

# Central Sites Manager Paula Gillikin Wins DENR Sustainability Award

Paula Gillikin received a 2013 DENR Sustainability Award for an "Individual Small Project" at a ceremony held April 23rd at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. The awards recognized employees who have shown leadership in implementing programs and initiatives that minimize unwanted impacts to the environment. These exemplary employees take particular care in the use of natural resources for daily activities, operations and projects in the DENR workplace. The award winners have exceeded the requirements of their regular job duties. DENR Secretary John Skvarla presented the awards to this year's winners.

Every year since 2007, Paula has been engaging local businesses, volunteers, and municipalities to help in removing marine debris and trash and to restore degraded habitats at the Rachel Carson Reserve in Beaufort. Partnership efforts with local municipalities and volunteer groups have been worth \$27,000, saving \$34,000 in staff time. Partnering has also saved \$874 in disposal costs and \$175 in cleanup supplies, and cleanups have removed more than 15,000 pounds of debris.

Congratulations Paula! Learn more about the awards from DENR's [Facebook page](#).



*Central Sites Manager Paula Gillikin with DENR Secretary John Skvarla*