



Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education & public involvement

January 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 February 2011 CWSEC E-News must be received at kfuss@coastal.edu by February 1st *****

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

January 14th – 16th, Winyah Bay Heritage Festival, Georgetown Historic District

This festival is a celebration of art, decoys, hunting, fishing and conservation in the Winyah Bay area. CWSEC education providers, NI-WB NERR and Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER®, will be participating with exhibits. To learn more, visit <http://www.winyahbayfestival.org/index.htm>.

Georgetown's *Coastal Observer* Article about SC Marine Educator of the Year

Check out <http://www.coastalobserver.com/articles/010611/5.html> to learn more about CWSEC's education provider Beth Thomas, Education Coordinator of NI-WB NERR, and why she was chosen for this award.

January 28th, Proposal Deadline for SouthEast Stormwater Association Conference to be held in Asheville, NC in October 2011

This year's conference theme is "New Water Quality Regulations - Change is in the Air!" For more information about the Conference and submitting a presentation, visit the [Conference page](#) of the SESWA website.

Resources

Proper Yard Debris Disposal Handout is Now Available

A new toolbox resource at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear is available for adaptation. This handout on proper yard debris disposal can be distributed to landscape crews and/or homeowners. The handout can be downloaded directly at http://media.clemson.edu/public/restoration/carolina%20clear/toolbox/leaf_litter_web.pdf. If you would like this to be adapted for your community, please contact Ben, bpowel2@clemson.edu.

Downloadable Watershed Lessons for Classrooms

Educators can now download free lessons related to watersheds, urbanization, stormwater, land use change, and pollutants in the environment from Carolina Clear's website (www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear). The lesson plans and interactive whiteboard activities meet SC Science Curriculum Standards for 5th and 7th grades.

CCU Researchers in Documentary, *Atlantis Revealed: Where the Oil Went*

Center for Marine & Wetland Studies scientists participated in a month-long cruise in November 2010 aboard the R/V *Atlantis* which included dives in the human-occupied vehicle (HOV) *Alvin*. Visit <https://bccmws.coastal.edu/news/atlantis-revealed-where-oil-went> to view a 25-minute documentary depicting this research examining the natural hydrocarbon seeps in the northern Gulf of Mexico and impacts of the recent oil spill.

Garbage Patch May Not Be as Large as Once Thought

Oregon State University researcher reports new findings about Pacific Ocean's garbage patch. To learn more, visit http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/01/reports_of_pacific_oceans_plas_1.html.

Future Opportunities

February 19th, 8 am – 12:30 pm, Waccamaw Conference, Waccamaw Higher Education Center, Litchfield

This annual educational conference sponsored by the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program of Winyah Rivers Foundation is geared for the public to learn about the importance of our freshwater resources and how we are working to protect them. See www.winyahrivers.org for more information.