

## 2009 Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Award Winner

## **Outstanding Stewardship**

**Project Name:** Wade Wetland & Park

**Project Partners:** City of Wilmington Stormwater Services & Parks Divisions, New

Hanover County, CWMTF

Project Location: Bethel Road

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In 2005, New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington joined forces to obtain funding from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund to acquire 17 acres and construct an 11-acre stormwater wetland and passive park in the Hewlett's Creek watershed.

The stormwater wetland was designed to capture and treat polluted stormwater runoff from about 10 percent (590 acres) of the watershed. The wetland is the largest



constructed stormwater wetland in the area and also serves as critical habitat for native and migratory birds, animals and plants. The project is part of an overall effort to

restore Hewletts Creek and its shellfish waters and provide recreational facilities for the community.

The passive recreational park includes:

- ½ mile (10 foot wide) multi-use path around constructed wetland
- Observation boardwalk
- Restrooms and picnic shelter
- Playground and open play area
- Educational signage
- Outdoor educational facility





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CONCEPTUAL PARK LAYOUT