	130		460		
Gorges	3	Park Office, Highway 281 Access Area, Frozen Creek Access Area	120	240	330	1,110	25	1,825		
Hammocks Beach	4	Visitor Center, Island Waiting Station, Staff Kitchen, Beach Front Island Gazebo	57	45		305		407		\$67
Hanging Rock	6	Campground, Parking Areas, Picnic Areas, Park Maintenance Facilities, Group Camp, Lake Area	160	150	150			460	\$61	\$425
Jockey's Ridge	2	Picnic Area, Maintenance Shop	280	136	309	180		905		\$1,455
Jones Lake	2	Picnic Area, Shop Area	70					70		
Jordan Lake	17	Boat Ramps, Picnic Areas, Park Office, Campgrounds, Maintenance Area	1,000	600	500			2,100		\$2,534
Kerr Lake	8	All areas	50	20				70		
Lake James	1	Day Use Area (Office, Restroom, Concession Stand)	34	18	73	63		188		
Lake Norman	2	Swimming Area, Campground		112	785	1,100		1,997		\$47
Lumber River	1	Princess Anne	125					125		
Medoc Mountain	3	Picnic Area, Park Office, Campground, Park Office	75					75		
Merchants Millpond	5	Family Campground, Picnic Area, Canoe Area, Walk-in Group Sites, Shop	52					52	\$17	
Morrow Mountain	8	Camp Loop A, B & C Washhouses, Mtn. Top & Lower Picnic Areas, Boathouse & Boat launch Areas, Office Area	70					70		
Mt. Mitchell	2	Summit Area, Personnel Barracks	180	200	220	3,100		3,700		\$860

<b>Park</b>	<b># of Sites</b>	<b>Site Locations</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Pounds Collected</b>	<b>Revenue Generated</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Mount Jefferson	6	MOJE	275	550	460	660		1,945		\$4,800
New River		NERI - US 221, Wagoner Road, Alleghany Co., and King's Creek Accesses, Scenic Corridor								
Pettigrew	7	Picnic Area, Campground, Cypress Point Restrooms, Cypress Pt Pier, Brumsey Woods, Boat Ramp, Bee Tree Overlook	250				3,615	3,865		\$75
Pilot Mountain	4	Picnic Areas 2, Comfort Station 1, Family Campground 1	250					250		\$308
Raven Rock	3	Refreshment Stand, Picnic Area, Park Office	40				660	700	\$38	\$309
Singletery Lake	2	Ipecac, Loblolly								
South Mountains	7	Shinney Creek & Jacob Fork Picnic Areas, Picnic Shelter, Park Office, Residences (3)	15	10	40			65		
Stone Mountain	4	Picnic Area, Campground, Group Campground, Trail Head	68					68		
Weymouth Woods	3	Visitor Center, Maintenance Area, Road Right-of-Way	200	300	600	750		1,850		
Wm. B. Umstead	13	Group Camps, Picnic Areas, Residences, Tent & Trailer	42	25	425			492		\$268
Yorkshire Center	1	Ground Floor	20	25		1200	300	1,545		
		2004 Totals	5,913	3,344	4,614	9,250	15,420	38,541	\$115	\$11,679

The above information describes the Division of Parks and Recreation litter cleanup efforts. During 2004, approximately 200 litter cleanups were held across the state park system, beyond the normal daily maintenance carried out by staff, versus 120 litter cleanups in 2003. A total of 20,000 pounds of trash was collected in 2004 versus 17,500 pounds in 2003.

### **The Division of Parks and Recreation Recycling Recap:**

Number of Pounds Recycled by Year			
Item	2004	2003	2002
Aluminum	5,913	5,343	
Plastic	3,344	3,448	3,200
Glass	4,614	4,322	13,200
Metal			6,900
Paper	9,250	5,350	8,000
Other	15,420	16,427	
Totals	38,541	34,760	41,000

## Other Statewide Litter Cleanups

### North Carolina Big Sweep

North Carolina Big Sweep is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is litter-free watersheds. Since its inception (18 years ago), it has recruited over 200,000 Big Sweep volunteers who have retrieved over seven million pounds of debris from North Carolina's environment.

The 2004 fall cleanups were especially challenging due to the extraordinary flooding experienced after seven tropical storms. As a result, several counties were forced to delay their cleanups until spring 2005. The results by county of the 2004 Big Sweep cleanups are shown below.

In addition to the cleanups in 2004, Big Sweep volunteers installed educational signs throughout the state to prevent littering, implemented a monofilament recycling project at several coastal piers, provided free teacher activity books about marine debris, and made numerous educational presentations in the schools and communities. More information can be found through its website at [www.ncbigssweep.org](http://www.ncbigssweep.org).

