

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

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.

Events and Announcements

The next meeting of the Horry County Parks and Open Space Board will be held on **Monday, November 17th at 1:00 PM** in Multi-purpose Room D of the Horry County Government and Justice Building at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway. For more information, contact Christopher Klement at Horry County Planning at 843-915-7899 or klementc@horrycounty.org.

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **Wednesday, November 19th 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.

SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control's Bureau of Water is holding a series of public meetings to evaluate freshwater water quality standards, classifications, and uses, as they relate to recreation. The nearest remaining meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 PM** at the Dorchester County Council Chambers in Summerville. DHEC will also accept written comments. For more information, including handouts from the meetings, presentations, and feedback forms, visit <http://www.scdhec.net/environment/water/fwater.htm>. Please direct questions and comments to Karin Skipper at skippekb@dhec.sc.gov, 803-898-8192, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

A U.S. EPA Watershed Academy webcast on Rain Gardens will be held on **December 3rd from 1-3 PM**. Entitled "Using Rain Gardens to Reduce Runoff -- Slow it down, spread it out, soak it in!", the webcast will address the benefits of rain gardens, how to build them, and how to develop and implement a successful rain garden program. Registration will open in the third week of November. To learn more, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts/>.

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its next regular meeting on **Monday, December 15th at 3:00 PM** in Multi-purpose Room B of 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>.

This Month's Feature – Follow-up on Rain Gardens

Did last month's feature on rain gardens attract your attention, but leave you wishing for more? You are in luck! Attached (in PDF format) is a tri-fold brochure explaining how to build a rain garden and what plants will do well in South Carolina. Blooming months are also designated, so that you can plan a beautiful rain garden for all seasons. And remember, late fall and winter are ideal seasons to plant trees and shrubs anywhere in your landscaping (see plant list in attached brochure for ideas).

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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