

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

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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

Conway City Council is accepting applications for two vacancies on its Water Quality and Drainage Commission. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call 248-1760 and request an application. You may download an application at <http://www.cityofconway.com> or pick one up at City Hall.

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

American Rivers, Waccamaw Riverkeeper, and Pee Dee Land Trust host a kick-off paddle for the Waccamaw River Blue Trail on **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** at the Conway Marina. Following a brief press event featuring guest speakers Bridgette Johnson, Executive Vice President of the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce and Carl Schwartzkopf, Horry County Council, take part in the inaugural paddle along the Conway Riverwalk. Bring your canoe or kayak or reserve one free of charge. To reserve a boat (space is limited), please RSVP to Staci Williams at (843) 957-2367 or [swilliams@americanrivers.org](mailto:swilliams@americanrivers.org).

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:klementc@horrycounty.org).

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Winyah Rivers Foundation announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#).

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### This Month's Feature – Water Monitoring Data

Whether you know it or not, there is a substantial effort to collect water quality data along the Waccamaw River and some of your friends and colleagues may be involved. Volunteers and staff at Coastal Carolina University, Waccamaw Riverkeeper, and U.S. Geological Survey regularly collect water quality data and maintain data sensors. And, that data is available online (see links below). Data collection and analysis is designed to support the state-permitted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater programs in Horry County, Georgetown County and the City of Conway. Data are used to assess: (1) site-specific "normal" conditions, (2) long-term trends, and (3) the occurrence of illicit discharges. Funding is cooperatively provided by the agencies and the local governments.

To view the data online, please visit the following websites:

<http://bcmw.coastal.edu/volunteermonitoring/wr/index.php> - Waccamaw River Volunteer Monitoring

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/sc/nwis/rt> - USGS Real-time Gauges in South Carolina

[http://bcmw.coastal.edu/river\\_gauge/](http://bcmw.coastal.edu/river_gauge/) - Supplemental Sampling at USGS River Gauge Locations

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### Archived E-updates

All of the KLEAN e-updates are archived and available for download. Check them out at [http://www.coastal.edu/wwa/klean/archived\\_eupdates.html](http://www.coastal.edu/wwa/klean/archived_eupdates.html).

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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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