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**on**

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

**This report provides statistics for the year 2003.**

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## **Litter Report 2003**

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 2003 anti-litter campaign.

The state's 2003 anti-litter campaign brings together three components:

- ♦ Litter cleanup
- ♦ Education/prevention
- ♦ Enforcement

### **2003 Litter Report Summary**

Statewide roadside litter cleanups collected more than nine million pounds during 2003. The large amount of litter collected indicates a litter problem still exists in North Carolina. More litter would have been picked up if the crews and volunteers were not hampered by bad weather. This past year, the state experienced an extremely wet spring season and a hurricane in the fall. These two weather conditions limited statewide litter pick-up during the state's major litter pick-up initiatives - Spring and Fall Litter Sweep.

During 2003, 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 included the Administrative Office of the Courts, Departments of Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, and Environmental and Natural Resources.

The NCDOT maintains 78,500 state roadway miles, and in 2003 it picked up litter on 59,909 shoulder miles. More than \$13.9 million was spent to cleanup the roadside litter found on state maintained roadsides.

Anti-litter education/prevention activities continued even though budget restraints were still in effect. The Office of Beautification Programs promoted and supported anti-litter projects through various channels. These channels included enhancements to its Internet home page, participation on various statewide organizational boards, promoting anti-litter information at conferences and the state fair, and supplying anti-litter promotional items to a multitude of local organizations. It also completed work on an anti-litter radio campaign scheduled to begin in January 2004, and sought to upgrade hardware and software to its Adopt-A-Highway hotline reporting system.

Law enforcement was near the pace with that of previous years in the number of charges for littering violations. A 2003 recap from the Administrative Office the Courts shows the number of charges and convictions by offense code, by county and by type of law enforcement officers. In addition, the Conference of the District Court Judges provided an alternative to first time offenders charged with littering of less than 15 pounds. It gives these offenders a means to pay a litter fine without going through the judicial process (effective 1 January 2004). It's similar to paying for a parking ticket.

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A - page 37

# Statewide Roadside Litter Cleanup 2003

## North Carolina Department of Transportation

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) maintains 78,500 state roadway miles. In order to maintain environmentally and aesthetically clean, safe and attractive roadsides, the NCDOT has built relationships with citizens, other agencies, local governments and organizations/industries. Examples include the Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) volunteers, an alliance with the Department of Correction (DOC), participating on organizational boards as that of Keep America Beautiful and 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. It's a partnership endeavor between community volunteers and the NCDOT. The volunteer groups are primarily made up of school, civic, business, professional, religious and social groups, although many individuals and families also adopt roadside sections.

The AAH program is a fine example of state government working with citizens to improve the cleanliness and quality of life in communities across North Carolina. To assist with the local AAH roadside adoption, the NCDOT has 56 AAH Coordinators who oversee the adoption process in their assigned counties. The program cost \$293,357 in 2003 versus \$590,092 spent in 2002. The lower cost amount is attributed to the new BISIPS data entry process.

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. In 2003, the AAH program had 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 \$3.2 million dollars in cleanup costs in 2003, and over the last three years, the AAH program has had 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
2003	326,776	\$3.2 million
2002	384,248	\$3.8 million
2001	402,335	\$4.0 million

When it comes to the amount of litter collected, the actual number may be higher than what was reported by AAH groups. Some litter is not counted, as automobile components and construction debris that are too large or too heavy to fit into the bags. There were also times when the AAH volunteers would do the cleanup, but fail to report their participation and consequently the reported amount of litter picked up could be less than the actual amount.

In addition, the Office of Beautification Programs AAH reporting system experienced occasional downtime due to the age of the hardware and software used in gathering cleanup report data. The data not collected in 2003 would have increased the number of hours worked and the amount of litter

collected. To remedy the situation of AAH groups not being able to call in their reports, both the hardware and software have been scheduled for an upgrade in early 2004.

The table below provides data representing the amount of litter collected annually through the AAH program over the last three years.

Year	Total Pounds Collected Statewide by Adopt-A-Highway Groups
2003	3,649,360
2002	4,241,100
2001	4,379,760

As mentioned previously, the lower amount collected during 2003 is due to the effects of a wet spring and the fall hurricane. Of the 3.6 million pounds collected, the AAH groups also recycled 383,380 pounds as follows: 168,660 lbs. of metal, 121,200 lbs. of glass and 93,520 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 are asked on a statewide basis 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 full bags are picked up for immediate disposal.

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

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).

The wet spring hampered DOC inmate crews in their litter pick up efforts, and after the hurricane, many eastern North Carolina counties suspended litter cleanup activities in lieu of storm damaged road maintenance and storm debris removal. Even so, there was a still a substantial amount of litter picked up during each Litter Sweep. The number of pounds collected does not include items which did not fit within a bag i.e. tire and construction debris.

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 \$10,170,000 to the DOC for medium custody inmate labor for roadside litter cleanup. Approximately 90% of all medium custody inmate labor were spent on litter pick-up.
- ♦ An additional \$27,878 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 \$10,170,000 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 11,905 man-days at a charge of \$11,905.
- ♦ NCDOT spent an additional \$79,346 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 2003 Spring and Fall Litter Sweep, the NCDOT picked up 455,490 pounds of litter versus 847,545 pounds in 2002, and expended approximately 21,548 man-days of its employees and inmates for picking up litter on 16,553 highway miles. The amount of litter picked up during both the 2003 Spring and Fall Litter Sweep by the DOC inmates was 2,123,601 pounds versus 2,680,635 pounds in 2002.

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

	Pounds Collected
2003	2,579,091
2002	3,919,590
2001	3,558,885

#### Community Service Work Programs (CSWP).

- ♦ Members of these work crews are not in the prison system, but are citizens who have been assigned community service through the court system.
- ♦ CSWP is a sentencing option operated by the Division of Community Corrections (DCC). The Courts order, as a condition of either supervised or unsupervised probation, lower risk offenders to perform community service hours.
- ♦ DCC-CSWP maintains agreements with local government or non-profit agencies statewide where offenders are placed to perform the community service hours. Offenders perform work that benefits the agency and the community, with many agencies supervising Litter Cleanup projects.
- ♦ For calendar year 2003, approximately 202,493 hours were worked and 3,222,675 pounds of litter collected.

