

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	RiverLink	
Project Name:	Stormwater Mitigation in Black Mountain	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	On September 27, 2023, we held the first stormwater education workshop on bioswales. RiverLink and Town of Black Mountain staff partnered with garden design company Yummy Yards to lead the workshop. The half-day workshop consisted of a classroom presentation on bioswale design & construction followed by a hands-on demonstration where participants helped construct a bioswale at Black Mountain Montessorri School. Eleven participants attended the workshop and two residents have requested site consultations in late October to discuss stormwater runoff issues on their property.
Quarter 2	Our focus in Q2 was planning for the next workshop that will be offered on 2/10/24 in Black Mountain. This will be our live staking workshop where participants learn how to address streambank erosion by planting live stake cuttings. Participants will receive free live stakes to install on their property.
Quarter 3	We hosted a live staking workshop in Black Mountain on Saturday, February 10th at the Lakeview Center. 18 people attended the event and we gave away 500 live stakes for participants to take home and plant on their streambanks. Our Watershed Resources Manager did a follow-up consultation with residents at the Llama View Court development in Black Mountain. They wanted advice on where to plant their live stakes and other methods for protecting the stream that flows through their community.

Quarter 4	
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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of Black Mountain workshop participants	45	11		18		29
# of rain barrels distributed	20					0
# of live stake plants distributed	500			500		500
# of native plants distributed	500					
# of consultations conducted	15			1		1

Comments:

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 250	\$ 2,083		\$ 2,917
Travel	\$ 656	\$ 186.00		\$ 252		\$ 218
Supplies/Materials	\$ 3,000	\$ 287.65		\$ 320		\$ 2,392
Contracts	\$ 500	\$ 500.00				\$ -
Total	\$ 11,156	\$ 2,723.65	\$ 250	\$ 2,655	\$ -	\$ 5,527

Comments:

We have two workshops (rain barrel and rain garden) scheduled for Q4 and will spend the remaining grant funds before June 30, 2024.