**NC Big Sweep's 2004 Litter Pickup Results (October 2, 2004)**

Counties	Sites	Volunteers	Miles	Tires	Bags	Pounds
Alamance	3	40	3	3	45	960
Alexander/Catawba	3	55	2.5	10	480	10,000
Alleghany/Ashe	12	118	15.5	31	300	6,620
Beaufort	2	21	0.75	0	21	420
Bladen	2	14	2	0	46	920
Brunswick	1	283	45.3	1	199	4,000
Burke	2	15	1	7	50	1,140
Cabarrus	5	68	7	16	55	1,420
Caldwell	14	229	17.6	16	611	19,725
Camden	2	8	5	8	15	460
Carteret	17	284	95.5	59	261	7,256
Caswell	2	44	13.5		368	1,296
Chatham	5	45	2.5	1	35	720
Cherokee	1	50	1		900	18,000
Chowan	4	5	2	0	3	60
Cleveland	2	8	3	8	73	1,460
Columbus	1	17	3	0	14	280
Craven	3	226	22	1	167	3,340
Cumberland	9	178	15	14	581	17,900
Currituck	2	10	6.5	0	9	180
Dare	1	273	1		399	9,180
Davidson	3	31	2	0	41	1,072
Davie	1	30	1	4	20	480
Duplin	2	265	1	684	706	7,061
Durham	2	225	19.5	4	170	4,855
Forsyth	39	1,687	37.3		929	30,000
Franklin	5	53	10.5	18	107	2,600
Gaston	33	1,027	40	110	865	19,500
Gates	4	24	0.5	6	22	1,280
Greene	1	45	2	2	23	500
Guilford	27	493	10	0	564	11,280
Halifax	2	3	4	0	25	500

<b>Counties</b>	<b>Sites</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Tires</b>	<b>Bags</b>	<b>Pounds</b>
Harnett	4	33	0.6	0	38	1,000
Haywood	1	32	2	6	104	2,300
Henderson	20	88	6	50	106	3,220
Hertford	2	19	4		15	90
Hoke	1	27	0.5	1	18	380
Hyde	2	28	4	0	24	480
Iredell	1	30	15	34	44	1,560
Johnston	2	179	10.8	0	175	3,600
Jones	1	12	1		20	400
Lee	4	106	12	7	73	1,900
Lenoir	1	29	7	20	70	2,410
Lincoln	1	100	1	35	265	6,000
Macon	6	10	1.25		27	530
Martin	1	10	1	4	32	720
Mecklenburg	14	859	105		1417	28,340
Mitchell	1	4	0.1	0	12	240
Nash/Edgecombe	40	600	61		450	9,000
New Hanover	13	305	30	1	341	6,840
Onslow	10	297	42	21	355	7,520
Orange	3	83	4	5	53	1,160
Pamlico	1	67	60		65	1,300
Pasquotank	4	34	10	2	41	860
Pender	2	449	56	23	300	3,215
Person	1	38	5	1	22	230
Pitt	1	234	1	19	484	10,050
Polk	2	88	6	1	40	800
Randolph	8	109	7.75	6	153	3,210
Richmond	4	23	5	2	60	1,240
Robeson	1	55	4	1	90	3,000
Rockingham	52	1,011	160	317	1,316	40,240
Rowan	1	8	0.5	1	4	100
Rutherford	7	58	38	53	129	3,870
Sampson	1	180	1		366	7,320
Scotland	5	75	15	0	150	3,000
Stanly	5	42	3	0	15	160
Stokes	1	468	6		1,200	24,000
Surry	2	23	8	0	42	840
Swain	1	4	1			
Tyrrell	1	10	2	0	10	200
Union	1	17	3	0	21	420
Vance	3	85	4	0	24	480
Wake	5	257	13	42	184	5,860
Washington	2	9	0.25	0	9	40
Watauga/Avery	2	79	2		300	6,000
Wayne	15	253	28	0	104	28,060
Wilkes	1	227	40	52	235	5,740
Wilson	3	38	3	2	31	660
Yadkin	1	5	0.5	0	5	100
Yancey	1	1	1		3	60
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>12,672</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>17,146</b>	<b>413,210</b>

Note: There is no data for Anson, Bertie, Buncombe, Clay, Graham, Granville, Jackson, Madison, McDowell, Montgomery, Moore, Northampton, Perquimans, Transylvania and Warren counties.

## NC Keep America Beautiful

North Carolina Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (NC KAB) is a nonprofit public education organization dedicated to enhancing the natural beauty of North Carolina communities, improving waste handling practices and empowering individuals to take greater responsibility for improving community environments. NC KAB is comprised of local, independent affiliates located in communities all across North Carolina.

The NC KAB Affiliates participated in the 2004 Great American Cleanup™. This annual cleanup runs from March to the end of May. The volunteers worked on a number of projects such as picking up litter, removing debris and junk cars, eliminating illegal dumps, restoring playgrounds and planting trees, flowers and bulbs. They had 29,871 volunteers that expended more than 51,559 hours in these various initiatives, and overall saved the state's taxpayers in equivalent labor costs through all their volunteer efforts. The reported amount of litter picked up during their NC Great American Cleanup was 1,281,721 pounds.

### Volunteers by NC KAB Affiliate - All Projects:

City	Number of volunteers	Number of volunteer hours	Pounds of litter & debris collected
Asheville	216	864	17,640
Belmont	50	100	4,000
Bolivia	700	1,500	195,180
Carthage	1,534	3,495	65,340
Charlotte	68	326	1,000
Mecklenburg	350	1,400	27,315
Elizabeth City	7	20	600
Elizabethtown	300	900	2,100
Gastonia	1,056	4,800	21,420
High Point	281	1,124	15,000
Jacksonville	1,738	4,006	11,590
Kenansville	195	585	451,140
Louisburg	60	240	3,220
Marion	750	2,842	36,000
Mecklenburg	350	1,400	27,315
Raleigh	737	2,738	35,836
Rocky Mount	408	816	6,400
Shelby	200	800	3,480
Wilmington	650	1,950	260,000
Wilson	20	53	1,460
Winston-Salem	20,551	23,000	123,000
Totals	29,871	51,559	1,281,721

## **Anti-Litter Education/Prevention – 2004**

### **Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)**

#### **Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance (DPPEA)**

During the summer, Recycle Guys anti-litter ads aired along the Outer Banks on Cox and Charter cable. During December the same ad aired in the Western part of the state on WLOS and their WB affiliate. This brought ads to 75% of the counties and ran cinema ads in 20 counties. More information about DPPEA teaching aids and educational efforts can be found through their web site at [www.p2pays.org](http://www.p2pays.org).

