

## Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN) - Update for July 2007

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**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 been happening lately and what's coming up.

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### Upcoming and Recent Events

On **June 23rd**, the community celebrated 'Round the Fourth at the Conway Riverfront. Under the Main Street bridge, there were two booths dedicated to protecting the Waccamaw River and its tributaries. Horry County Stormwater Management was under one tent, while the other tent housed a collaboration of Coastal Carolina University's Waccamaw Watershed Academy, the Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium, the Waccamaw Riverkeeper and the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission. Well over 100 visitors stopped by to talk to staff and officials, collect information, handle live animals, and watch demonstrations of water monitoring gear.

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **July 18th at 6 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 regular meeting on **July 24th from 3-5 PM**. Meetings are held at the Horry County Government and Justice Center on 2nd Avenue in Conway. A public input period is always scheduled.

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### This Month's Features

The City of Conway plans to hire a stormwater manager to oversee implementation of its Stormwater Management Plan. For more information, visit the City's website (<http://www.cityofconway.com/>) and click on 'Employment' in the sidebar.

Tired of seeing trash around town? Want to do something about it? The City of Conway is trying to establish a Keep America Beautiful chapter under South Carolina's Palmetto Pride program (<http://www.palmettopride.org/>). If you want to help Keep Conway Beautiful, contact Buddy Freeman (365-0188; <mailto:buddyfreeman@sc.rr.com>).

In honor of a late resident of Conway who was an advocate for and active paddler on the Waccamaw River in Conway, the "Evelyn Snider Memorial Paddle Trail" has been proposed. The water trail would range from Crabtree Swamp at Highway 701 through Kingston Lake to the Waccamaw River and downstream to Jackson Bluff. The proposed route allows paddlers to experience the beauty of one of the state's most beautiful black water rivers and fully incorporates the Riverwalk as a wonderful amenity tied to the river. Part of the trail, 6.2 miles from Conway Marina to Jackson Bluff, appears as the Waccamaw Blueway corridor in the City of Conway's Greenway Master Plan. The upstream portion of the proposed trail parallels the Crabtree Creek Swamp Trail, identified as a priority corridor in the Greenway Master Plan. The existing Crabtree Trail offers a unique experience on an off-road trail along one of Conway's major creeks. The priority corridor links downtown Conway to a trail featuring native plant and animal life that can be found within the swamp and around the coastal region. Anyone interested in working on the realization of the Evelyn Snider Memorial Paddle Trail is asked to contact Christine Ellis, Waccamaw Riverkeeper (<mailto:wrk@coastal.edu>; 843-349-4007).

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### **Learn More**

If you are looking for a speaker for your group's next meeting, why not book a presentation about wetlands? Tommy Fennel of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and David Fuss and Dr. Susan Libes of Coastal Carolina University are available for a joint presentation geared for citizen groups. For more information, contact David Fuss at 843-349-4023 or [dfuss@coastal.edu](mailto:dfuss@coastal.edu).

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