#### CSWP Annual Roadside Litter Cleanup Comparison

	Pounds Collected
2003	3,222,675
2002	4,498,590
2001	4,121,325

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.

## 2003 Roadside Litter Pick Up Summary - NCDOT, AAH, DOC and CSWP

Roadside Litter Cleanup Recap and Comparison:

Litter Amounts Picked Up In Pounds by Year				Three-year Cumulative Amount by Group
	2003	2002	2001	
NCDOT *	455,490	847,545	1,620,900	2,923,935
DOC *	2,123,601	2,680,635	1,547,550	6,351,786
Other volunteers *	382,590	391,410	390,405	781,815
AAH**	3,649,360	4,241,325	4,379,760	12,270,445
CSWP**	3,222,675	4,498,590	4,121,325	11,842,590
Sum	9,833,716	12,659,505	12,059,940	34,553,161

\* Litter Sweep (only) litter pick up amount

\*\* Annual litter pick up amount

The three-year cumulative amount of 34,553,161 pounds of litter equates to 2,303,544 bags of litter based on the average bag weighing 15 pounds.

## NCDOT 2003 Roadside Litter Pick Up Expenditure

NCDOT Litter Cleanup Expenditure Recap By Year			
	2003	2002	2001
NCDOT Employees	\$3,328,699	\$4,324,947	\$4,098,679
Adopt-A-Highway	293,357	590,092	543,213
DOC (Medium and Minimum Custody Inmates)	10,289,129	10,457,854	6,342,509
Expenditures by year:	\$13,911,185	\$15,372,893	\$10,984,401

## Department Of Environmental and Natural Resources

### Division of Parks and Recreation 2003 Litter Cleanup Summary

Everyday, staff at each state park, spends four to eight man-hours, on average, emptying trashcans and picking up litter. In addition, all units of the state parks system hold litter cleanup days with the help of various community volunteers. During 2003, approximately 120 volunteer litter cleanups were held across the state park system. Ten of these cleanups were part of the annual Big Sweep event occurring on September 20, 2003. Volunteers during these cleanups collected approximately 17,500 pounds of trash. There were also 700 bags and 10 truckloads which were not weighed.

Over the course of 2003, approximately 35,000 pounds of materials were collected for recycling in North Carolina's parks: 5,343 pounds of aluminum; 3,488 pounds of plastic; 4,322 pounds of glass; 5,350 pounds of paper; and 16, 427 pounds of other materials. This is versus 41,000 pounds in 2002 which included 6,900 pounds of metals; 3,200 pounds of plastic; 13,200 pounds of glass; and 8,000 pounds of paper. Ice storms, spring flooding and the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel closed some of the parks for several weeks in 2003, which may account for the smaller amounts of recycling in 2003 versus 2002.

### Division of Parks and Recreation – Litter Cleanup Efforts – January–December 2003

Note: “No activity” means that there were no *additional* litter cleanups *beyond* the daily litter collection done by park staff. For example, at a small park, such as Pilot Mountain, the park staff often picks up a total of 300 bags of trash during one year.

Park	Date	# volunteers	# bags of trash or # man-hours	# lbs. of trash
<b>CABE</b>	7-31-03	2	5.5 man-hours	
	8-05-03	2	5.5 man-hours	
	8-14-03	1	2 man-hours	
	11-03-03	1	2.75 man-hours	
	11-06-03	2	5.5 man-hours	
<b>CLNE</b>	No activity			
<b>CRMO</b>	Roadside cleanups every two weeks	Com. Service workers, 1-2 each time	16 bags	<b>104 lbs.</b> total (26# glass, 45# plastic, 20# Aluminum, and 13# other)
	9-20 Big Sweep	22	8 bags	
<b>ENRI</b>	9-20 Big Sweep	43	27 bags	150
<b>FALA</b>	8-03-03	25 boy scouts	15 bags	
	9-20 Big Sweep	11	15 bags	
<b>FOFI</b>	No activity			
<b>FOMA</b>	No activity			
<b>GOCR</b>	5-03-03	7	13 bags	
	10-19-03	7 (Goose Creek Foundation)	13 bags	
<b>GORG</b>	Total for period	Not recorded	106 bags	
<b>HABE</b>	Huggins Island Cleanup	Not recorded	25 bags	
<b>HARO</b>	No activity			

Park	Date	# volunteers	# bags of trash or # man-hours	# lbs. of trash
<b>JORI</b>	9-28-03	1	1 bags	
	10-04-03	1	2 bags	
	10-13-03	15	4 bags	
<b>JONE</b>	Various dates	Comm. Service workers	17 bags	
<b>JORD</b>	Spring Flooding Cleanups	Park staff and volunteers	10 truck loads	Not weighed
	8-23-03	22	132 man-hours	
<b>KELA</b>	9-20 Big Sweep	33	41 bags	530
<b>LAJA</b>	No activity			
<b>LANO</b>	No activity			
<b>LAWA</b>	9-20 Big Sweep	20	72 bags & 1 tire	1,460
<b>LURI</b>	9-20 Big Sweep	94	225 bags	7,000
<b>MEMI</b>	Various dates	Community Service Workers	28 bags	
	02-24-03	8 Comm. Service Workers	48 bags	
<b>MEMO</b>	12-28-03	1	8 bags	
	12-29-03	1	12 bags	
<b>MOMO</b>	9-20 Big Sweep	105	60 bags	?
<b>MOJE/NERI</b>	9-20 Big Sweep	unknown		Approx. 3.5 tons
<b>MOMI</b>	No activity			
<b>PETT</b>	Total for period	Park staff and volunteers	NA	5,000
<b>PIMO</b>	Various dates	Community Service Workers	92 bags	
	4-12-03	Spring Sweep	5 bags	
	4-24-03	School Project	4 bags	
	07-26-03	10 boy scouts	4 bags	
	9-20 Big Sweep	20	30 bags	Plus 70# scrap metal
<b>RARO</b>	9-21 Big Sweep	7	31 bags and 2 tires	1,160
<b>SILA</b>	No activity			
<b>SOMO</b>	No activity			
<b>STMO</b>	No activity			
<b>WEWO</b>	Total for the period	21 Comm. Serv. Workers & Volun.	140 bags	
<b>WIUM</b>	3-18-03	12	8 bags	
	3-19-03	11	16 bags	
	3-21-03	?	35 man-hours	Approx. 60 pounds
	4-24-03	?	3 man-hours	
	5-29-03	?	8 man-hours	
	10-24-03	10	11 bags	
	10-31-03	14	10 bags	