#### **Division of Parks and Recreation**

Most of the parks have recycling stations and encourage park visitors to recycle aluminum, paper, glass and plastic items rather than just toss them into the trashcans. This year, more than 38,000 pounds of trash was recycled in the state parks system. (See the 2004 Annual Recycling Report for more information.) Many parks provide regular programs or wayside exhibits that explain the impact of litter on wildlife and encourage anti-littering behavior.

#### **Division of Marine Fisheries - Marine Patrol**

The Division of Marine Fisheries' Marine Patrol Officers patrol the waters of North Carolina working to control the discharge of litter into the state's coastal waterways along with their other patrol duties. Officers are stationed along the coastal counties from the Virginia state line to the South Carolina state line and as part of their daily patrol, officers ensure the disposal of trash, discarded equipment and abandoned fishing gear is done properly.

#### **NC Wildlife Resources Commission**

The Division of Engineering Services maintains 191 boating access areas and 36 public fishing access areas across the state. Approximately 3,500 hours was spent policing and removing litter from these sites. "Littering is Illegal" signs are maintained on all sites.

The Division of Wildlife Management reports 120 hours of general litter pick-up on game lands across the state. The Division of Enforcement Officers participated in numerous public service announcements pertaining to the proper disposal of lawfully taken wildlife.

## **NCDOT - Office of Beautification Programs**

There are many initiatives, which are ongoing and perpetuate the overall effectiveness of statewide litter prevention. Examples of these are included below.

During 2004 the Office of Beautification Programs placed emphasis on enhancing their web site to promote anti-litter education. Currently the Union County - Yes! Yes! We Can Stop Littering Campaign and the Gaston County - 2004-2005 Beautification and Environmental Education Programs are provided in their entirety. The intent of this site is to be a resource for educators in need of classroom curriculum material. The information can be found at the Office of Beautification Programs web site homepage at [www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification) through the NCDOT Anti-Litter Efforts link. The curriculums can be downloaded for classroom usage.

In addition, the Office of Beautification Programs provided a variety of educational materials for schools, civic groups and others. This included anti-litter stickers, decals, pencils, car litterbags, temporary tattoos, leaflets and Swat-A-Litterbug cards. Other links/items available through its Internet web site include the litter law, Swat-A-Litterbug, Adopt-A-Highway, Litter Sweep, printable activity pages - litter activity book with lessons and activities for second and third grades and information about NCDOT's fight against litter.

The Office of Beautification Programs also distributed car litterbags in the tens of thousands through rest areas, welcome centers, the NC State Fair and upon request to numerous groups.

The Adopt-A-Highway Program hotline update was completed. The new hardware and software was installed to provide a reliable system to collect information and data regarding AAH group cleanups. This was completed prior to the Spring Litter Sweep (April 2004) and has been operating effectively since that time.

**Annual Litter Prevention Awards Contest:** The NCDOT, along with the Office of the Governor and the NC Soft Drink Association, sponsors a litter prevention awards contest annually. Eligible categories are as follows: Government Agencies, Schools/Youth Groups and Nonprofits. Each category offers first place prizes of \$1,000 and second place prizes of \$500. Winning groups are required to use their winnings to expand existing litter prevention programs. Winners are posted to the Office of Beautification Programs web site within the Litter Prevention Contest link.

**Yes! Yes! We Can Stop Littering Campaign:** An alliance between the Union County Rotary Clubs, the Union County Public School System, county charter and private schools, local businesses and the NCDOT to prevent littering. The overall purpose is to cultivate a cultural change in Union County to stop littering during a five-year period. The program is in its fourth year. At this time we are still awaiting information on the number of students that participated during 2004. In 2003 there were approximately 6,000 students that had participated. It was estimated that these 6,000 students, by sharing their experiences, had increased awareness to over 20,000 people.

The objectives are to promote awareness, change attitudes through enhancing pride in a clean environment and create a positive action by citizens to prevent littering and polluting the environment. The Union County Rotary Clubs are the major drivers of this initiative with other sponsors providing various assists as the program moves forward. The NCDOT Office of Beautification Programs for



example, provides items as litterbags, stickers and tattoos with anti-littering messages, promotional pencils and plaques to support the "Yes! Yes! We Can Stop Littering Campaign".

**Swat-A-Litterbug Program:** In 2004 more than 6,600 Swat-A-Litterbug letters were mailed to those observed littering – in 2003 there were 6,000 letters mailed. The Office of Beautification Programs continues to administer the Swat-A-Litterbug program. Through this program those who are observed littering can be reported on-line through the Office of Beautification Programs web site at [www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification) or through the mail (Swat-A-Litterbug cards) or by calling \*HP (State Highway Patrol) or by calling the NCDOT Customer Service Office at 1-877-DOT-4YOU.

The information required in a Swat-A-Litterbug report is the vehicle license plate number, time, date, street, city, county, and a description of the littering offense.

