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## **September 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 October 2011 CWSEC E-News must be received at [kfuss@coastal.edu](mailto:kfuss@coastal.edu) by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*\*

### **Announcements**

#### **Coastal Carolina University Students Adopt Landings**

Three Coastal Carolina University student groups have pledged to help keep the Waccamaw River clean through the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program's Adopt-a-Landing Program, an initiative that encourages local community groups to watch over a selected boat landing over a period of at least two years, and enhance it through cleanups, beautification and improved safety measures. These groups include the Eco-Reps with Coastal's Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative; Coastal's Students for Environmental Action; and Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. To read more, [click here](#).

Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep, Multiple Locations  
Volunteers are needed for South Carolina's largest one-day litter cleanup of beaches, marshes, rivers and waterways. Beach Sweep/River Sweep is organized by SC Sea Grant and SC Department of Natural Resources and is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. To volunteer for the Sweep in the North Myrtle Beach area, please contact Gregg Barnhill at 843-280-5673 or [email](#). To volunteer along the Waccamaw River, contact Christine Ellis or Carolyn Ross at 843-349-4007 or [email](#).

Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4:30 pm, EPA Webinar on New or Revised Water Quality Criteria  
This webinar will gather input from interested stakeholders on the general direction and EPA's evaluation and current thinking for the new or revised recreational water quality criteria. For more information and to register for the webinar, go to the Stakeholder Engagement tab at <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/health/recreation/index.cfm>.

Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 10 pm, River Celebration, Historic Conway Lower River Warehouse  
This fund raiser is sponsored by the Winyah Rivers Foundation's Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® program. Daytime events include natural history river tours, Bluegrass music, food, children's activities, and a kayak and canoe race. Beginning at 5:30pm, the evening event starts at the Lower River Warehouse where you can enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar (wine and beer), entertainment and a silent auction. Ticket required for the evening event (\$30pp in advance, \$35pp at the door). [Click here](#) for more information.

September 27, 6:30 pm, Burgess Community Area Plan Meeting, St. James High Auditorium  
The Horry County Planning Department will hold this meeting with the community and conduct several surveys to gauge the citizenry's opinion on the identified focus areas of Transportation, Stormwater, Natural Resources, Community Identity and Heritage, and Land Use and Zoning. For more information, [click here](#).

#### **Carolina Clear Additions**

On August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:41 pm, Katie gave birth to Corrina Evelyn Giacalone who weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. Also Chris Ramaglia, the new extension agent, got married on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Resources**

## Harmful Algal Bloom Video Available

The Ohio Department of Health has developed a 6-minute general public health education video on Harmful Algal Blooms. The video can be viewed at: <http://powerhost.powerstream.net/008/00153/HarmfulAlgalBlooms.wmv>.

## Bacterial Source Load Calculator

The VA Tech Center for TMDL and Watershed Studies has a new BSLC software tool to assist with the bacterial source characterization process and to automate the creation of input files for water quality modeling. The BSLC was developed using Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) in Microsoft Excel and designed to organize and process the bacterial inputs needed to develop a TMDL to address a bacterial impairment. For more information, visit <http://www.tmdl.bse.vt.edu/outreach/C85/>.

## *Coastal Heritage*, Water's Edge: Managing Coastal Runoff

*Coastal Heritage* is a quarterly publication of the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium. The summer 2011 edition (<http://www.scseagrant.org/Content/?cid=523>) is full of information on managing stormwater runoff in South Carolina.

## Future Opportunities

Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Introducing Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience, Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony, Georgetown

The Coastal Training Program at North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve hosts this FREE, three-hour course taught by NOAA Coastal Services Center staff. The workshop will introduce participants to fundamental green infrastructure concepts that play a critical role in making coastal communities more resilient to natural hazards. To learn more and register, visit <http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/events.html>.

Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8 pm, Murrells Inlet 2020 Annual Chowder Talk, Inlet Affairs, 4024 Hwy 17 Business, Murrells Inlet

Join Murrells Inlet 2020 at its Annual Community Chowder Talk to learn about what is happening in the Inlet. Complimentary chowder and beverages will be served at 6:30 pm. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm. MI 2020 will review its list of future projects with the community. Call Murrells Inlet 2020 at 843-357-2007 for more information.