The above information describes the Division of Parks and Recreation litter cleanup efforts. During 2003, approximately 120 litter cleanups were held across the state park system, beyond the normal daily maintenance carried out by staff. As mentioned previously, a total of 17,500 pounds of trash was collected. There were also 700 bags and 10 truckloads that were not weighed.

The Division of Parks and Recreation Recycling Recap:

Number of Pounds Recycled		
Item	2003	2002
Aluminum	5,343	
Plastic	3,448	3,200
Glass	4,322	13,200
Metal		6,900
Paper	5,350	8,000
Other	16,427	
Total	34,760	41,000

The 2003 recycling totals above are listed by park in the following recap.

Park	# of Sites	Location of Sites	Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Paper	Other	(#lbs.) Collected
Carolina Beach			585	0	0	0	0	585
Cliffs of the Neuse	5	Campground	350	100	150	0	250	850
		Lake Area						
		Picnic Area						
		Concession						
		Picnic Area (WAYN)						
Crowders Mountain	6	Linwood Road Access	134	382	143	180	0	839
		Main Trailhead						
		Park Facilities						
		Lake Area						
		#1 Picnic Parking Area						
		#2 Picnic Parking Area						
Eno River	1	Few's Ford	249	488	918	0	0	1,655
Falls Lake	15	Hwy 50 Boat Launch	135	85	151	0	0	371
		Sandling Beach						
		Beaverdam						
		Holly Point Campground						
		Shinleaf Prim. Campground						
		Rollingview						
		BW Wells						
Fort Fisher	1	Refreshment Stand	237	0	0	0	0	237
Fort Macon	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goose Creek	10	Picnic Area 2	156	60	25	120	0	361
		Campground 2						

Park	# of Sites	Location of Sites	Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Paper	Other	(#lbs.) Collected
		Park Shop 1						
		Environmental Ed/VC 4						
		Dinah's Landing Access						
Gorges	3	Park Office	79	72	48	145	96	440
		Highway 281 Access Area						
		Frozen Creek Access Area						
Hammocks Beach	4	Visitor Center	25	51	0	240	110	426
		Island Waiting Station						
		Bathhouse						
		Office						
Hanging Rock	6	Campground	173	150	180	0	0	503
		Parking Areas						
		Picnic Areas						
		Park Maintenance Facilities						
		Group Camp						
		Lake Area						
Jockey's Ridge	2	Picnic Area	343	261	210	209	0	1,023
		Maintenance Shop						
Jones Lake	2	Picnic Area	132	0	0	0	0	132
		Shop Area						
Jordan Lake	17	Boat Ramps	500	300	200	0	0	1,000
		Picnic Areas						
		Park Office						
		Campgrounds						
		Maintenance Area						
Kerr Lake	7	All areas	25	10	30	0	100	165
Lake James	1	Day Use Area (Office, Restroom, Concession Stand)	31	18	75	112	0	236
Lake Norman	2	Swimming Area	205	284	372	2304	2776	5,941
		Campground						
Lake Waccamaw	0							
Lumber River	1	Princess Anne	130	0	0	0	0	0

Park	# of Sites	Location of Sites	Aluminum	Plastic	Glass	Paper	Other	(#lbs.) Collected
Medoc Mountain	3	Picnic Area	75	0	0	0	0	75
		Park Office						
		Campground						
Merchants Millpond	5	Family Campground	62	0	0	0	0	62
		Picnic Area						
		Canoe Area						
		Walk-in Group Sites						
		Shop						
Morrow Mountain	8	Camp Loop A Washhouse	75	0	0	0	0	75
		Camp Loop B Washhouse						
		Camp Loop C Washhouse						
		Mtn. Top & Lower Picnic Areas						
		Boathouse & Boatlaunch Areas						
		Office Area						
Mount Mitchell	2	Summit Area	200	250	250	0	4000	4,700
		Personnel barracks						
Mount Jefferson/ New River	5	MOJE	250	500	425	0	600	1,775
		NERI - US 221 Access						
		NERI - Wagoner Road Access						
		NERI - Alleghany Co Access						
		NERI - Scenic Corridor						
Pettigrew	9	Picnic Area	300	0	0	0	5780	6,080
		Campground						
		Cypress Point Restrooms						
		Cypress Point Pier						
		Boat Ramp						
		Brumsey Woods						
		Blair Tract						
		Bee Tree Overlook						
Pilot Mountain	5	Shinny Creek Picnic Area	325	0	0	0	0	325
		Jacob Fork Picnic Area						
		Picnic Shelter						
		Park Office						
		Residences (3)						
Raven Rock	1	Refreshment Stand	125	100	0	90	2280	2,595

<b>Park</b>	<b># of Sites</b>	<b>Location of Sites</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Plastic</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>(#lbs.) Collected</b>
Singletary Lake	2	Ipecac	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Loblolly						
South Mountains	5	Shinney Creek Picnic Area	65	42	220	0	0	327
		Jacob Fork Picnic Area						
		Picnic Shelter						
		Park Office						
		Residences (3)						
Stone Mountain	3	Picnic Area	120	0	0	0	135	255
		Campground						
		Group Campground						
Weymouth Woods	2	Visitor Center	200	250	500	750	0	1,700
		Roadside						
Wm. B. Umstead	13	Group Camps	42	25	425	0	0	492
		Picnic Areas						
		Tent & Trailer						
		Residences						
Yorkshire Center	1	Ground Floor	15	20	0	1200	300	1,535
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>5,350</b>	<b>16,427</b>	<b>34,760</b>

## Other Statewide Litter Cleanups

### North Carolina Big Sweep

In 1989 North Carolina Big Sweep, Inc became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote environmental education, and to plan and coordinate the annual waterway cleanup, including watershed areas. Its origins go back to 1987, when Dr. Lundie Spence, of the NC Sea Grant College Program founded it. More information can be found through its Internet address [www.ncbigssweep.org](http://www.ncbigssweep.org).