Swat-A-Litterbug is viewed as an educational tool, which informs those observed violating the litter law. The letters, which are signed by the Colonel of the State Highway Patrol, inform recipients of their littering, that littering is illegal and the penalties they could receive if convicted. Those submitting the license plate numbers are anonymous. There are no citations or warnings issued from these reports. The program is totally anonymous and no record is kept regarding who receives a letter.

**Litter License Plate:** As of this report date, there have been 444 litter plates issued. This number is up from 425 in 2003. The General Assembly approved the Anti Litter License plate during the 2000 session. The initial 300 plates were sold in 2001 and the plate became available through the tag agencies by the beginning of 2002. Ten dollars of each plate sold will be diverted to a "Litter Prevention Fund" on a quarterly basis. The money is used to help support other statewide anti litter efforts.

**Radio Campaign:** From January through December 2004, the Office of Beautification Programs aired three different litter prevention radio spots. The content of the ads included the proper disposal of cigarette butts, drink containers, and trash. The \$120,000 campaign (18,720 ads) was conducted through the statewide radio network of the North Carolina News Network (NCNN). The network is comprised of more than 80 affiliate stations and four Spanish speaking stations.

As the spots aired, each English version was preceded by the "NC Mean about Clean" jingle to add to awareness. The spots were estimated to reach 1.5 million listeners statewide who were of the age of 18 or older. Each would have heard the message 20 times. NCNN breaks down the state into four equal regions with each region having 25 counties. Region 1 begins with the western counties. The table below provides the amount of reach (number of listeners) and frequency (number of times message is heard) as provided by NCNN.

Region	County Population	Reach	Frequency
1 – 25 Counties West	918,431	191,800	17
2 – 25 Counties Central West	2,654,057	460,700	17
3 – 25 Counties Central East	1,995,678	632,700	24
4 – 25 Counties East	882,970	178,000	20
Totals	6,451,136	1,463,200	Avg. 20

**Bus Placard Campaign:** Litter prevention signage specifically for placement within transit area buses was created as a pilot program. The Raleigh Capital Area Transit (CAT) was the first to place two placards in each of their 60 buses in November of 2004. The message content seeks everyone to assist in the fight against litter, states that cigarette butts are litter and that a fine of up to \$1,000 can be given upon conviction. Fayetteville is the next city to pilot the placards.

The intent of the pilot is to stimulate litter prevention and inform that even the smallest of items, such as improperly discarded cigarette butts, are litter and that littering is a fineable offense. The placards are in either 11" x 17" format or 8.5" x 11" in English or Spanish in the quantity required specifically for each pilot program. These can be viewed on the Office of Beautification Programs web site at [www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification) within the NCDOT Anti Litter efforts link. There is no charge for the placards and no fee is charged for the space displaying the placard.

## Litter Enforcement – 2004 Summary

### Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

In 2004, the State Highway Patrol issued 676 tickets for littering. The State Highway Patrol also cooperates with NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to offer the \*HP as an option for reporting littering activity on the highways. Information provided by callers is captured by the State Highway Patrol and when appropriate, it is submitted to the NCDOT Swat-A-Litterbug program for processing.

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

Year	Number of Charges
2004	676
2003	683
2002	699

The Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Enforcement Officers were transferred from the NCDOT to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety State Highway Patrol in January of 2003. In the table below the tickets issued for G.S. 20-116(g) violations during 2004 and 2003 represent the combined tickets issued by the State Highway Patrol and the DMV enforcement officers. The number of charges for 2002 reflects the DMV only.

#### DMV's Enforcement Section Recap of Improper Loading/covering of Vehicle G.S. 20-116(g):

Year	Number of Charges
2004 *	1,164
2003 *	1,161
2002	1,066

\* Combined DMV and SHP

### Division of Parks and Recreation

Each unit in the state park system provides an adequate number of trashcans in convenient locations to encourage visitors to keep the parks clean and provides at least one recycling center for visitors and campers.

State park rangers wrote a total of 32 citations for littering during 2004 versus 15 citations in 2003. Most of the citations were written in the first and second quarters of the year.

## Division of Marine Fisheries - Marine Patrol

Marine Patrol Officers issued 6 littering citations during 2004 expending 69.5 hours. Marine Patrol Officers patrolled coastal waters and highways looking for possible littering violations along with their regular patrols. They also investigated complaints concerning illegal dumping of materials on beaches and other coastal waters. Several boats have been abandoned in coastal waters and officers continue to investigate these cases. The boat owners will be charged once they have been located.

### Marine Patrol Citation Recap:

Year	Citations	Warnings	Time Spent
2004	6	0	69.5 hours
2003	5	4	54 hours
2002	11	6	53 hours

## NC Wildlife Resources Commission

The Division of Engineering Services maintains 191 boating access areas and 38 public fishing access areas across the state. Approximately 2,800 man-hours were spent policing and removing litter from these sites. "Littering is Illegal" signs are maintained on all sites.

The Division of Wildlife Management reports 359 hours and approximately 3,393 miles driven for general litter pick-up on game lands across the state during 2004 versus 120 hours in 2003.

The Division of Inland Fisheries reported 48 hours assisting with operation Clean Sweep.

As a reminder to past Wildlife Enforcement Litter reports, along with AOC reports for 14-399, please check the AOC reports for 113-264(a) and 75A-10(c) which officers commonly use for violations on game lands, access areas and waters of this state.

### Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) Litter Charges Recap G.S. 14-399 and local ordinances:

Year	Charges
2004 *	744
2003	646
2002	748

\* Includes G.S. 14-399, 113-264 (a), local ordinances and 75A-10(c).

