

Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN) - Update for February 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

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **Wednesday, February 18th 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 Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 24th at 3:00 PM** 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 Parks and Open Space Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, February 23rd at 1:00 PM** at 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 9th Annual Waccamaw Conference will be held on **February 28th from 8 AM – 1 PM** at the Waccamaw Higher Education Center in Litchfield. Co-hosted by Winyah Rivers Foundation and the Winyah Group of the Sierra Club, the conference will feature conservationists from across the state discussing the current state of our coastal plain rivers and efforts to protect water quality and water quantity for current and future users. To register for the conference, contact Christine Ellis at wrk@coastal.edu or 843-349-4007.

The Horry County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Conservation Subdivision Zoning District on **March 5th 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 North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Coastal Training Program and the City of Myrtle Beach are co-sponsoring a Design and Installation Seminar on Bioretention Systems on **March 10th from 8:30 AM – 12 PM** at the Base Recreation Center in Myrtle Beach. This event is designed to provide an opportunity to learn about bioretention systems (bioswales, rain gardens and stormwater wetlands) as a strategy for managing stormwater. It will begin with a two hour technical classroom seminar from 8:30-10:30 AM followed by a demonstration rain garden installation. Please RSVP by contacting Nicole Saladin (nicole@belle.baruch.sc.edu 843-546-6219 ext 241) or register online at <http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/Events.htm>.

This Month's Feature – Online Resources: Webcasts, Webinars, and Slideshows, Oh My!

How would you like to attend training seminars from the convenience of your computer desk? Well, you can do just that with a variety of resources that are available online. By taking a little time out of your day, you can increase your knowledge about many topics. Have you been wondering how to find the background information you need about a watershed or stormwater-related concept? Here are some examples to give you a taste of what's out there:

- The U.S. EPA offers a schedule of watershed webcasts. During the webcasts, live training is conducted by experts and trainees follow along via the internet and/or by phone conference lines. Archived webcasts can also be viewed. For a list of topics, see <http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts/>.
- The U.S. EPA also offers training courses, workshops, and webcasts to explain the regulatory framework and technical considerations of the NPDES Permit program, which covers stormwater. For a list of topics, see http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/outreach.cfm?program_id=0&otype=1.

- U.S. EPA also offers online training in watersheds and watershed management through a variety of slideshows. They are divided into broad categories. For links to the slideshows, see <http://www.epa.gov/watertrain/>.
- The Stormwater Manager's Resource Center is designed for stormwater practitioners, local government officials and others that need technical assistance on stormwater management issues. Slideshows, reference documents, and model ordinances abound at <http://www.stormwatercenter.net/>.

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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