

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

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 been happening lately and what's coming up.

Events and Announcements

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its regular meeting on **October 30th from 3-5 PM**. Meetings are held 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 **November 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.

Tired of seeing trash around town? Want to do something about it? The City of Conway is trying to establish a Keep America Beautiful chapter under South Carolina's Palmetto Pride program (<http://www.palmettopride.org/>). If you want to help Keep Conway Beautiful, contact Buddy Freeman (365-0188; <mailto:buddyfreeman@sc.rr.com>).

This Month's Features

In response to citizen concerns regarding development proposals along the Waccamaw River, Christine Ellis, the Waccamaw Riverkeeper, presented a proposal to Horry County's Infrastructure and Regulation Committee to form an ad hoc committee to discuss and make recommendations on strategies to achieve a balance between economic growth and development and sustaining natural resources. The proposed committee would consist of county officials, landowners, developers and realtors, engineering consultants, local environmental organizations, and academic institutions. The committee may address incentives for habitat protection, stream and wetland buffers, a more stringent floodplain policy, a comprehensive drainage master plan, and other related topics. The proposal has been assigned to the County Stormwater Advisory Board for consideration at its **October 30th** meeting. For more information, contact Christine Ellis at 349-4007 or <mailto:wrk@coastal.edu>.

The Horry County Comprehensive Plan, known as Envision 2025, received endorsement from the Planning Commission. The Comprehensive Plan incorporates citizen ideas to develop a blueprint that lays out priorities for the future of our community. The Natural Resources Element includes recommendations that would offer stronger protection of our area waterways and natural habitat. Current drafts of the elements of the Plan can be found at <http://www.horrycounty.org/envision/index.aspx>. The first three elements of the Plan, including the Natural Resources Element, will be considered by the Infrastructure and Regulation Committee on **November 1st at 8 AM** at the Horry County Government and Justice Center on 2nd Avenue in Conway. A public input period is always scheduled, so come out and show your support for the work of your fellow citizens.

Learn More

If you are looking for a speaker for your group's next meeting, why not book a presentation about wetlands? Tommy Fennel of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and David Fuss and Dr. Susan Libes of

Coastal Carolina University are available for a joint presentation geared for citizen groups. For more information, contact David Fuss at 843-349-4023 or dfuss@coastal.edu.

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