# Impact Project Report

Master Naturalist monitors the Tar River

## Issue

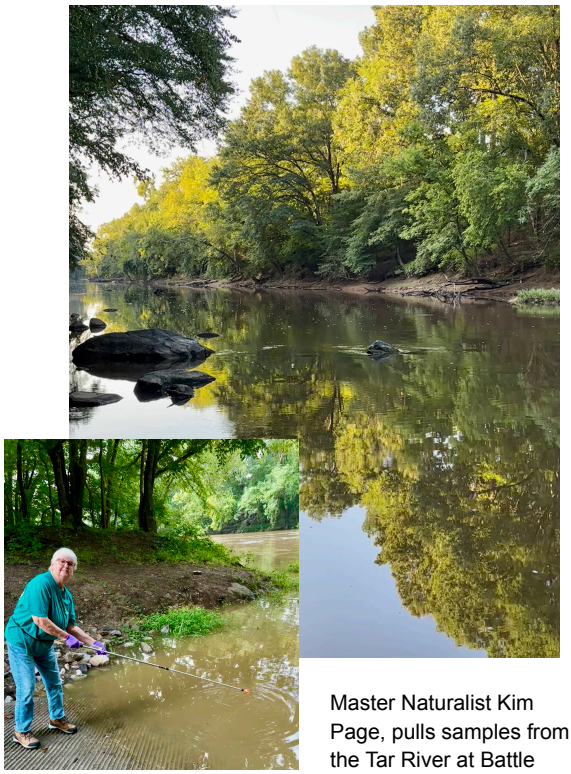
Sound Rivers works to safeguard the health of the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico river basins — a watershed covering nearly a quarter of our state. They rely on trained volunteers to help monitor our waters. The Tar River in Rocky Mount at Battle Park is over an hour away from the group's Washington, NC base, which could allow high bacteria levels to go unreported.

## Project

Master Naturalist student Kim Page took it upon herself to connect with Sound Rivers, get trained, collect and, as needed, deliver weekly samples from the river at the Battle Park site for their Swim Guide Program. Her work has enabled Sound Rivers to detect high bacteria levels and issue warnings, especially critical after heavy rain events.

She also documents river conditions, enabling Sound Rivers to modify kayaking and other river events as conditions dictate.

Kim is proud of her contribution and plans to carry on as the "boots on the ground" for this part of the Tar River. Her concern for the health of the river near her home led her to find Sound Rivers, seek out training, and join an invaluable citizen science effort protecting the waterways of our state.



Master Naturalist Kim Page, pulls samples from the Tar River at Battle Park, Rocky Mount, NC

## Student

This project is the work of Kim Page

## Highlights

**Partner Organization**

Sound Rivers

## Impact Projects

Beyond classwork, a key feature of the Master Naturalist Volunteer program are the Impact Projects students develop. These projects integrate course concepts and benefit a Partner Organization.



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