**NC Big Sweep's 2003 Litter Pickup Results (December 8, 2003)**

Counties	Sites	Volunteers	Miles	Tires	Bags	Pounds
Alamance	3	91	3	4	52	1,220
Alexander/Catawba	4	115	18	12	180	4,540
Alleghany/Ashe	28	311	70	322	500	22,000
Anson	1	6	5		37	740
Beaufort	1	8	2	1	12	1,500
Bertie						
Bladen	1	1				
Brunswick	1	551	1		421	8,420
Buncombe	1	130	1		417	8,350
Burke	1	3	1		10	200
Cabarrus	7	208	4	323	102	8,500
Caldwell	14	298	17	83	743	22,755
Camden						
Carteret	2	22	2		356	575
Caswell	2	40	13	3	20	460
Chatham	1	60	3		74	850
Cherokee	2	110	11			
Chowan						
Clay	1	1				
Cleveland	3	57	13	1	171	3,420
Columbus	2	28	20	0	40	2,040
Craven	14	93	11		59	1,707
Cumberland	8	240	13	20	600	12,400
Currituck	1	1				
Dare	1	236	50	0	250	5,000
Davidson	1	475	12	37	520	11,140
Davie	1	30	2	0	45	900
Duplin	1	90	2	680	738	53,940
Durham	10	347	35		370	7,542
Forsyth	37	2,314	58	0	1,150	36,200
Franklin	2	32	5	3	18	420
Gaston	15	526	30	58	957	20,300

<b>Counties</b>	<b>Sites</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Tires</b>	<b>Bags</b>	<b>Pounds</b>
Gates						
Graham	1					
Granville	1	6	2		30	800
Greene						
Guilford	2	749	1		150	3,000
Halifax						
Harnett	3	7	7	2	31	760
Haywood	1	70	5	7	93	5,580
Henderson	20	139	15	60	224	4,800
Hertford						
Hoke						
Hyde	1	25	5		55	550
Iredell	8	165	40	61	320	12,220
Jackson	1	10	8		30	600
Johnston	8	128	7	29	229	4,620
Jones						
Lee	3	88	5	20	60	1,840
Lenoir	1	19	7	4	77	1,970
Lincoln	1					
Macon	3	96	2	4	67	1,420
Madison	1	36	20	23	117	2,800
Martin						
McDowell	1	200	60	25	450	9,000
Mecklenburg	21	849	99	50	1,216	33,325
Mitchell	2	26	1		32	1,800
Montgomery	1	99	14	8	120	2,560
Moore	1	10	3	0	12	150
Nash/Edgecombe	2	58	3	8	138	1,660
New Hanover	2	40	1	0		
Northampton						
Onslow	1	157	45		190	6,800
Orange	3	111	19	3	69	1,440
Pamlico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasquotank	2	15	4		32	640
Pender	1	428	31		134	913
Perquimans						
Person	1	34	5		40	362
Pitt						
Polk	1	15	8	2	50	1,000
Randolph	4	80	12	1	27	560
Richmond	3	33	5	0	25	500
Robeson	1	94	9	10	225	7,000

<b>Counties</b>	<b>Sites</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Tires</b>	<b>Bags</b>	<b>Pounds</b>
Rockingham	67	1,016	213	158	1,299	37,500
Rowan	1	140	4	20	115	2,700
Rutherford	7	55	32	142	84	4,800
Sampson	6	68	18	44	60	4,000
Scotland						
Stanly	2	105	15	1	60	1,220
Stokes	25	588	45	16	1,132	23,000
Surry	1	47	1		300	6,000
Swain	1	25	35	8	88	1,500
Transylvania	1	68	8	33	58	1,820
Tyrrell						
Union	1	14	2	1	20	420
Vance	1	14	9	0	13	260
Wake	27	710	48	44	554	15,000
Warren	1	11	2	0	5	100
Washington	1	13	2		10	84
Watauga/Avery	1	115	7	3	90	1,800
Wayne	16	283	13	0	191	3,340
Wilkes	1	245	4	12	90	2,040
Wilson	1	6	1	0	10	200
Yadkin	1	23	1		54	1,500
Yancey						
	<b>Sites</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Tires</b>	<b>Bags</b>	<b>Pounds</b>
<b>2003 TOTALS</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>13,757</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>16,318</b>	<b>451,073</b>

NC Big Sweep is normally held the third Saturday in September. For 2004 the date of the annual litter pick up has been changed to October 2, 2004. The reason is to avoid the inclement weather, which is usually present during September.

## NC Keep America Beautiful

North Carolina Keep America Beautiful (NCKAB) 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. NCKAB is comprised of local, independent affiliates located in communities all across North Carolina.

The KAB Affiliates participated in their 2003 Great American Cleanup™. This cleanup ran from March to the end of May. The volunteers worked on a number of projects such as litter pick up, removing debris and junk cars, eliminating illegal dumps, restoring playgrounds and planting trees, flowers and bulbs. They had 32,677 volunteers that expended more than 130,700 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 1,176,478 pounds.

