



Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education & public involvement

August 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 September 2011 CWSEC E-News must be received at kfuss@coastal.edu by Aug. 31st *****

Announcements

Burgess Community Area Plan

The Horry County Planning Department has been working on a Burgess Community (southeast portion of County) Area Plan focusing on the following topics: Transportation; Stormwater, Natural Resources; Community Identity and Heritage; and Land Use and Zoning. The Planning Department developed a website at <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/Burgess/Default.pdf> which provides a series of maps of the Greater Burgess Community along with several online surveys. The staff will hold a meeting in September with the community conducting several surveys to gauge the citizenry's opinion on the identified focus areas. It is the goal that from this meeting, the Area Plan can be completed and then presented to Horry County Council.

Carolina Clear Hires New Agent

Christopher Ramaglia has been hired as the new Natural Resources Extension Agent in Horry County for Clemson University's Carolina Clear and serves as Clemson's local representative education provider in CWSEC. Chris's office is in Conway at the Horry County Extension Office, and his phone # is 843-365-6715 ext. 125 and email at cramagl@clemson.edu.

Digital Coast Webinar Series

NOAA's Coastal Services Center has started a webinar series. This series introduces Digital Coast tools and data through demonstrations, case studies and opportunities to engage with field experts and colleagues. Webinars are offered monthly from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn more at www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/webinar.

Carolina Clear Stormwater Video Coming to TV

The estimated air time for this video is to have two "flights" - one in the fall and one in spring. It is anticipated that the first rotation of these commercials will begin around August 1st and run into October. Be on the lookout when watching TV! In an attempt to increase the number of views of this video, feel free to attach the following link to your websites: <http://www.youtube.com/embed/6qsem57CRRE>.

Resources

NRDC's *Testing the Waters* Report Has Been Released

The Natural Resources Defense Council just released their annual *Testing the Waters* report. To view, visit <http://www.nrdc.org/water/oceans/ttw/ttw2011.pdf>.

New and Improved EPA Website on Nitrogen & Phosphorus Pollution

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a new and improved website about nitrogen and phosphorus pollution at <http://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/>. The site includes updated information on states' progress in developing numeric water quality criteria for nutrients as part of their water quality standards regulations and a new Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution Data Access Tool.

Turning Trash Into Sculptures

This organization encourages people to pick up trash on Oregon beaches and turn it into art sculptures. Check it out at <http://www.washedashore.org/>. The CWSEC education providers have passed this idea onto several regional schools and agencies with the hope that this idea can be carried out in northeastern coastal SC.

Stormwater Resources for Homeowners at Carolina Clear Website

The *Georgetown Times* covered this press release “Homeowners can get free resources to help reduce stormwater pollution” and can be found at this link http://www.clemson.edu/media-relations/article.php?article_id=3722.

Past Events

New Agent Promotes Watershed Lesson Plans

Chris Ramaglia, Carolina Clear Natural Resource Agent, spoke at the Nature-Based Inquiry workshop at Hobcaw Barony last month to approximately 40 teachers about the watershed lesson plans available on Carolina Clear’s website.