

Currently, Burnt Mill Creek is on North Carolina's 303(d) List, a listing of water bodies in the state that do not meet water quality standards.

Burnt Mill Creek suffers from high levels of fecal coliform bacteria, low dissolved oxygen levels, litter, sediment, and occasional algae blooms.

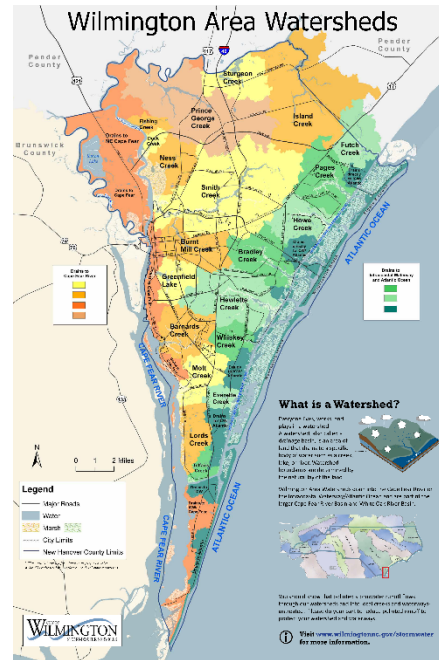
The Kerr Avenue Wetland, which is located near your business, is helping to clean polluted runoff before draining into Burnt Mill Creek, but it needs your help too...



## Kerr Avenue Stormwater Wetland



## Wilmington Watersheds



Did you know that your business is located in the **Burnt Mill Creek Watershed?**



Burnt Mill Creek is one of the **most polluted creeks** in Wilmington.



**Learn what your business can do to help!**

In 2001, the North Carolina Wetlands Restoration Program, City of Wilmington Stormwater Services, and Cape Fear River Watch converted a large drainage ditch into the Kerr Avenue Stormwater Wetland.

This wetland is located off Kerr Avenue near your business and is at the headwaters of Burnt Mill Creek. **It collects and filters polluted runoff from nearby businesses, parking lots, and roads.**

The Kerr Avenue Wetland not only **improves water quality**, but also **provides habitat for wildlife** and serves as an **educational setting** for school and community groups.



Active, healthy wetlands slow down the flow of stormwater runoff and allow wetland plants to absorb and filter pollution. However, trash and cigarette butts cannot be absorbed by the wetland. Help keep it clean!



**Get involved!** Volunteers help keep the Kerr Avenue Wetland functioning and free of trash...  
**Cape Fear River Watch**  
**762-5606, [www.cfrw.us](http://www.cfrw.us)**



## Responsible Business

**As a business located in the Burnt Mill Creek Watershed, you can protect water quality and your community. Here's how:**

- ✓ Only rain should go in a storm drain, ditch, retention pond, or wetland
- ✓ Be mindful that whatever is on a parking lot will make it's way into a waterway
- ✓ Keep trash contained so it doesn't blow or wash away. Make sure dumpster lids are kept closed and plugs are in place
- ✓ Never wash anything outdoors with soap or chemicals. Even "bio-degradable" soaps are a problem for waterways and aquatic life
- ✓ Washwater/mopwater should be disposed of in the sanitary sewer system (not outdoors in the storm drainage system)
- ✓ Pressure washing is allowed, as long as no soaps or chemicals are used
- ✓ Lawn care pesticides and fertilizers should be applied sparingly. Collect stray fertilizer off of pavement so it doesn't wash away. Keep leaves and grass clippings out of storm drains, streets and the wetland.
- ✓ Pet waste should be collected and disposed of properly
- ✓ Fines for non-compliance with city stormwater ordinances are up to **\$10,000**
- ✓ **Contact 341.0092 for more information**