### Volunteers by KAB Affiliate - All Projects

KAB Affiliate	Number of Volunteers	Number of Volunteer Hours All Projects	2003 NC Great American Cleanup Litter Amount Picked Up In Pounds
Charlotte	115	460	47,608
Asheville	150	600	12,400
Belmont	45	180	5,940
Brunswick	500	2,000	4,340
Moore	600	2,400	43,180
Gastonia	1,900	7,600	1,600
Wayne	224	896	7,360
Duplin	190	760	150,940
Scotland	200	800	330,000
McDowell	960	3,840	26,320
High Point	302	1,208	3,260
Onslow	350	1,400	5,500
Nash/Edgecombe	438	1,752	150,000
Shelby	35	140	1,500
Wake	4,854	19,416	204,380
Wilmington	4,575	18,300	162,000
Winston-Salem	17,239	68,956	20,150
Totals	32,677	130,708	1,176,478

## **Anti-Litter Education/Prevention – 2003**

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

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

The DPPEA distributed more than 10,000 recycling activity books as well as 100,000 Recycle Guys packets to schools local governmental and civic organizations in 2003. The campaign promoted waste reduction and recycling. More information about teaching aids and educational efforts can be found through their web site at [www.p2pays.org](http://www.p2pays.org).

In addition to this, the DPPEA had anti-litter ads, which reached 60% of the counties in North Carolina through the cable network. The ads promoted anti-litter behavior through recycling.

#### **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.

The Division of Parks and Recreation also seeks to exemplify and encourage good stewardship of natural resources by reducing, reusing and renewing materials where possible. To reduce the amount of paper that might become litter, the Division uses Internet servers instead of printed materials where possible. Park maps and other information can be viewed online, or via computer interactive exhibits in park offices. In 2003, 15 citations were written for littering within North Carolina State Parks and Recreation areas.

#### **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 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**

During 2003 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 - 2003-2004 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 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 items available through their Internet web site included links i.e. to Swat-A-Litterbug, Adopt-A-Highway, Litter Sweep, printable activity pages, and litter activity book with lessons and activities for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and the NC State Fair and on request to numerous groups.

**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's 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 over a five-year period is to cultivate a cultural change to stop littering in Union County and the state. The program is in its third year with approximately 6,000 students having participated. It's estimated that these 6,000 students by sharing their experiences have increased awareness to over 20,000 people.

The objectives are to promote awareness, change attitudes through enhancing pride in a clean environment and creating 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:** 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 or 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. In 2003, more than 6,000 Swat-A-Litterbug letters were mailed to those observed littering. In 2002 there were 5,000 letters mailed.

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 and no record is kept regarding who receives the letter. Again, this is mainly a tool to help educate those observed littering.

**Litter License Plate:** 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 remainder of the money is used to help support other statewide anti litter efforts. As of this report date, there have been 425 plates issued.

## Litter Enforcement – 2003 Summary

### Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

In 2003, the State Highway Patrol issued 683 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
2003	683
2002	699
2001	748

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 2003 represent the combined tickets issued by the State Highway Patrol and the DMV enforcement officers. The other years are the DMV only.

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

Year	Number of Charges
2003 *	1,161
2002	1,066
2001	1,683

\* Combined DMV and SHP

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## Division of Marine Fisheries - Marine Patrol

Marine Patrol Officers issued 5 citations and four warning citations with 54 hours spent on these cases in 2003. Officers issued 11 citations and six warning citations with 53 hours spent on these cases in 2002. In 2001 there were 19 citations and one warning citation issued with 10.5 hours spent on those cases.

### Marine Patrol Citation Recap

Year	Citations	Warnings	Time Spent
2003	5	4	54 hours
2002	11	6	53 hours
2001	19	1	10.5 hours

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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. There were six charges and three convictions in violations of G.S. 75A-10c (littering the state's waterways).

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

Year	Charges
2003	646
2002	748
2001	866

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**REPORT ON LITTERING CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS**

**Pursuant to Session Law 2001-512, Section 9**

**February 1, 2004**

This report provides detailed information about littering offenses for calendar year 2003.

Data are presented on the number of charges and convictions by county and charges by law enforcement agency. The data are from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Automated Criminal/Infraction System.

Data 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

**Calendar 2003**

**NUMBER OF LITTERING CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS  
BY COUNTY AND CHARGING AGENCY**

The following data are from the AOC's Automated Criminal/Infraction System for the most recent calendar year. The number of charges and convictions represents 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.

With respect to the charging agency, "Other" represents only those cases in which clerks did not indicate the charging agency or an invalid agency name was entered. All littering offense codes are listed for the statewide data. County data include only the codes for which there were any charges.

	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
					ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other	
STATEWIDE				STATEWIDE									
20-116(g)	4425	1453	968	4425			267	16	19	1145	1	5	
14-399(e)	5370	12	4	5370			1		7			4	
14-399(e)	5371	1	0	5371			1						
14-399(c)	5372	2757	1499	5372	10	47	1273	2	230	661	377	157	
14-399(d)	5373	107	49	5373		1	28		34	5	7	32	
14-399(e)	5374	35	3	5374			7		21		2	5	
14-399(c1)	5375	21	12	5375			5		4	10	2		
14-399(d1)	5376	3	2	5376					1	1		1	
14-399(e1)	5377	1	1	5377			1						
113-264(a)	6248	257	194	6248							250	7	
local ordinance	8514	72	40	8514		2	44		6	6	8	6	
<b>Total</b>		<b>4719</b>	<b>2772</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1627</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1828</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>217</b>	

