

## **Watershed Awareness and Storm Drain Marking Project Auburn University Sustainability Initiative**

### **Background**

The City of Auburn is required to provide a community education program about storm water pollution by the Environmental Protection Agency, and has partnered with the Auburn University Sustainability Initiative for this project. Goals include heightened awareness about watersheds in our city and how their pollution affects the community, as well as initially marking 1000 storm drains with medallions that will last 15-20 years (there are over 4500 drains in Auburn!).

### **In-class modules**

Target all city 4<sup>th</sup> grades

Modules through Venture classes, design of markers in conjunction with Art classes

45 minutes each

Module 1 – What is a watershed & Local watershed awareness

Module 2 – Local watershed issues & Stormwater/Water pollution

### **Schools and watersheds**

Saugahatchee Creek – Yarbrough & Cary

Town Creek – Wright's Mill

Moore's Mill Creek – Dean & Ogletree

(Parkerson Mill Creek – Auburn Univ)

Drain markers focused on city inside Shug Jordan/University loop  
also include Camden Ridge or Ashton Lakes for Yarbrough  
and Grove Hill or Springwood for Ogletree

### **Timeline Spring 2007**

Start in February

Instruction Week 1 – 5-9 February

Instruction Week 2 – 12-16 February

Announce design competition

16 February

Design deadline

26 February (10 days)

Two days for judges to choose – 28 February

Need 3-4 weeks for marker production

Announce design winners 22 March (only 3 weeks for marker production)  
or week of 2 April (allows 4 weeks for production)

Install drain markers in cooperation with city 14 April? (end of city Earthweek)