

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

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**WELCOME** to 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 in the month of March.

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### Upcoming and Recent Events

Tired of seeing trash in the Waccamaw River? Now you can do something about it! A river cleanup is planned in Conway for Saturday, March 31st from 9 AM to Noon. To participate, meet at the Conway city marina at 9 AM. Your efforts will be rewarded with lunch. The focus area is Smith Lake and Crabtree Canal. Please bring gloves and appropriate clothing (you may get dirty and a little wet). Also, feel free to bring your own boat (any size) and a net. For those without, there will be plenty for everyone to do. Please direct questions to Rick Rickenbaker ([screamingtree2@aol.com](mailto:screamingtree2@aol.com); 843-248-4201) or the Waccamaw Riverkeeper, Christine Ellis ([wrk@coastal.edu](mailto:wrk@coastal.edu); 843-349-4007).

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 21st 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.

On March 5th, Coastal Carolina University's Waccamaw Watershed Academy (<http://www.coastal.edu/wwa>) conducted a training workshop for City of Conway staff. The workshop served as a follow-up to a September 2006 session held for City Council and staff. Activities included mapping exercises, requirements for the City's stormwater program, and a van tour of sites showing key issues. To see more about the September workshop, go to [http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/stormwater\\_education/Conway/Conway-Agenda.htm](http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/stormwater_education/Conway/Conway-Agenda.htm).

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6th. A copy of the agenda may be found at <http://www.horrycounty.org/calendar/agendas/stormwater-030607.pdf>. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th from 3-5 PM at the Horry County Government and Justice Center on 2nd Avenue in Conway. A public input period is always scheduled.

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### Learn More

Find out what's happening in the river from the convenience of your own desk! With funding from Horry County, the U.S. Geological Survey operates water monitoring instruments in Crabtree Swamp and in the Waccamaw River near the city marina in Conway. Watch the data online in real time for features such as water height, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity (how much sediment and silt is in the water). To view the information, follow these direct links:

Crabtree Swamp - <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/sc/nwis/uv?02110701>

Waccamaw River at Conway Marina - <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?02110704>

If you are looking for a speaker for your group's next meeting, why not book a presentation about the story of water quality and stormwater around Conway? Dr. Susan Libes of Coastal Carolina University is available for a 20-min slide show 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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