



City of Chattanooga Water Quality Credits

Water Quality Education (up to 30% for calendar year 2010, up to 25% thereafter)

Requirements:

- 1) Educational Institutions with 3 ERUs or more.
- 2) A Water Quality Fee Credit will be offered to Public and Private Schools, K through 12, which integrate a curriculum, approved by the City, for the purpose of providing water quality and watershed management education programs. A similar credit may be offered to non-traditional watershed based institutions (i.e. museums, arboretums, and community gardens) that provide appropriate water quality and watershed management education programs.
- 3) Institutions must submit a description of the educational program, curriculum and program materials and an estimated percentage of students that will receive the education for review by the city for credit approval. Use the [Education Credit Form](#) when submitting your application for credit.
- 4) Institution must submit an annual report by June 30th of the corresponding Tax Year documenting the percentage of students that received the education in that year. The Education Credit form should be used for the Annual Report (Form E; See Above for Link).
- 5) The credit will be applied only to the property(s) where the curriculum is taught (e.g., if the curriculum is taught only at an Elementary School, the credit will be applied only to that property, not to adjacent parcels).
- 6) To receive the full credit the curriculum must be scheduled to be taught in a course that 100% of the students have the potential of taking. (e.g. If there is a class that is required for students to take, not an elective.)
- 7) Institutions that do not teach the curriculum in a manner that allows students to receive it within a typical 'school year' may receive a partial credit.
- 8) Curriculum that is not approved will not receive credit.
- 9) You can also apply for other credits such as Detention/Retention Facilities, Water Quality Devices, Tree Planting and Retrofit/Mitigation credits in order to earn more credits.
- 10) The credit amount will be determined by the city based on the content of the education materials and the percentage of students receiving the Watershed/Water Quality Education.