

Annual Waccamaw River Water Quality Data Conference

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Wednesday, January 20th, 2016

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Coastal Carolina University, Burroughs & Chapin Center for
Marine and Wetland Studies, Room 100**

AGENDA

09:00 AM *Welcome and Introductions*

Emma Gerald Boyer, Waccamaw Riverkeeper®
Program

09:20 AM *Updates from Horry County,
Georgetown County & City of Conway*

Dave Fuss (Horry County) – *Freshwater Mussels on
the Waccamaw and Pee Dee*

Tracy Jones (Georgetown County)

Kevin Chestnut (City of Conway)

09:40 AM **Chad Wagner**, USGS South Atlantic
Water Science Center

*Water Availability and Use to Meet Competing
Societal and Ecological Needs*

10:10 AM Break and Open Discussion

10:20 AM **Amy Bennett**, Pee Dee Watershed
Manager, SC DHEC
SC DHEC Water Quality Monitoring in the Waccamaw

10:50 AM **Dr. Susan Libes**, Director –
Waccamaw Watershed Academy, Coastal Carolina
University

*Using the Online Database to Visualize Spatial &
Temporal Water Quality Trends*

11:30 AM **Emma Gerald Boyer**, Waccamaw
Riverkeeper® Program

Riverkeeper Update

*Highlight on Benthic Macroinvertebrate surveys on
the Waccamaw River*

By **Jack Galloway**, WR WQ Volunteer

12:00 PM Conference Closing



Happy 10 Year Anniversary!!



River Sweep 2015



Love the Waccamaw? Show it Sept. 19 at the River Sweep!

WHEN CHARLEY HEACOCK finds an empty beer can in the Waccamaw River, he says, "This Bud's for you!"

Well, it's for *someone*—just not the river. Undaunted, Heacock fishes cans, bottles, and pieces of foam cushions out of the drink every fall.

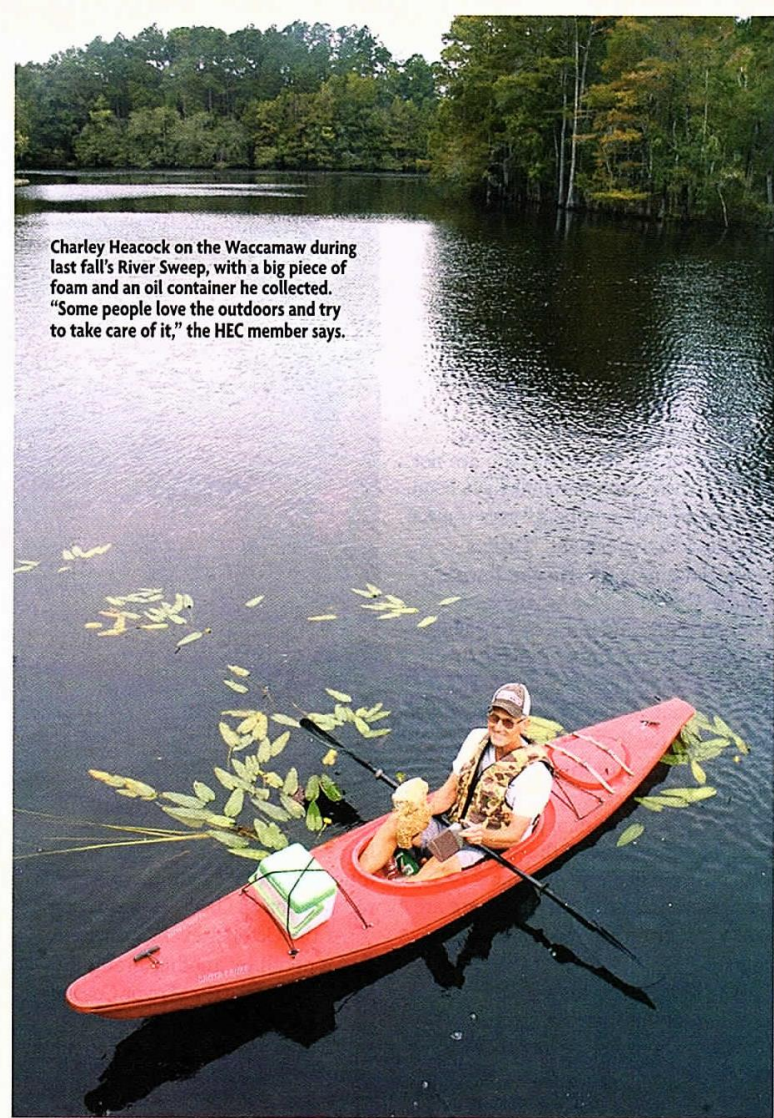
The Horry Electric member has helped with the Conway River Sweep for years. A Hickory Grove resident, he's one of hundreds of volunteers who will take the trash out once again on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon.

