

Fort Loudoun Lake Association kicks off *Clean and Green Tennessee Lakes and Streams*

Did you know that stormwater runoff is the most common cause of water pollution in our creeks and streams? Restaurants and food service facilities can affect these waterways in a number of ways. Leaking dumpsters, mop water poured into alleys, and uncovered grease bins can pollute the rainwater that flows into storm drains and eventually into Fort Loudoun Lake.

The Fort Loudoun Lake Association is sponsoring a restaurant education initiative in conjunction with Loudon County, Lenoir City, Knox County and the Environmental Protection Agency. A series of workshops will be conducted by the Lake Association staff to inform restaurants about sensible business practices that will make them more competitive while protecting and improving our environment.

The workshops will give restaurants an understanding of the basics of stormwater runoff and pollution sources. Training will emphasize the use of best management practices to prevent pollution that can be easily incorporated into daily restaurant activities.

Participating restaurants will be awarded a *Clean and Green Tennessee Stream* decal to display on the door or window of their business. The Fort Loudoun Lake Association will promote and advertise the *Clean and Green Tennessee Stream* program in the Tennessee Valley, thereby giving the participants positive recognition for their efforts.

The Fort Loudoun Lake Association is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to maintaining the 52 linear miles of one of East Tennessee's most beautiful natural resources, Fort Loudoun Lake. Our mission is to give people who live, work and recreate in the Fort Loudoun Lake watershed a voice in protecting and enhancing the economic benefit and quality of life value of clean water.

The first program will take place on June 17, 2008.

For more information, please contact Michael Gaugler, Stormwater Services Manager for the Fort Loudoun Lake Association at 865-523-3800.



This decal in the window signifies a restaurant that has completed the Clean and Green program

