

## Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN) - Update for July 2008

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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 happening this month.

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### Events and Announcements

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, August 26th at 3:00 PM** at the Horry County Government and Justice Center on 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 next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **Wednesday, August 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 Certified Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Inspector Program is coming to Conway on **Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. The full-day workshop will be held at the Horry County Government & Justice Building, Room B, on Second Avenue in Conway. To learn more or register, visit <http://www.clemson.edu/t3s/cepsci/workshops/workshops.html>.

If you missed the July 17th seminar is entitled "*Getting to Know Wetlands: Innovative Planning and Development Approaches for South Carolina's Wetland Resources*," you can review the presentations at [http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/training\\_pages/07-17-08%20Wetlands%20Workshop/07-17-08%20Wetlands.htm](http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/training_pages/07-17-08%20Wetlands%20Workshop/07-17-08%20Wetlands.htm). The event targeted city and county officials and staff, developers, planners, realtors and consultants, and was sponsored by the North Inlet-Winyah Bay Coastal Training Program, Coastal Carolina University's Center for Marine and Wetland Studies, South Carolina's Dept. of Natural Resources, and the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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### This Month's Feature – Wetlands, do I need a Permit?

Wetlands are special areas in the landscape that are adapted to saturated or inundated conditions for most or all of the year. Wetlands provide us with many ecological services, such as flood control, shoreline stabilization, water filtration, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. Since these valuable areas are sensitive, they are protected under [Section 404 of the Clean Water Act](#). Before undertaking any activity in or near wetlands, you may need a permit. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates land-disturbing activities in and near jurisdictional wetlands, which may include tidal waters, marshes, swamps, streams, creeks, ponds, lakes, seasonally saturated forested and non-forested wetlands, and Carolina Bays. Activities that may require a permit include dredging of waterways, shoreline stabilization, beach re-nourishment, as well as the construction of piers, docks, marinas, boat ramps, roads, single-family homes, residential and commercial developments, recreational ponds, and wildlife management ponds.

All regulated activities occurring within jurisdictional areas require a permit from the Corps. In order to determine whether an activity requires a permit, or whether wetlands and/or waters of the U.S. are located on a property or within a project area, please contact us for further guidance, or simply submit a Request for a Jurisdictional Wetland Determination. If in doubt, contact the Corps just to be sure at:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Conway Regulatory Office  
1949 Industrial Park Road, Rm. 140  
Conway, SC 29526

(843) 365-4239 (Phone)  
(843) 365-4318 (Fax)

For information about wetlands and their functions and values, visit  
<http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/vital/nature.html>.

For more information about the permit process, visit  
[http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/?action=jurisdictional\\_determination.process\\_overview](http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/?action=jurisdictional_determination.process_overview).

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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 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](mailto:dfuss@coastal.edu).

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