



*Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education & public involvement*

## **April 2011 CWSEC E-News**

Once a month you will receive this newsletter via email to provide updates of activities of CWSEC and other stormwater-related topics that may be of interest. In order to receive the most up-to-date information on CWSEC, please visit our website at <http://www.cwsec-sc.org>.

\*\*\*\*\*Submissions for the May 2011 CWSEC E-News must be received at [kfuss@coastal.edu](mailto:kfuss@coastal.edu) by May 2<sup>nd</sup> \*\*\*\*\*

### **Announcements (Click [here](#) for more details)**

**Storm Drain Marking Program Receives Donation from Grand Strand Surfrider Foundation**  
The Grand Strand Chapter of Surfrider Foundation has provided nearly \$3,000 in funding for 1,000 storm drain markers and supplies. This donation will allow the marking program to expand regionally in the coming year.

#### **120 Lakewood Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Marking Drains**

Over 150 markers will be placed in Ocean Lakes Campground and Palmetto Glen subdivision over two days – April 6<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> by the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as their annual service learning project. Observational data is also being collected and shared with Horry County Stormwater Department.

#### **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am – 3 pm, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tide – A Day for the Inlet, Morse Park Landing, Murrells Inlet**

Join in to clean up the creek and streets of Murrells Inlet. The day begins with an invocation at 9:45 am at Morse Park Landing followed by picking up trash. Everyone is invited back to the Hot Fish Club at 1:00 pm for the Great Murrells Inlet Chowder Cook-off with over twenty restaurant chowders that are free to all the volunteers. Call 843-357-2007 for more information.

#### **April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Waccamaw Riverkeeper® Crabtree Canal and Swamp Clean-Up, Conway**

An Earth Day cleanup hosted by the Waccamaw Riverkeeper and Coastal Carolina University's Eco-Reps to clean-up the land and water along Crabtree Canal and Crabtree Swamp, combining educational awareness about the sources of trash that end up in our beautiful waterways with promotion of the City of Conway's River Friendly Business certification program. For info, contact [Christine](#).

#### **April 27th, 4:00-5:30pm PDT (Pacific), Community-based Green Infrastructure Webinar**

Community-driven approaches to green infrastructure provide unique benefits to communities including education, public buy-in, community development, and vital energy. In this interactive webinar, we'll explore the benefits and challenges of community-driven approaches to green infrastructure through case studies and a moderated discussion with questions from the audience. To register for this free webinar, go to <http://watershedmg.org/green-streets>.

#### **May 14<sup>th</sup>, Waccamaw Riverkeeper® Cleanup, Longs**

Join the volunteers of the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program to help cleanup this boat landing and upstream and downstream along the river. Meet at 9am at the Chris Anderson Boat Landing off Highway 9 across from Horry's Restaurant. Bring your boat (motorized or non-motorized), come prepared for trash pick-up and the weather and help keep the Waccamaw clean and beautiful. For info, contact [Christine](#).

#### **Georgetown County Stormwater Helping Local Students with Rain Barrel**

Georgetown County Stormwater helped third grade students design a rain barrel that was then donated to the Waccamaw Neck Library. Read more at <http://www.gtowntimes.com/local/Students-design-rain-barrel>.

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 5 pm, LID and Traditional Neighborhood Development (Light Imprint) Workshop, NC State University, Raleigh, NC

Low Impact Development (LID) is typically defined as a stormwater management design framework aimed at minimizing the negative impacts of stormwater runoff. LID includes: mimicking pre-development hydrology, tree conservation, maximizing open space, maintenance, structural practices, and education. Light Imprint is a green approach to neighborhood design that employs New Urbanist principles to create compact, walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods. This course aims to bridge the gap between efficient and effective implementation of LID and Light Imprint. To find out more and to register, click [here](#).

## **Resources**

### **Watershed Academy Web**

EPA's Watershed Academy's Distance Learning Program is called Watershed Academy Web. The Web site offers a variety of self-paced training modules organized by six themes: watershed ecology, watershed change, analysis and planning, management practices, and community/social/water law. Modules vary in the time they take to complete, from ½ hour to 2 hours. By completing fifteen of the modules individuals qualify for the Watershed Academy Certificate Program. To learn more, click [here](#).

### **EPA Releases Draft Document on “Identifying and Protecting Healthy Watersheds - Concepts, Assessments, and Management Approaches”**

The Healthy Watersheds Initiative is intended to protect our remaining healthy watersheds, prevent them from becoming impaired, and accelerate our restoration successes. This draft technical document provides an overview of the key concepts behind the Healthy Watersheds approach, examples of assessments of healthy watershed components, an integrated assessment framework for identifying healthy watersheds, examples of management approaches, sources of national data, and key assessment tools. EPA is seeking comments on this draft document until June 3, 2011. Visit [www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds](http://www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds) to learn more.