

Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN) - Update for May 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.

Special Thanks

A very special thanks goes out to all those who helped to plant several hundreds of native trees and shrubs along a half-mile of reshaped bank adjacent to Crabtree Swamp!! Without the dedicated work of volunteers and staff alike, we could not have realized this important stream restoration project. Stay tuned for a project website with photos and figures.

Events and Announcements

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **Wednesday, May 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 Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 26th 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 Horry County Infrastructure and Regulation Committee will consider the proposed Conservation Subdivision Zoning District on **June 11th** 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 Horry County Parks and Open Space Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, June 22nd 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.

The Winyah Rivers Foundation announces its 2nd 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](#).

This Month's Feature – American Wetlands Month

This May marks the 19th anniversary of American Wetlands Month, when EPA and its federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, and private partner organizations celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to the Nation's ecological, economic, and social health. This celebration offers an opportunity to discover and teach others about the important role that wetlands play in our environment and the significant benefits they provide - improved water quality, increased water storage and supply, reduced flood and storm surge risk, and critical habitat for plants, fish, and wildlife. To learn more, visit [EPA's American Wetlands Month website](#). This month's EPA webcast, "[Wetlands: Reconnecting Youth with Nature](#)," will explore how we as a society, and especially our children, have become increasingly disconnected from the natural world and how wetlands can feature in reconnecting young people with nature. Finally, to learn about the seven winners of Environmental Law Institute's 20th Anniversary of the National Wetlands Awards, please visit <http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org/>. This year's ceremony was hosted on Capitol Hill on May 12th.

Resources

There is a new resource available for those interested in rain gardens. "Rain Gardening in the South: Ecologically Designed Gardens for Drought, Deluge and Everything in Between" was written by North

Carolina State professors, Helen Kraus and Anne Spafford, and is designed to teach anyone, gardener or nongardener, how to create a waterwise garden that adds beauty to the landscape while protecting our environment. The book is available at [Eno Publishers](#) for \$19.95.

A special program focusing on the Clean Water Act, entitled "Poisoned Waters," recently aired on PBS' Frontline. The program describes the condition of U.S. waterways and their contamination sources, such as industry, agriculture and urban/suburban development. New pollutants have been found in drinking water and also pose a threat to fish, wildlife and, potentially, human health. Strategies to deal with these threats are addressed. To view this program online, please visit <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/poisonedwaters/view/>.

Archived E-updates

All of the KLEAN e-updates are archived and available for download. Check them out at http://www.coastal.edu/www/klean/archived_eupdates.html.

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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