**Three-year Comparison**

	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions	Number Of Charges By Charging Agency							
			ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
2003 Totals	3266*	1804	10	50	1360	2	303	683	646	212
2002 Totals	3601	1951	8	64	1480	23	323	699	748	256
2001 Totals	4059	2219	5	44	1633	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
Charges By County				By County								
Alamance: 59	4425	22	15	Alamance			2			20		
	5372	31	17				18		5	7		1
	5373	3	1									3
	5374	1	0						1			
	8514	2	2				2					
Alexander: 14	4425	2	1	Alexander				1		1		
	5372	9	6				3		2	3		1
	6248	3	3								3	
Alleghany: 10	4425	3	3	Alleghany						3		
	5372	6	6				1				5	
	5373	1	1									1
Anson: 24	4425	3	2	Anson						3		
	5372	13	6				3		1	3	6	
	6248	7	8								7	
	8514	1	0				1					
Ashe: 13	4425	11	9	Ashe						11		
	5372	2	2				1			1		
Avery: 3	5372	3	4	Avery			1			1	1	
Beaufort: 35	4425	14	7	Beaufort			1			13		
	5372	21	11				8		1	10	1	1
Bertie: 22	4425	5	1	Bertie						5		
	5372	11	9							2	7	2
	5373	4	0									4
	6248	1	0								1	
	8514	1	1				1					
Bladen: 35	4425	5	4	Bladen			1			4		
	5372	30	14				5		3	10	12	
Brunswick: 49	4425	29	25	Brunswick			1			28		
	5372	20	10		1		1			2	13	3
	5373	0	1									
Buncombe: 92	4425	30	22	Buncombe			3		1	26		
	5372	59	31			2	44		1	6	5	1
	5373	1	1				1					
	8514	2	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
Charges By County				By County								
Burke: 53	4425	15	11	Burke			1			14		
	5372	30	28				15		2	6	4	3
	5373	1	0									1
	5374	1	0									1
	6248	6	4								6	
Cabarrus: 95	4425	44	34	Cabarrus			3	1	1	39		
	5372	51	40				14		11	26		
Caldwell: 30	4425	6	4	Caldwell			2			4		
	5372	7	5				4		1	2		
	6248	17	15								16	1
Camden: 4	4425	2	2	Camden						2		
	5372	1	3								1	
	5373	1	0						1			
Carteret: 69	4425	14	11	Carteret			6			8		
	5372	52	22				21			25	1	5
	5373	1	1						1			
	5375	1	0							1		
	6248	1	1								1	
Caswell: 16	4425	5	4	Caswell						5		
	5372	10	4						5	3	1	1
	5373	1	1						1			
Catawba: 94	4425	18	12	Catawba			3		1	14		
	5372	45	24				26		5	11	3	
	5373	3	1						1			2
	6248	27	20								27	
	8514	1	0				1					
Chatham: 41	4425	5	3	Chatham			1			4		
	5372	32	16				1		3	2	21	5
	5375	1	1						1			
	6248	3	2								3	
Cherokee: 13	4425	0	1	Cherokee								
	5372	9	5				5			1	3	
	5375	0	2									
	5376	0	1									
	6248	4	4								4	
Chowan: 18	4425	1	1	Chowan						1		
	5372	15	11				2	1	3	3	6	
	5373	2	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
Charges By County				By County								
Clay: 3	5372	2	1	Clay						1	1	
	6248	1	1								1	
Cleveland: 42	4425	13	8	Cleveland						13		
	5372	24	14				9		5	9		1
	5373	0	1						3			
	5374	3	0								2	
	8514	2	2									
Columbus: 33	4425	13	7	Columbus						13		
	5372	14	9				4		2	5	2	1
	8514	6	0				4		1	1		
Craven: 92	4425	12	9	Craven			2		8	2		
	5372	77	34				49		2	22	2	2
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	1	1				1					
Cumberland: 114	4425	60	39	Cumberland			8			52		
	5370	1	3						1			
	5372	47	16		1		27		2	9	7	1
	5373	4	1		1		2			1		
	5374	1	0				1					
	6248	1	1								1	
Currituck: 30	4425	3	2	Currituck						3		
	5372	9	9			1			3	1	4	
	5373	2	1								2	
	5374	12	2						10			2
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	2	2									2
Dare: 75	4425	14	9	Dare			1	3		10		
	5372	40	26			2	19		6	3	5	5
	5373	3	1				2			1		
	5374	2	0								2	
	6248	7	5								6	1
	8514	9	7			2	4		3			
Davidson: 86	4425	38	26	Davidson			3			35		
	5372	40	16				11		7	5	8	9
	5373	4	0						1	1		2
	5374	2	0						2			
	5375	2	0						2			
Davie: 36	4425	10	4	Davie						10		
	5372	26	17				4		4	7	11	
	5375	0	1									

				Number Of Charges By Charging Agency								
	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
Charges By County				By County								
Duplin: 17	4425	10	5	Duplin						10		
	5372	7	2							7		
Durham: 83	4425	20	15	Durham			12			8		
	5370	1	0									1
	5372	52	28		2	1	39		2			8
	5373	1	0				1					
	6248	9	6								7	2
Edgecombe: 44	4425	5	5	Edgecombe			2			3		
	5372	33	11				22		2	9		
	6248	5	2								5	
	8514	1	1									1
Forsyth: 141	4425	62	42	Forsyth			11			51		
	5372	74	35		2	1	43		3	6	19	
	5373	2	1				1		1			
	8514	3	1				3					
Franklin: 23	4425	3	2	Franklin						3		
	5372	13	6				6			3	3	1
	5373	5	4				1		4			
	5375	2	0							2		
Gaston: 174	4425	32	16	Gaston			3			28		1
	5370	4	0				1					3
	5372	111	57				34		3	43	12	19
	5373	3	2				1					2
	5374	1	0				1					
	5376	0	1									
	6248	23	17								23	
Gates: 7	5372	6	3	Gates						5		1
	8514	1	1						1			
Graham: 2	6248	1	1	Graham					1			
	8514	1	0								1	
Granville: 18	4425	4	2	Granville			2			2		
	5370	2	0						2			
	5372	8	6				1		1	3	3	
	5373	1	1									1
	6248	2	1								2	
	8514	1	0							1		
Greene: 15	4425	5	1	Greene					2	3		
	5372	8	5						4	3	1	
	5373	2	1						1			1

