

# City Works



City of Burlington, NC - "Connecting the Triad & Triangle"

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## Dates to Remember

**City Offices Closed for MLK Day,**  
January 21st

**Summer Camp Registration Begins**  
February 1st  
(222-5030)

**Paramount Theater Celebrates 15 Years**  
February 10th  
(222-8457)

## Serve Your City on Boards & Commissions



The Burlington City Council invites you to take a more active role in your municipal government by applying for appointment to one of the City's boards or commissions.

Currently the City Council enlists the help of nine boards and commissions. Most committees are advisory in nature, evaluating matters pertaining to their purpose and issuing opinions to the Council. Some are quasi-judicial, presenting final rulings on the requests before the board and others serve a regulatory function.

Regardless of their function, the City's boards and commissions are made possible by the volunteer service of Burlington citizens like you. Applications for appointment to a board or commission are accepted until April 1st. Appointments are typically made by the City Council in the month of June. Those who are appointed serve a three-year term.

To learn more about Burlington's boards and commissions, including a list of responsibilities and meeting times or to apply for appointment, please visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/B&C](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/B&C) or call the Office of Public Information at 222-5076.

## Register Early for Burlington Summer Camps

Burlington Summer Day Camps offer a unique and individual experience to participants. Your child will enjoy exciting adventures outdoors, organized games, field trips, and tons more with a caring and responsible staff to lead the way! Registration begins in February, but hurry because space is limited. For more information, please call (336) 222-5030 or visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/youth](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/youth).

# Backyard Stream Buffer Protection

**H**ave you ever crossed a bridge over the Haw River and taken a moment to look at the vegetation along the river's banks? Is this vegetation important?

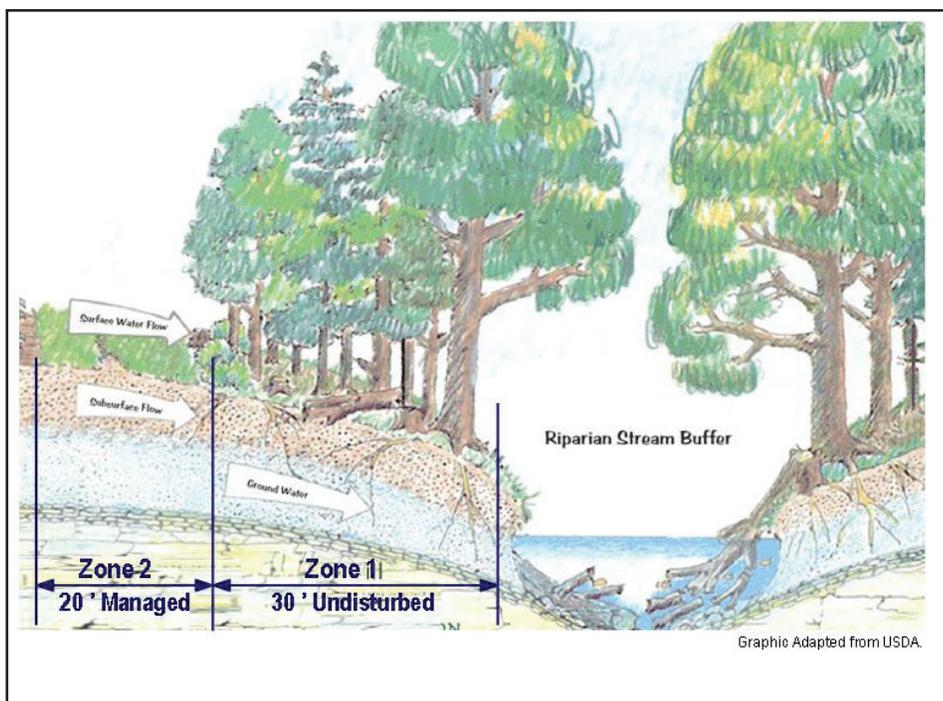
To answer your question, yes it is and since 2009, State laws have been passed to protect vegetation in what is now commonly referred to as a "Riparian Buffer."

Riparian vegetation, among other things, moderates soil moisture conditions in stream banks. Roots provide tensile strength to the soil matrix, enhancing stream bank stability.

The City of Burlington is home to six watersheds, all connected to the Haw River. Within these watersheds, urban growth and unprotected stream banks have diminished or eliminated vital riparian buffer zones.

Residents can play an important role in the future of riparian buffers by preserving existing vegetation and participating in the Backyard Buffer Program, funded by the Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership.

The City's Stormwater Division will host a meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, to discuss the City's stormwater management plan. Please save the date and plan on being at the Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane Street, from 6 to 8pm.