"The Waccamaw is a really nice river," he says. "I've been on a couple of rivers in South Carolina and for my money, it's the most special."

Heacock paddles the extra mile: He not only sweeps the river, he also takes water samples twice a month for the Waccamaw River Keeper. Heacock pulls his samples at the Hwy. 9 boat landing at Longs; other volunteers dip in at 17 other locations. "We monitor and share our data with the U.S. Geological Survey and DHEC," says the retired county employee and Army veteran.

The River Sweep isn't hard work, he says—"It's mostly small trash," Heacock notes—plus, "You can just go along the Riverwalk. You don't have to use a boat."

By land or by water, show the Waccamaw some love! Volunteers meet at the Conway Marina, 4 Elm St. Free kayaks and canoes are available, first-come, first-served. Bring your own boat and the launch fee is waived. Participants can also be ferried to clean along the riverbank, or clean up on land along the river. Call (843) 349-2839 or email



Charley Heacock on the Waccamaw during last fall's River Sweep, with a big piece of foam and an oil container he collected. "Some people love the outdoors and try to take care of it," the HEC member says.

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River Sweep volunteers last fall included (from left) Haley Dehart, Lindsay Doane, Allie Delgadillo and McKenzie Doane as well as students (below) from the Early College High School at Horry-Georgetown Tech.