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	Offense Code	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions		ABC	ALE	Police	DMV	Sheriff	SHP	WRC	Other
Charges By County				By County								
Guilford: 134	4425	51	36	Guilford			18	5		27		1
	5372	81	16			1	46		13	4		17
	5373	2	1				1		1			
Halifax: 41	4425	10	5	Halifax			2			8		
	5372	27	9				6		2	8	10	1
	5373	1	0								1	
	6248	3	1								3	
Harnett: 46	4425	13	9	Harnett			1		1	11		
	5372	32	16				10		2	10	9	1
	5373	0	1									
	8514	1	1				1					
Haywood: 20	4425	2	1	Haywood			1		1			
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	14	8				1		1	7	5	
	5374	2	0						2			
	6248	1	1							1		
Henderson: 27	4425	10	8	Henderson			3			7		
	5372	13	8				8		3	1	1	
	6248	4	2								4	
Hertford: 9	4425	1	2	Hertford						1		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	6	4				3			2	1	
	5374	1	0						1			
Hoke: 18	4425	3	3	Hoke				1		2		
	5372	12	5				3		1	5	1	2
	5373	3	1				1		2			
Hyde: 4	4425	1	0	Hyde						1		
	5372	3	2						1		2	
Iredell: 78	4425	45	20	Iredell			6		2	37		
	5372	29	19			3	12		4	5	5	
	5373	1	0									1
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	1	1							1		
Jackson: 14	5372	12	9				1		1	2	8	
	6248	2	1								2	
Johnston: 60	4425	39	21	Johnston			6			33		
	5372	21	5		3		8		1	8		1

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Charges By County				By County								
Jones: 12	5372	9	3	Jones			1			8		
	5373	1	0						1			
	6248	2	2								2	
Lee: 15	4425	9	4	Lee			4		1	4		
	5372	6	2				3		1		2	
Lenoir: 42	4425	14	8	Lenoir			3			11		
	5372	25	16				12		3	10		
	5373	1	1				1					
	8514	2	1				2					
Lincoln: 16	4425	6	1	Lincoln					1	5		
	5372	10	5				5		2	2	1	
Macon: 14	4425	4	4	Macon			2		1	1		
	5372	9	6				3				6	
	5373	1	0						1			
Madison: 15	4425	1	1	Madison						1		
	5372	13	9				1		2	4	6	
	5374	1	0									1
Martin: 22	4425	3	3	Martin						3		
	5372	16	5				2			12	2	
	5373	1	0						1			
	6248	2	2								2	
McDowell: 28	4425	6	5	McDowell						6		
	5372	19	13				3		3	6	6	1
	6248	2	2								2	
	8514	1	1				1					
Mecklenburg: 391	4425	139	104	Mecklenburg			21		1	117		
	5372	229	101		2	1	187		3	33	1	2
	5373	5	3				5					
	5375	1	2							1		
	6248	1	0								1	
	8514	16	7				16					
Mitchell: 9	4425	1	1	Mitchell							1	
	5372	6	3				2			2	1	1
	5373	2	0								1	1
Montgomery: 24	4425	3	3	Montgomery						3		
	5372	7	2				3		3			1
	6248	14	9								14	

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Charges By County				By County								
Moore: 22	4425	7	3	Moore			4			3		
	5372	14	6		1		5		3	3	1	1
	5373	1	0						1			
Nash: 73	4425	34	25	Nash			5		1	28		
	5372	36	11		2		8	1	1	22	1	1
	5373	1	0									1
	5375	1	0						1			
	6248	1	2								1	
New Hanover: 133	4425	58	37	New Hanover			10		2	46		
	5372	68	32			4	42		15	4		3
	5373	2	0				2					
	5375	1	0				1					
	8514	4	0				3					1
Northampton: 9	4425	4	2	Northampton						4		
	5372	5	4							4	1	
Onslow: 44	4425	16	14	Onslow			3			13		
	5372	25	19				1			20	3	1
	5375	1	0						1			
	5376	2	0						1			1
Orange: 46	4425	23	16	Orange			14			9		
	5372	21	8				14					7
	5373	2	2						2			
Pamlico: 9	4425	2	0	Pamlico						2		
	5372	2	2							1		1
	5374	2	0						2			
	5375	2	1							2		
	6248	1	1								1	
Pasquotank: 24	4425	7	6	Pasquotank						7		
	5372	13	7			2	5				6	
	6248	4	3								4	
Pender: 22	4425	10	9	Pender			1			9		
	5372	11	5				2			9		
	8514	1	0							1		
Perquimans: 10	4425	4	2	Perquimans			4					
	5372	4	4						1	1	2	
	6248	2	2								2	

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Charges By County				By County								
Person: 25	4425	6	4	Person			1			5		
	5370	1	0						1			
	5372	9	10						2		6	1
	5373	3	2						1			2
	6248	6	4								4	2
Pitt: 58	4425	19	15	Pitt			7			12		
	5372	38	20		2	5	15		1	13	2	
	5373	1	0								1	
Polk: 72	4425	2	0	Polk						2		
	5372	10	9				4		2	2	2	
	5375	1	0								1	
	5377	0	1									
	6248	59	46								59	
Randolph: 26	4425	9	3	Randolph			6			3		
	5372	17	4				4		3	7		3
Richmond: 35	4425	2	4	Richmond			1					1
	5372	25	15				2		8	7	7	1
	5373	2	1						1		1	
	5375	0	1									
	6248	6	2								6	
Robeson: 78	4425	12	9	Robeson			4			8		
	5372	52	35				12		6	18	13	3
	5373	10	5						3	1		6
	5375	1	1								1	
	6248	3	3								3	
Rockingham: 25	4425	7	6	Rockingham			1			6		
	5372	17	16				3		2	2	9	1
	5373	1	0									1
Rowan: 72	4425	26	18	Rowan			3			23		
	5372	44	30				8		2	16	18	
	5373	2	2						2			
	8514	0	1									
Rutherford: 58	4425	7	6	Rutherford				1		6		
	5372	46	33				12		10	15	9	
	5373	1	2						1			
	5374	1	0				1					
	5375	1	0							1		
	8514	2	3								2	