## Administrative Office of the Courts

The following tables provide information on littering offenses for calendar year 2004.

Data are presented on the number of charges and convictions by county, number of charges by law enforcement agency, number of charges disposed, and the manner of disposition.

Data are provided for the following twelve 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
****	Litter State Waters/Inland Lake Waters	§ 75A-10(c)

**Calendar 2004**

<b>Number Of Littering Charges And Convictions By County And Charging Agency</b>												
The following data are from the AOC's Automated Criminal/Infraction System for calendar year 2004. The number of charges and convictions represent totals from district and superior court filings. 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.												
All littering offense codes are listed for the statewide data. County data include only the codes for which there were any charges. There is not an offense code for littering under NCGS 75A-10(c); this code is designated by four asterisks.												
				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
STATEWIDE				STATEWIDE								
20-116(g)	4425	1,481	937	4425			283	6	30	1,158	1	3
14-399(e)	5370	18	2	5370			3		15			
14-399(e)	5371	5	0	5371			2		1			2
14-399(c)	5372	2,923	1,642	5372	9	22	1,244	2	290	655	483	218
14-399(d)	5373	109	64	5373			27		42	2	4	34
14-399(e)	5374	24	6	5374			9		11			4
14-399(c1)	5375	37	32	5375	1		13			17	5	1
14-399(d1)	5376	10	2	5376			7		1	2		
14-399(e1)	5377	1	0	5377			1					
113-264(a)	6248	246	201	6248		1			1		240	4
local ordinance	8514	93	52	8514			71		7	5	8	2
75A-10(c)	****	3	4	****							3	
Total 2004		4,950	2,942	Total	10	23	1660	8	398	1,839	744	268
Total 2003		4,719	2,772		10	50	1627	18	322	1,828	647	217

**Four-year Comparison**

Littering Offenses			Number Of Charges By Charging Agency							
Totals by Year	Number of Charges *	Number of Convictions	ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
2004	3,469	2,005	10	23	1,377	2	368	681	744	265
2003	3,266	1,804	10	50	1,360	2	303	683	646	212
2002	3,601	1,951	8	64	1,480	23	323	699	748	256
2001	4,059	2,219	5	44	1,633	53	404	748	866	484

\* Totals are less the 20-116 (g) charges and convictions

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Alamance: 76	4425	23	21	Alamance	2			21				
	5372	53	29		37		8	5	1	2		1
	5374	0	1									
	8514	0	2									
Alexander: 11	4425	3	2	Alexander						3		
	5372	8	3				1		2	3	1	1
Alleghany: 3	4425	1	0	Alleghany						1		
	5372	2	1				1				1	
Anson: 29	4425	5	1	Anson			3			2		
	5372	13	13							6	6	1
	5375	1	1				1					
	6248	10	6								10	
Ashe: 3	4425	0	1	Ashe								
	5372	3	2				2			1		
Avery: 22	4425	3	2	Avery			1			2		
	5372	17	11				2		3	5	7	
	5374	1	0						1			
	6248	1	1								1	
Beaufort: 35	4425	10	6	Beaufort			2			8		
	5372	25	14				9		1	12	2	1
Bertie: 12	4425	6	2	Bertie						6		
	5372	5	4							4	1	
	5373	1	0				1					
	6248	0	1									
Bladen: 21	4425	3	2	Bladen						3		
	5372	18	19				5		2	6	5	
Brunswick: 56	4425	23	14	Brunswick			3			20		
	5372	31	22				8		4	11	4	4
	5373	0	1									
	5374	2	0									2
Buncombe: 127	4425	25	20	Buncombe			6		1	18		
	5372	84	47			1	56		2	13	9	3
	5373	9	5				7					2
	6248	3	3								3	
	8514	6	3				4				2	
Burke: 50	4425	19	7	Burke			3			16		
	5372	22	12				7			8	5	2
	5375	1	0							1		
	6248	8	7								8	

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Cabarrus: 120	4425	68	61	Cabarrus			2		1	65		
	5372	52	27				24		6	22		
	5375	0	1									
Caldwell: 32	4425	4	0	Caldwell			1			3		
	5372	23	17				7		2	6	8	
	6248	4	4								4	
	8514	1	1				1					
Camden: 13	4425	1	0	Camden						1		
	5370	2	1						2			
	5372	10	7						2	1	6	1
Carteret: 71	4425	9	5	Carteret			3			5		1
	5371	2	0									2
	5372	55	26				15		6	32	2	
	5373	2	1				1		1			
	5374	1	0									1
	5375	1	2							1		
	6248	1	1									1
Caswell: 18	4425	3	2	Caswell						3		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	9	9				1		3	1	4	
	5373	4	1						3			1
	5374	1	0						1			
Catawba: 86	4425	30	18	Catawba			7		1	22		
	5372	50	27				23	1	6	14	5	1
	5373	0	0									
	5375	1	1							1		
	6248	4	3								4	
	8514	1	1				1					
Chatham: 32	4425	5	6	Chatham						5		
	5372	27	14				5		3	1	15	3
	6248	0	1									
Cherokee: 29	4425	2	1	Cherokee						2		
	5372	16	9				1		4	1	8	2
	6248	11	9								11	
Chowan: 27	4425	2	3	Chowan				1		1		
	5372	24	18				3		6	2	9	4
	5373	1	1								1	
Clay: 5	4425	3	2	Clay						3		
	5372	1	1								1	
	6248	1	1								1	



