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## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS

*Conway, South Carolina* – Community volunteers are needed to join water quality monitoring in Murrells Inlet and on the Waccamaw River.

These programs are supported with funding from Horry and Georgetown Counties to help fulfill Stormwater goals that include engaging citizens in protecting our waterways and raising environmental awareness in the community.

Both programs are administered through Coastal Carolina University's Waccamaw Watershed Academy and its Environmental Quality Laboratory. Murrells Inlet 2020 and the Waccamaw Riverkeeper provide program support. The support of community volunteers is critical to these programs' success. Following training to use handheld environmental testing equipment, volunteers work as part of a team to sample selected sites twice monthly.

Water quality data are used to determine trends over time, to supplement state monitoring whose frequency has considerably reduced, to identify hot spots. Data generated by volunteers are available in an online database accessible to the public at <http://bccmws.coastal.edu/volunteermonitoring/>.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University Program Director at [susan@coastal.edu](mailto:susan@coastal.edu) or 843-349-4028.

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