



Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education & public involvement

March 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 April 2011 CWSEC E-News must be received at kfuss@coastal.edu by March 31st *****

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

NPDES Phase II SMS4 Stormwater General Permit on Public Notice

SC DHEC is seeking comments on the permit (<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/swnpdes.htm> or <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/publicnote/pubs/SCR03DPN.pdf>) until April 1, 2011. Written comments may be submitted to: Arturo Ovalles, SCDHEC-BOW, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Pesticide General Permit Information is Available

Visit http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/npdes_pesticide.htm to view this new pesticide general permit. The threshold for having to obtain permit coverage will likely put many HOAs with extensive ponds in a position of needing to obtain coverage or limit their use of chemicals to control algae in their ponds (see Section 1.1.1.b). Also, this permit will impact any SMS4 engaged in mosquito control and/or chemical control of ditch/canal vegetation.

March 19th, 8 am – 3 pm, Spring Greening, Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Highway 90, Conway

Spring Greening is a collection day to help residents dispose of household hazardous waste properly. To learn more contact www.solidwasteauthority.org or 843-347-1651.

March 26th, 9 am, Waccamaw Riverkeeper® Spring Cleanups Begin, Conway Marina

Our spring cleanup season launches in Conway, hosted by the Rickenbakers (Rick was the 2006 Volunteer of the Year). Meet at Conway Marina, and bring your motorized or non-motorized boat, a friend or just yourself. Come prepared for trash pickup and for the weather. Lunch is provided for volunteers. For more information, contact [Christine](#)

Registration is Now Open for CEPSCI Recertification Training to be Held on May 5th, 8 am – 1 pm, Horry County Government and Justice Center Room B (upstairs), Conway

Carolina Clear is offering a Certified Erosion Protection and Sediment Control Inspector recertification training course on May 5th. You may register at <http://www.clemson.edu/public/cepisci/recertif.html>.

North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Hires New CTP Coordinator

Leigh Wood started on the job last week and is looking forward to working with CWSEC. Leigh's email is Leigh.Wood@belle.baruch.sc.edu.

Spaces are Still Available for *Can Golf Be Green*, April 7th, Wilmington, NC

We will be taking a CCU van to Wilmington for the day where the NC Coastal Federation is sponsoring a 2-hr. seminar at UNC-W on recent research on golf courses and the effects of runoff on water quality in addition to a case study on Eagle Point Golf Course. Eagle Point is listed as one of the top 50 private courses in the U.S, and has a conservation easement as well as several stormwater BMP projects. Following the seminar, we will meet with the speakers and visit Eagle Point. Please contact [Karen](#) if you are interested in attending.

Keep Horry County Beautiful

Keep Horry County Beautiful, a new chapter of Palmetto Pride, has been initiated and its mission established “to inspire residents and visitors to value and protect the natural beauty of Horry County and to empower them to keep roadsides, riverways, open spaces and beaches clean and litter free.” Committees have been established and include CWSEC representatives, Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® and Clemson Cooperative Extension. Volunteers with KHCB will complete a litter index for the County on March 22nd and 23rd.

March 28th, 8 – 9:30 am, Stormwater Compliance Training for Restaurants and Hotels, Magnolias Restaurant, Myrtle Beach

Carolina Clear and Myrtle Beach Stormwater are hosting this training that will include the following: discussion on local water quality challenges, overview of stormwater regulations and case studies of enforcement, and an introduction to the inspection process. To learn more and to register, contact [Ben](#).

March 31st, 6:30 – 8 pm, Murrells Inlet 2020 Annual Chowder Talk, Inlet Affairs, Murrells Inlet
Complimentary chowder and beverages will be served at 6:30 pm. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm. The 2010 Volunteer of the Year and Golden Oyster Award will be presented. Murrells Inlet 2020 will provide a brief update on its upcoming plans. Jim Wilkie will provide an update on the Inlet Water Quality Monitoring program which has been going strong now for three years. Hal Vivian, recent recipient of the Waccamaw Riverkeeper Joy Pinson Award of Excellence for Service, will speak about the Riverkeeper program and his work as a volunteer. Call Murrells Inlet 2020 at 843-357-2007 for more information.

CWSEC Approved Sponsor of Planning & Zoning Continuing Education Activities

CWSEC was approved by the SC Planning Education Advisory Committee to act as a sponsoring organization to distribute planning and zoning continuing education credits at qualifying workshops. Appointed officials (planning commissioners, board of zoning appeals members, or board of architectural review members) and professional employees (planning professionals or zoning administrators) are required to earn continuing education credits annually.

Waccamaw Riverkeeper® Adopt-A-Landing Program

In late 2010, the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® announced an Adopt-A-Landing Program, designed to encourage community groups to clean up and promote stewardship for boat landings along our waterways. The Program aims to educate the public on the effects of litter on our rivers, how the community can get involved in stewardship and beautification at these important public access points. For more information, go to www.winyahivers.org.

Resources

Wilmington, NC Stormwater Education Resources

Click on link (http://www.ci.wilmington.nc.us/public_services/stormwater/stormwater_regulations.aspx) to check out ordinance highlights, posters and brochures on pet waste, yard waste/debris, illicit discharge and land development. This site

http://www.ci.wilmington.nc.us/public_services/stormwater/education_outreach/canines_for_clean_water.aspx describes their Canines for Clean Water program.

Future Opportunities

April 10th, 9:45 am – 3 pm, 20th 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 22nd, Waccamaw Riverkeeper® Crabtree Canal and Swamp Clean-Up, Conway
CCU's Eco-Reps will help with this event. For more information, contact [Christine](#).

May 14th, Waccamaw Riverkeeper® Cleanup, Longs

This upstream cleanup will be hosted by the Stevens of Loris. For more information, contact [Christine](#).