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Meridian Waste's Shotwell Environmental Park Makes a Splash with More Than 400 Guests at 6th Annual Splash Bash

Community celebration helps Wake County families beat the summer heat while connecting neighbors with the important environmental services provided at Shotwell Environmental Park

WENDELL, N.C. (August 17, 2026) — Meridian Waste's Shotwell Environmental Park welcomed more than 400 community members on Saturday, August 15, for its 6th Annual Splash Bash, giving local children and their families a fun-filled way to cool down from temperatures topping 90 degrees before the start of the new Wake County school year.

The annual community celebration was all about water, sunshine and summertime fun, with activities designed to keep guests soaked and smiling. Children enjoyed a 15-foot water slide, slip-and-slides, water balloons and a two-hour foam bubble party that transformed a summer afternoon at the Environmental Park into one giant outdoor splash zone. Guests were also treated to a free, all-American summer lunch featuring hot dogs, chips, fresh watermelon, lemonade and ice cream.

While Splash Bash is designed first and foremost to bring neighbors together for a day of family fun, the event also provides Meridian Waste an opportunity to welcome the public to Shotwell Environmental Park and introduce families to the essential environmental infrastructure serving the rapidly growing Triangle region.

Landfills and material recovery facilities (MRFs) are an important part of the landscape and infrastructure that keeps the Triangle's economic engine humming. Through innovative waste-management solutions, recycling and material recovery, responsible disposal practices, regulatory compliance and environmental stewardship, facilities such as Shotwell Environmental Park help communities grow while protecting the natural resources that make North Carolina such a special place to live, work and play.

"Opening our gates to the community gives us the opportunity to show our neighbors that Shotwell Environmental Park is much more than a place where materials are brought for processing or disposal," said Catherine Foroozan, General Manager of Shotwell Environmental Park. "Our team performs important environmental work here every day, and we want families to see firsthand how responsible waste management, material recovery, innovation and regulatory compliance all work together to

preserve and protect our natural environment. Splash Bash makes that connection especially meaningful because we can bring people together, enjoy the great outdoors and have a whole lot of fun while doing it.”

Splash Bash is part of Meridian Waste’s ongoing commitment to being an active community partner in the markets it serves. By inviting neighbors inside its facilities for educational tours, seasonal celebrations and family-friendly activities, the Company strives to build greater understanding of modern solid waste management and the people and infrastructure required to keep communities clean, healthy and environmentally sound.

Save the Date: Earth Day Easter Egg Hunt

Shotwell Environmental Park’s next community event will be its annual Earth Day Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2027. The family-friendly celebration will once again combine Easter fun with environmental education and an opportunity for the community to learn more about the work performed every day at Shotwell Environmental Park.

For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.

About Meridian Waste:

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company’s core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C and the greater Triad Region of NC., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Huntsville, AL, Central AL, North & South MS, Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 600,000 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 31 hauling companies, thirteen transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 1.4M tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.