

Proclamation

CREEK WEEK

WHEREAS, streams, rivers, lakes, and other waterways hold significant public value, providing drinking water, opportunities for recreation, and places of inspiration and reflection; and

WHEREAS, healthy waterways provide critical habitat, deliver essential ecosystem services, and sustain the rich biodiversity upon which all forms of life depend; and

WHEREAS, residents are being affected by a climate crisis, directly experiencing extreme rain events, flooding, prolonged heatwaves, and droughts, that also strain local water resources; and

WHEREAS, many communities are engaged in a continued struggle for environmental equality, fair access to natural resources, and meaningful participation in decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Creek Week, awareness campaigns, beach sweeps, and other efforts that empower people to restore waterways have been ongoing since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, governments affiliated with the North Carolina Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP) work together to celebrate and bring attention to local creeks and streams across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro works collaboratively with partners, including county government, municipalities, institutions, businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations, to support and sponsor Orange County Creek Week; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro invites residents to participate in events held throughout the region, as well as in the following locally held events:

- MARCH 21, 2026 11:00AM – 3:00PM CREEK WEEK KICKOFF at THE DRAKEFORD LIBRARY
- MARCH 28, 2026 10:00AM – NOON LITTER SWEEP at THE LIBBA COTTON BIKE PATH

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim the fourth week in March as Creek Week in the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina. I urge all residents to celebrate our waterways and commit to their stewardship.

This the 17th day of March 2026.


Barbara M. Foushee

