

Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education and public involvement

Announcements

Registration for the spring 2012 Winyah Master Naturalist Course is now open!

This spring Naturalists will be visiting swamps, marshes, the beach, and mountains to practice identification, learn ecological concepts, discuss natural history, examine human impacts on the environment, and develop the skills necessary to be active volunteer stewards in the community. Classes will be held on *Fridays, from February 17th to June 1st*, from 9 AM to 3 PM. For more information, [click here](#) or contact jen@belle.baruch.sc.edu.



In order to receive the most up-to-date information on CWSEC, please visit our website at <http://www.cwsec-sc.org>.

January 17th, 11:45am - 5pm, Stormwater Basics Workshop: Establishing Vegetative Cover, Swan Lake Park, Sumter

Learn about establishing vegetative cover on construction sites, including ground preparation, methods and equipment, seed selection, nutrient needs, mulching, overcoming pH issues, and perennial versus annual covers. Field demonstrations will include actual ground preparation, planting, and mulching methods. For more information, call Pearce Atkins, (803) 774-3995 or e-mail at patkins@sumpter-sc.com.

Spotlight Website

Visit Project Wet's new resource for teachers and students at www.DiscoverWater.org to *Discover Water: The Role of Water in Our Lives*.



February 4th, 8am - 12:30pm, 2012 Waccamaw Conference, Waccamaw Higher Ed Center, Litchfield

This annual conference, sponsored by the Waccamaw Riverkeeper® and Winyah Sierra Club, has the theme of *Growing Green: River Friendly Solutions for Homeowners and Communities*. Following the conference, the River Roast South will be held from 1-3 pm with oysters and southern buffet at Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony. To learn more contact the Riverkeeper® at 843-349-4007 or visit www.winyahrivers.org.

Register NOW for March 3rd, 8am- 4:30pm, Grand Strand Stormwater Pond Management Conference 2012, Springmaid Resort Conference Center, Myrtle Beach

Many CWSEC members are involved with this conference geared for community managers and HOAs. A full day of presentations and a vendor exhibit hall are planned. Please encourage local citizens, property managers and possible vendors (e.g. local professionals and companies related to pond maintenance) to visit the conference website at www.pondconference-grandstrand.org or email Chris Ramaglia, Clemson Carolina Clear Agent, to learn more.

Low Impact Development for Estuary Protection and Restoration Included in Restore America's Estuaries 6th National Conference

The deadline for the call for proposals for the 2012 conference is February 1st for Restore America's Estuaries National Conference being held October 20-24, 2012 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida. Conference planners seek proposals from LID professionals to share the emerging role of LID in furthering estuary protection and restoration. Please visit the conference web site at www.estuaries.org/conference.

Resources

USDA Nutrient Management Standard Revised

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has revised its national standard to improve nutrient efficiency and water quality. The standard stresses increased use of technology and local information. [Click here](#) to read more.

South Carolina DHEC Notice of Intent Tool

SC DHEC has developed this web application to assist with identifying water quality information necessary to comply with NPDES stormwater permits. This tool will help with the following: classification of receiving waters; location of water quality monitoring stations; and status of assessed water quality monitoring stations, including impairment and TMDL status. It is necessary to use this tool in concert with the applicable permit to determine requirements for best management practices and monitoring found in NPDES stormwater permits. [Click here](#) to visit the new tool. Suggestions or comments on the web application can be emailed to gishelp@dhec.sc.gov.

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Submissions for the February 2012 CWSEC E-News must be received at kfuss@coastal.edu by Feb. 4th.