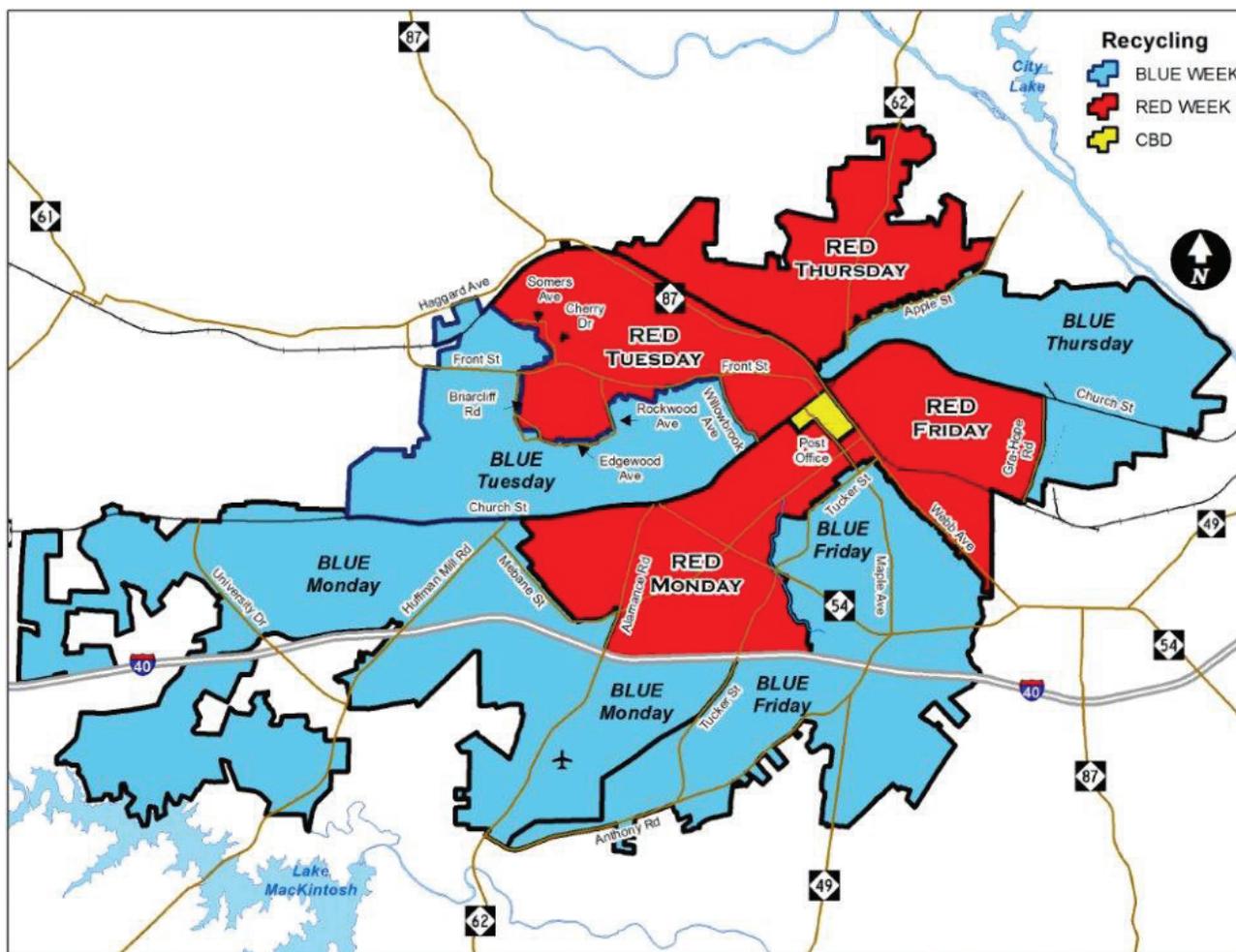
The Backyard Buffer Program provides an opportunity for individuals to learn more about riparian buffers and current restoration techniques.

A Backyard Buffer program workshop will be held on February 9, 2013 in Burlington. Should you be interested, you can register for this program by calling 222-5140 extension #13 or e-mail [stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us](mailto:stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us) for more information.

# Red & Blue Recycling Days

Are you a new Burlington resident? Perhaps you have simply forgotten during which recycling route your garbage is collected? Check out this map to identify if your recyclables are collected on a “red” or a “blue” week. Your recycling will be collected every other week on the same day as your garbage.

A recycling calendar identifying pick-up weeks and holiday modifications was delivered with your October utility bill. The recycling calendar and a wealth of additional information is also available online at [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/recycle](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/recycle). There you can obtain a red-blue day map and links to interactive collections maps that will help you identify when your garbage, recycling or loose leaves should be collected. If you have additional questions, the City’s Sanitation Department can help. Reach them by calling 222-5111.



# Get Ready for Free Bulk Waste Pick-Up

In an effort to help clean up the city, the Burlington City Council is waiving bulk collection fees for a limited time. This promotion applies to residential units currently receiving bulk collection services. Please be sure to place items out one day prior to your normal trash pickup day.

**When:** February 4, 2013 through March 29, 2013 — Items collected prior to or after this period will be billed as normal.

**What:** No fees will be charged for bulk yard waste, bulk junk or bulk metals/white goods during this time period. *Normally, bulk collection fees are \$6.75 per "bite" of the bulk trucks (bulk yard waste truck, bulk junk truck, bulk metal/white goods truck) unless only one bite per type of bulk is placed for pickup, in which case, there is no charge.*



## **Bulk Yard Waste**

- Tree trimmings 6 feet or less in length
- Limbs 6 inches or less in width
- Large yard waste volumes
- Note that collection of small yard waste items, properly placed/containerized are always collected at no charge
- All yard waste is taken to be recycled

## **Items NOT Collected**

- Used Oil and Filters, Anti-freeze, Lead Acid Batteries
- Scrap Tires
- Construction Debris and Wood Pallets
- Oyster Shells
- Florescent light tubes
- Recyclables (collected separately by Waste Industries)
- Electronics (e-waste)



## **Bulk Junk**

- Large household items
- Mattresses
- Sofas
- Large furniture items
- Rolled carpet



## **Bulk Metal/White Goods**

- Large appliances
- White goods
- Large metals
- All metal/white goods are taken to be recycled

## **Have Questions?**

Contact us at...  
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