				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Cleveland: 54	4425	18	14	Cleveland			2		1	15		
	5372	35	16				14		5	10	4	2
	5373	1	2						1			
	5374	0	0									
	****	0	1									
Columbus: 24	4425	13	9	Columbus			1			12		
	5372	10	7				4			2	3	1
	5375	0	1									
	8514	1	1							1		
Craven: 78	4425	21	14	Craven			5			16		
	5372	54	32				30		3	18	2	1
	5373	2	2								2	
	6248	1	1								1	
Cumberland: 146	4425	57	37	Cumberland			19		1	37		
	5370	0	1									
	5372	82	30		1		25		5	6	43	2
	5373	0	0									
	5375	1	0		1							
	6248	5	3								5	
	8514	1	0							1		
Currituck: 30	4425	4	2	Currituck						4		
	5372	18	14						8	1	7	2
	5373	5	6						5			
	5374	3	3						3			
Dare: 65	4425	14	11	Dare			1		2	11		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	35	26				12		9	4	8	2
	5373	5	3				2		2	1		
	5374	0	0									
	6248	4	4								4	
	8514	6	5				3		2	1		
Davidson: 83	4425	34	22	Davidson			2			32		
	5372	35	19				11		5	12	5	2
	5373	0	1									
	5375	3	1				2			1		
	6248	7	7						1		6	
	8514	4	0				2		1			1
Davie: 27	4425	3	1	Davie						3		
	5372	21	8				3			10	8	
	5373	2	0						1			1
	5375	1	2								1	

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Duplin: 23	4425	14	10	Duplin			2			12		
	5372	6	0				1		2	3		
	5373	2	1						2			
	8514	1	1							1		
Durham: 89	4425	9	8	Durham			7			2		
	5372	48	25		1	2	37		2	4		2
	5373	0	0									
	6248	31	17								28	3
	8514	1	1				1					
Edgecombe: 33	4425	4	1	Edgecombe			1			3		
	5371	1	0						1			
	5372	25	9				17		2	4	2	
	5374	1	0				1					
	5375	0	0									
	6248	2	3								2	
Forsyth: 131	4425	56	41	Forsyth			13		2	41		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	71	45		1		40	1	5	6	16	2
	5373	1	1				1					
	8514	2	0				2					
Franklin: 23	4425	6	0	Franklin			3			3		
	5372	16	14				6		1	4	4	1
	5373	1	0									1
	5375	0	1									
Gaston: 171	4425	28	19	Gaston			5			22		1
	5372	121	73				33			55	2	31
	5373	7	2				2					5
	6248	15	8								15	
Gates: 8	4425	2	1	Gates						2		
	5372	6	3						1	2	1	2
Graham: 1	6248	1	0	Graham						1		
Granville: 14	5372	11	1	Granville			1		3	3	3	1
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	1	2				1					
Greene: 16	4425	3	2	Greene						3		
	5372	12	2						3	5	4	
	5373	1	1						1			
	5375	0	1									

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	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Guilford: 120	4425	48	29	Guilford			16	1		31		
	5370	1	0				1					
	5372	65	34				41		12	4		8
	5373	1	0				1					
	5374	4	0				4					
	8514	1	0				1					
Halifax: 46	4425	9	9	Halifax						9		
	5370	3	0				1		2			
	5372	26	12			1	4		1	4	15	1
	5373	2	1				2					
	5375	3	1								3	
	6248	3	3								3	
Harnett: 64	4425	26	18	Harnett			1		1	24		
	5372	37	22				10		3	8	16	
	5374	1	0						1			
Haywood: 42	4425	22	14	Haywood			1		4	17		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	13	4				2		5	6		
	5373	4	2						2			2
	5374	2	0						2			
Henderson: 42	4425	13	11	Henderson			3			10		
	5372	21	12				6		4	5	3	3
	6248	7	8								7	
	8514	1	0									1
Hertford: 16	4425	3	1	Hertford			1			2		
	5372	11	6				2		2	6	1	
	5373	2	2						1			1
Hoke: 28	4425	6	4	Hoke						5		1
	5372	18	11				1		4	5	6	2
	5373	1	1									1
	6248	3	2								3	
Hyde: 2	5372	2	2	Hyde							2	
Iredell: 93	4425	35	21	Iredell			12		1	22		
	5372	49	30		1	1	23		11	7	6	
	6248	6	4								6	
	8514	3	2				2				1	

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Jackson: 40	4425	1	1	Jackson						1		
	5372	22	8				2		2	5	8	5
	5373	1	0							1		
	6248	12	13								12	
	8514	3	2								3	
	****	1	1								1	
Jackson: 40	4425	1	1	Jackson						1		
	5372	22	8				2		2	5	8	5
	5373	1	0							1		
	6248	12	13								12	
	8514	3	2								3	
	****	1	1								1	
Jones: 14	4425	2	0	Jones						2		
	5372	12	5				5		1	6		
Lee: 29	4425	10	5	Lee			1			9		
	5372	18	13				13		1	1		3
	5373	1	1						1			
Lenoir: 25	4425	8	6	Lenoir			1			7		
	5372	14	15				7			4	3	
	5370	1	1									1
	8514	2	3				2					
Lincoln: 21	4425	11	3	Lincoln						11		
	5372	9	8				1		4	3	1	
	5373	1	1						1			
Macon: 18	5372	9	8	Macon			4		4		1	
	5373	2	1						2			
	6248	7	7								7	
Madison: 7	4425	2	1	Madison			1			1		
	5372	5	3				1			2	2	
Martin: 17	4425	2	1	Martin						2		
	5372	12	11						3	7	1	1
	5373	1	0						1			
	6248	2	0								2	
McDowell: 32	4425	3	1	McDowell			3					
	5372	26	21				1		3	5	16	1
	5373	1	1									1
	8514	2	2							1	1	