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Charges By County				By County								
Sampson: 26	4425	16	8	Sampson				2		14		
	5372	9	5				5			3	1	
	5373	1	0						1			
Scotland: 29	4425	1	2	Scotland						1		
	5372	27	23				12		3	4	8	
	5373	1	0						1			
Stanly: 62	4425	18	9	Stanly			2			16		
	5372	35	24				14		2	7	12	
	5373	2	1						2			
	5375	1	0				1					
	6248	5	5								5	
	8514	1	0									1
Stokes: 18	4425	4	1	Stokes			1			3		
	5372	14	3				5			4	4	1
Surry: 24	4425	9	8	Surry			2			7		
	5372	15	11				12			2	1	
Swain: 8	4425	2	2	Swain						2		
	5372	6	9						1	2	3	
Transylvania: 18	4425	3	1	Transylvania			1	1		1		
	5372	6	3				3				3	
	6248	9	6								9	
Tyrrell: 12	5372	12	6	Tyrrell					3	7	2	
Union: 69	4425	32	18	Union			5		1	26		
	5370	1	1						1			
	5372	34	16				15		3	13	1	2
	5373	1	0									1
	8514	1	0								1	
Vance: 36	4425	15	8	Vance						15		
	5372	18	9			2	5		3	8		
	5373	3	1						1			2
Wake: 512	4425	137	94	Wake			51		1	83		2
	5372	355	220			14	252		11	41	6	31
	5373	6	2				6					
	5374	5	1				4					1
	5375	5	3				3			2		
	5376	1	0							1		
	5377	1	0				1					
	6248	1	1									1
	8514	1	2									1

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Charges By County				By County								
Warren: 9	4425	4	3	Warren						4		
	5372	5	3			2			2	1		
Washington: 8	4425	5	4	Washington						5		
	5372	3	2							3		
Watauga: 28	4425	5	4	Watauga				1		4		
	5372	20	12				15		1	1	2	1
	5373	1	1				1					
	8514	2	0				2					
Wayne: 47	4425	13	3	Wayne			7			6		
	5372	33	13				16		4	10	1	2
	6248	1	1								1	
Wilkes: 23	4425	7	5	Wilkes						7		
	5372	9	10				2		1	3	3	
	5373	1	1				1					
	6248	2	0								2	
	8514	4	3							1	3	
Wilson: 53	4425	20	11	Wilson			4			16		
	5372	29	13				13		1	10	5	
	5373	1	0				1					
	6248	2	1								2	
	8514	1	1				1					
Yadkin: 27	4425	6	4	Yadkin						6		
	5371	1	0				1					
	5372	19	11				5		4	6	4	
	5373	1	1						1			
Yancey: 6	4425	2	1	Yancey						2		
	5372	4	1								4	

## Court Costs Associated with Disposing of Littering Charges Calendar 2003

### I. PUNISHMENT LEVEL

#### (1) Class I Felony

The following three littering offenses are punishable as Class I felonies:

5370	Commercial Littering	§ 14-399(e)
5371	Littering Hazardous Waste	§ 14-399(e)
5374	Littering more than 500 pounds	§ 14-399(e)

#### (2) Class 3 Misdemeanor

The following four littering offenses are punishable as Class 3 misdemeanors:

5372	Littering not more than 15 pounds	§ 14-399(c)
5373	Littering more than 15 but less than 500 pounds	§ 14-399(d)
6248	Litter Gameland/Access Area	§ 113-264(a)
8514	Littering Beer/Wine Container	local ordinance

#### (3) Infraction

The following four offenses are punishable as infractions:

4425	Improper loading/covering of vehicle	§ 20-116(g)
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)

### II. COSTS OF DISPOSITION

These estimates do not purport to represent the cost of operating the court system. The estimates here include only the personnel-related costs for court personnel who are active participants in courtroom proceedings. These estimates do not include costs for appeals, indigent defense, support staff who are not actually present in the courtroom, bailiffs and facilities (as these are county expenses), or operating expenses such as equipment and supplies.

#### A. GUILTY PLEA

Class I felony plea in superior court: AOC data indicate that processing each guilty plea for a Class I felony requires an average of 0.36 hours of in-court time at an average cost of \$91.

Class 3 misdemeanor plea in district court: AOC data indicate that processing each guilty plea for a Class 3 misdemeanor requires an average of 0.22 hours of in-court time at an average cost of \$41.

Infraction waiver: AOC's best estimate is that processing each waiver requires a minimum of 10 minutes of a deputy clerk's time. At a rate of \$15.60 per hour for a clerk's time, processing each waiver costs approximately \$2.60 in clerk time.

## **B. TRIAL**

Class I felony trial in superior court: AOC data indicate that each Class I felony trial in superior court lasts an average of 1.62 days of in-court time at an average cost of \$2,974.

Class 3 misdemeanor bench trial in district court: AOC data indicate that each Class 3 misdemeanor disposition in district court requires an average of 0.77 hours of in-court time at an average cost of \$862.

Infraction: AOC's best estimate is that disposing of each infraction in district court requires a minimum of 10 minutes of in-court time and 5 minutes of a clerk's time to process the file, for a total of approximately \$32.

## **C. DISMISSAL**

AOC's best estimate is that it requires a minimum of 5 minutes of a clerk's time to process a dismissal without trial. At a rate of \$15.60 per hour for a clerk's time, processing each dismissal of any of the littering offenses above would cost approximately \$1.30 in clerk time.

## **WAIVER OF LITTERING OFFENSES**

A defendant charged with littering in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds and not for commercial purposes under NCGS 14-399(c) may waive his court appearance and pay a \$250 fine plus court costs.

Effective January 1, 2004, a defendant charged with unintentional littering in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds under NCGS 14-399(c1) may waive his court appearance and pay a fine of \$25 plus court costs. The Conference of Chief District Court Judges added this littering offense to the waiver list on October 8, 2003 pursuant to NCGS 7A-148.

The waiver policy for these two littering offenses applies only to first-time offenders; a defendant charged with a second offense under NCGS 14-399(c) or (c1) would be required to appear in court to answer the charge.

This information can be found at the North Carolina Court System web site at <http://www.nccourts.org/Forms/Documents/788.pdf>.

## **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.

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