

Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN) - Update for April 2009

Greetings from the Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (**KLEAN**)! About once a month, you will receive an e-update with the latest information about Kingston Lake, Crabtree Swamp, and the Waccamaw River. Let's see what's happening this month.

Events and Announcements

Celebrate Earth Day Locally. Here's a listing of local Earth Day events:

Saturday, April 18th *George Goes Green* from 10 am – 4 pm at East Bay Park, Georgetown

Saturday, April 18th *Earth Day at the Bay* from 11 am – 2pm at Ocean Bays Schools located on International Drive (parking at Academy of Arts, Science & Technology)

Saturday, April 18th *Earth Day Music Fest & Expo* from 11 am – 6 pm at Grand Park in Market Common

Tuesday, April 22nd *Earth Day ROCKS!* from 5 – 7 pm at McLean Park in North Myrtle Beach

Saturday, April 25th *Go Green: Earth Day Celebration* from 11 am – 5 pm at Broadway at the Beach in Myrtle Beach.

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, April 27th at 1:00PM** in Multipurpose Room B at the Horry County Government and Justice Building at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway. For more information, contact Christopher Klement at klementc@horrycounty.org.

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Tuesday, April 28th at 3:00 PM** in Multipurpose Room D at the Horry County Government and Justice Building at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway. A public input period is always scheduled. For more information, visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/stormwater/index.asp?page=9>.

The Horry County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Conservation Subdivision Zoning District on **May 7th at 5:30 PM** in the Horry County Government and Justice Building at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway. For more information, contact Christopher Klement at Horry County Planning at klementc@horrycounty.org or 915-7899.

The Southeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association will host *Muddy Water Blues: Providing Innovative Solutions to Complex Regulations* from **May 11th – 13th** in Asheville, North Carolina. The conference will include over 50 presentations on: Erosion and Slope Stabilization; Policy and Regulatory Approaches; Sediment and Turbidity Control; and Working with Urban Streams. To learn more and register visit the following site: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=c2422da6-15fc-476b-85ec-b1fa6100a0b7>.

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 PM**. Commission meetings are held in Conway City Hall on 3rd Avenue and Main Street in the conference room on the first floor. A public input period is always scheduled.

The Winyah Rivers Foundation announces its 2nd Annual Photo Contest - Promoting the beauty of the Winyah Rivers. Entries are being accepted through **June 30, 2009**. It is open to all, and you may enter as often as you like. Prizes to be awarded! Follow the link to [WRF Photo Contest Rules](#).

This Month's Feature – Expanding Crabtree Swamp Habitat Restoration?

Following closely on the heels of the pilot project to restore Crabtree Swamp to a more natural state (featured in [March 2009 update](#)), the City of Conway and its partners submitted a grant proposal to NOAA ([National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)) for \$5.6 million to restore 3.8 miles of Crabtree Swamp. The project would create almost 100 jobs and is aimed at restoring migratory fish habitat for river herring, shad, and sturgeon. Under the proposal, stream banks will be reshaped to create new floodplain and increase flood storage, berms will be removed to allow access to former floodplain wetlands, and box culverts under Hwy 501 will be backflooded to allow fish passage. Sewer and water lines will also be moved away from the stream edge. Almost 60,000 plants, shrubs, and trees will be planted in the new

floodplain. Recreational trails and educational signage are also planned. Grant awards will be made in May, so stay tuned for the results in the next e-update.

Archived E-updates

All of the KLEAN e-updates are archived and available for download. Check them out at http://www.coastal.edu/www/kean/archived_eupdates.html.

Learn More

If you are looking for a speaker for your group's next meeting, why not book a presentation about water quality or wetlands? David Fuss and Dr. Susan Libes of Coastal Carolina University are available for presentations geared for citizen groups. For more information, contact David Fuss at 843-349-4023 or dfuss@coastal.edu.

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