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Mecklenburg: 374	4425	125	75	Mecklenburg			28	1		96		
	5372	215	87		2	1	173		5	31	2	1
	5373	3	1				3					
	5375	10	6				7			3		
	5376	10	2				7		1	2		
	5377	1	0				1					
	8514	10	9				10					
	****	0	1									
Mitchell: 12	4425	1	0	Mitchell						1		
	5372	9	5				1		2	4	2	
	5373	0	1									
	6248	2	3								2	
Montgomery: 20	4425	3	2	Montgomery			1			2		
	5372	12	6				1		3	2	6	
	6248	4	3								4	
	8514	1	0				1					
Moore: 21	4425	10	5	Moore			2			8		
	5372	8	3				2		3	2	1	
	5373	2	1						1			1
	5374	1	0						1			
Nash: 66	4425	33	24	Nash			3			30		
	5372	30	12		1		11		2	12	4	
	5373	1	0						1			
	5375	0	1									
	6248	2	1								2	
	8514	1	1								1	
New Hanover: 136	4425	64	32	New Hanover			18			46		
	5370	3	0						3			
	5372	57	26			2	38		8	6	1	2
	5373	3	1									3
	5375	0	1									
	6248	3	2								3	
	8514	6	1				5		1			
Northampton: 5	4425	1	1	Northampton			1					
	5372	4	5							1	3	
Onslow: 81	4425	50	36	Onslow			4			46		
	5370	2	0						2			
	5372	25	13			1	9		2	8	5	
	6248	1	0								1	
	5374	1	1						1			
	8514	2	1				2					

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Orange: 37	4425	12	6	Orange			4			8		
	5372	24	5				17		1	3		3
	5373	0	1									
	8514	1	0				1					
Pamlico: 1	5372	1	0	Pamlico			1					
	5374	0	1									
Pasquotank: 28	4425	9	5	Pasquotank			4			5		
	5372	14	16			1	7		1	1	4	
	5374	1	0						1			
	6248	3	4								3	
	8514	1	0						1			
Pender: 36	4425	14	10	Pender			1			13		
	5372	22	14				2		1	18	1	
Perquimans: 7	4425	2	2	Perquimans						2		
	5372	5	4				1		1	1	1	1
Person: 15	4425	3	2	Person			1			2		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	6	7								4	2
	5373	1	0				1					
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	2	2								2	
Pitt: 85	4425	23	10	Pitt			4			19		
	5372	37	16		1	3	14		2	10	7	
	5373	0	1									
	5375	1	2								1	
	6248	1	1								1	
	8514	23	7				23					
Polk: 54	4425	1	0	Polk						1		
	5372	15	8				6		5	3	1	
	6248	38	25			1					37	
Randolph: 46	4425	18	11	Randolph						18		
	5372	28	7				15		1	6	2	4
Richmond: 49	4425	13	6	Richmond			3		1	8	1	
	5372	23	9				5		6	7	5	
	6248	13	12								13	

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Robeson: 108	4425	9	5	Robeson			1	1		7		
	5372	85	40				22		4	15	26	18
	5373	8	5				1					7
	5374	1	0				1					
	6248	5	4								5	
Rockingham: 29	4425	10	6	Rockingham			2			8		
	5372	16	10				9		2	3	2	
	5373	2	1				2					
	6248	1	0								1	
Rowan: 65	4425	21	14	Rowan			2			19		
	5372	37	26		1		6		7	8	15	
	5374	1	0				1					
	6248	6	5								6	
Rutherford: 55	4425	2	1	Rutherford						2		
	5371	1	0				1					
	5372	47	33				13		5	17	9	3
	5373	1	1						1			
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	2	1				1		1			
Sampson: 30	4425	11	5	Sampson			1			10		
	5372	18	7				8		1	7	1	1
	5375	1	0							1		
Scotland: 39	4425	5	3	Scotland			1			4		
	5372	30	26				4		3	5	13	5
	5373	4	4									4
Stanly: 38	4425	11	7	Stanly			3			8		
	5372	26	18				9			6	11	
	5373	1	0						1			
	5375	0	2									
Stokes: 7	4425	2	1	Stokes				1		1		
	5372	4	7				1			3		
	5375	1	0									1
Surry: 29	4425	6	4	Surry			1			5		
	5371	1	0				1					
	5372	22	14				10			7	3	2
Swain: 5	5372	5	4	Swain							5	
Transylvania: 30	4425	1	1	Transylvania			1					
	5372	19	8				7		3	1	3	5
	5375	1	0				1					
	6248	9	9								9	