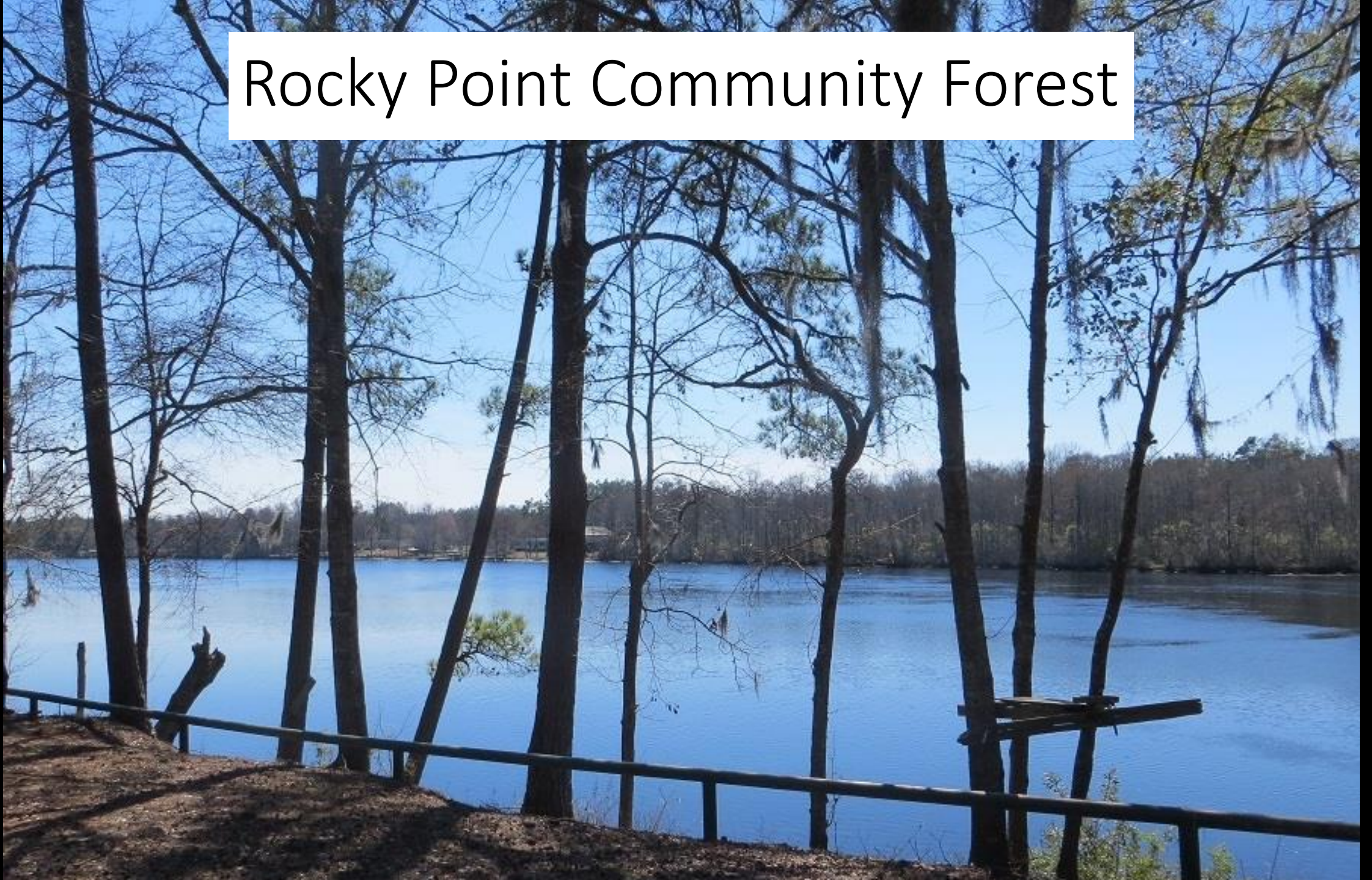




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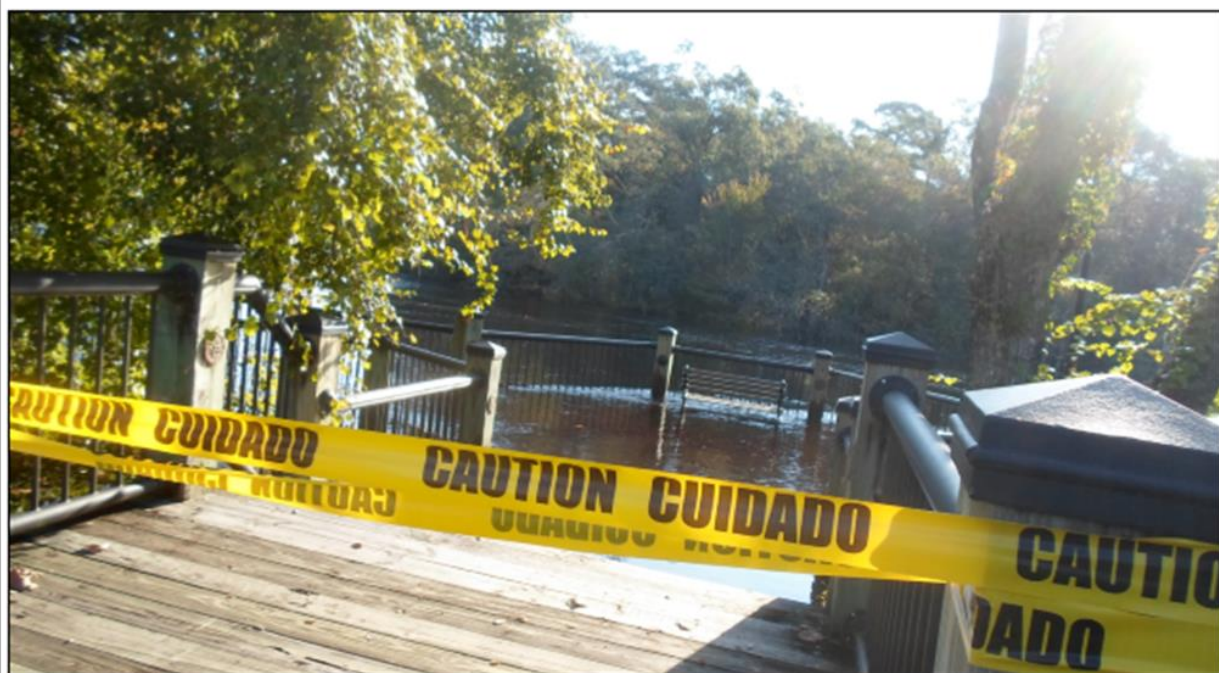


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