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
<b>Charges By County</b>				<b>By County</b>								
Tyrrell: 7	4425	1	0	Tyrrell						1		
	5372	6	6						2	3	1	
	5375	0	1									
Union: 61	4425	38	21	Union			4		8	26		
	5370	1	0				1					
	5372	20	14				7		7	3	1	2
	5374	1	0				1					
	5375	1	0				1					
Vance: 26	4425	4	5	Vance						4		
	5372	18	9				5		2	7	1	3
	5373	2	2						2			
	5374	1	0									1
	6248	1	1								1	
Wake: 472	4425	116	73	Wake			43		3	70		
	5372	341	209			6	212		27	31	2	63
	5373	5	3				2		2			1
	5374	1	1				1					
	5375	7	3							7		
	6248	1	1								1	
	8514	1	1				1					
Warren: 6	4425	1	2	Warren						1		
	5372	4	1						1	3		
	5373	1	0									1
Washington: 8	4425	4	4	Washington						4		
	5372	3	1				2			1		
	5375	0	1									
	6248	1	1								1	
Watauga: 28	4425	13	10	Watauga						13		
	5372	15	9			1	12		1	1		
Wayne: 44	4425	19	8	Wayne			7		3	9		
	5372	21	12			2	9			10		
	5373	2	0						1			1
	5375	0	1									
	6248	0	2									
	8514	2	2				2					
Wilkes: 24	4425	9	5	Wilkes						9		
	5372	13	6				6		2	2	2	1
	5373	1	1				1					
	6248	0	2									
	8514	1	0						1			



				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
Wilson: 89	4425	29	21	Wilson						29		
	5372	55	25				15			3	36	1
	5375	0	1									
	8514	5	2				5					
Yadkin: 26	4425	4	1	Yadkin			2			2		
	5372	18	14				3		2	7	6	
	5373	4	0						3		1	
Yancey: 11	4425	3	1	Yancey						3		
	5372	7	6				3			1	3	
	6248	1	1								1	

The following data are from the AOC's Automated Criminal/Infraction System for calendar year 2004. Charges on appeal are not included. Because some of the defendants have other charges in addition to a littering offense, a defendant can have a littering charge dismissed but be convicted of a more serious offense. It is possible for a defendant to be charged in one calendar year and convicted in the next. Thus, for any given year, the defendants convicted are not necessarily the same defendants charged in that year.

### Statewide District Court Filings for Littering Offenses: Disposition Method

#### Calendar 2004

			Number of Charges Filed	Number of Charges Disposed	Guilty Plea	Bench Trial: Guilty	Bench Trial: Not Guilty	Dismissed	Other Disposition
4425	Improper Loading/Covering of Vehicle	Infraction	1481	1521	23	0	0	562	936
5370	Commercial Littering	Class I felony	12	10	1	0	0	4	5
5371	Littering Hazardous Waste	Class I felony	4	3	1	0	0	1	1
5372	Littering 15 Pounds or Less	Class 3 misdemeanor	2901	3026	982	52	36	1282	674
5373	Littering more than 15 but less than 500 pounds	Class 3 misdemeanor	109	113	55	1	3	48	6
5374	Littering more than 500 pounds	Class I felony	19	20	9	0	0	7	4
5375	Unintentional Littering not more than 15 pounds	Infraction	36	37	1	0	0	19	17
5376	Unintentional Littering more than 15 but less than 500 pounds	Infraction	10	7	0	0	0	5	2
5377	Unintentional Littering more than 500 pounds	Infraction	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6248	Litter Gameland/Access Area	Class 3 misdemeanor	246	246	55	1	0	42	148
8514	Littering Beer/Wine Container	Class 3 misdemeanor	92	84	38	1	1	27	17
****	Litter State Waters/Lake Inland Waters	Class 3 misdemeanor	3	7	3	0	0	3	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4914</b>	<b>5074</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1811</b>

<b>Statewide Superior Court Filings for Littering Offenses: Disposition Method</b>									
<b>Calendar 2004</b>									
			<b>Number of Charges Filed</b>	<b>Number of Charges Disposed</b>	<b>Guilty Plea</b>	<b>Jury Trial: Guilty</b>	<b>Jury Trial: Not Guilty</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>	<b>Other Disposition</b>
4425	Improper Loading/Covering of Vehicle	Infraction	0	0					
5370	Commercial Littering	Class I felony	6	6	4			2	
5371	Littering Hazardous Waste	Class I felony	1	0					
5372	Littering 15 Pounds or Less	Class 3 misdemeanor	22	21	3			12	6
5373	Littering More than 15 but Less than 500 pounds	Class 3 misdemeanor	0	0					
5374	Littering More than 500 pounds	Class I felony	5	8	6			2	
5375	Unintentional Littering Not More than 15 pounds	Infraction	1	0					
5376	Unintentional Littering More than 15 but Less than 500 pounds	Infraction	0	0					
5377	Unintentional Littering More than 500 pounds	Infraction	0	0					
6248	Litter Gameland/Access Area	Class 3 misdemeanor	0	0					
8514	Littering Beer/Wine Container	Class 3 misdemeanor	0	0					
****	Litter State Waters/Lake Inland Waters	Class 3 misdemeanor	1	1				1	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>

## **ATTACHMENT A: Session Law 2001-512, Sections 9 and 10**

SECTION 9. The text of G.S. 147-12 is designated as subsection (a) of that section, and G.S. 147-12 is further amended by adding a new subsection to read: “(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 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.”

SECTION 10. The first reports required to be delivered by 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, the Division of Marine Fisheries in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Administrative Office of the Courts to the Governor under G.S. 147-12(b), as enacted by Section 10 of this act, shall be due February 1, 2002. The first report required to be delivered by the Governor 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 under G.S. 147-12(b), as enacted by Section 10 of this act, shall be due March 1, 2002.

## 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 are approximately 1400 "Littering Is Illegal" signs posted across the state. These were issued at a rate of 100 per Highway Division.

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