



Annual Report of Activities

YEAR 4 / SEPTEMBER 2011 - AUGUST 2012



OCTOBER 2012

FLORENCE / DARLINGTON STORMWATER CONSORTIUM Executive Summary

The 2011-2012 reporting year represents the fourth year in the Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium's history of providing stormwater education and involvement activities throughout Florence and Darlington Counties in an effort to enhance water resource protection and stewardship. The Consortium continues to seek additional partners which increases the opportunities to reach local citizens. This year saw the addition of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

As is reflected in the quotation to the right from Darlington County, stormwater education is a difficult task. It has become apparent through feedback during programs and activities, that many people are unaware of the problems associated with stormwater runoff. The construction of storm drains and ditches to alleviate flooding makes stormwater a somewhat invisible problem. Demonstrations with tools such as the Enviroscape® Watershed/Nonpoint Source Model help to provide a visual example of how pollutants can be transported to local waterways during rain events.

The Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series has become a recurring Consortium program. The Series is based on the Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods program which is designed to assist South Carolina homeowners in conserving water in the landscape and in making positive changes in the environmental quality of their yards, neighborhoods, and surrounding waterways. Since numerous landscaping practices can have a negative impact on water quality, the Series is a good venue for providing programming that is of interest to residents while also educating them about ways to reduce their watershed footprint and protect water quality.

Year four also saw the addition of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform for Black Creek and tributaries. This brings the total number of TMDLs for waterbodies in Florence and Darlington Counties to four with all four addressing fecal coliform levels which exceed water quality standards. As we move into Year 5, the Consortium will continue to promote the proper disposal of pet waste. A new mascot and slogan have been developed for use in public service announcements and promotional material with the hope that citizens will come to realize that picking up after pets is not just a courtesy, but the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do.



"Education about, and involvement in, mitigating the effects of stormwater pollution is a daunting and challenging task. Changing people's attitudes and habits, and raising awareness can only be done through creative means. Darlington County, by its participation in the Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium, has done just that! Creative avenues have been explored together and implemented to accomplish this."



2012 Highlights

- Carolina Clear aired its second major television commercial reminding the public that "We All Live Downstream" and listing behaviors that protect water quality.
- Through a partnership with Keep Florence Beautiful, a demonstration site utilizing three natural resource conservation practices was created in downtown Florence.
- Two rain gardens were installed in Timrod Park. The rain gardens treat overland flow and serve as a public demonstration of this homeowner-scale low impact development practice.
- Sixty-five children from Florence and Darlington Counties participated in the 2012 Earth Day Coloring Contest. Support from the Florence and Darlington Conservation Districts provided monetary prizes for first, second, and third place in each of three age groups.
- Critters in the River, a new workshop focusing on river ecology was established through a partnership with the Environmental Discovery Center and support from the Pee Dee District of the Water Environment Association of SC and Davis & Brown.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND TOTAL NUMBER REACHED (estimated)

- 1. We All Live Downstream! Stormwater Outreach Campaign: 133,265
- 2. Internet and Social Media: 26,956
- 3. Radio: 190,000
- 4. Publications: 445,450
- 5. Outreach Materials: >240
- 6. Public Events: 61,090
- 7. Presentations: 4,010
- 8. Workshops, Summer Camps, Outdoor Tours: 2,726
- Community Cleanups: >249 Volunteers/19 Tons of Litter
- 10. Storm Drain Marking: 86 Drains/130 Houses
- Installations/Demonstrations:
 >50 Volunteers/3 Sites
- 12. Council/Committee Meetings: 164

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The Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium includes representatives from three regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems: the City of Florence, Darlington County, and Florence County. Through the Consortium, these representatives work as a single entity to maximize the efficiency of stormwater education and outreach efforts in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

Local SMS4 Consortium Representatives

SMS4	Representatives
City of Florence	Michael Hemingway Forrest Whittington Jerry Dudley
Darlington County	Doug Reimold Charles Brooks Julie Ritz
Florence County	Benjamin Smith Tripp Ward











ORENCE / DARLINGTON Mission and Goals

MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance water resource protection and stewardship throughout Florence and Darlington Counties through stormwater education, public involvement and outreach, and by fostering partnerships with local governments, citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations to support healthy waterways.

- Maximize efficiency of stormwater education efforts in the upper Pee Dee region of South Carolina by using a regional/watershed approach.
- Develop and implement a cohesive education strategy that addresses the range of stormwater pollutants using a prioritized approach that capitalizes on local training resources.
- Foster and expand upon citizen involvement in stormwater management through this effort's education and participation in programs.
- Encourage behavioral change towards improved environmental protection and awareness through stormwater education.
- Facilitate collaboration among local organizations interested in watershed-related education to best meet the educational needs of the local communities and their public.
- Through partnership with MS4s, leverage local education resources and organized outreach programs to meet the NPDES Phase II permit requirements for public stormwater education and outreach to achieve greater water resource protection.
- Actively participate in collaborative stormwater education that can be presented and applied in South Carolina and nationwide.



"Unless we practice conservation, those who come after us will have to pay the price of misery, degradation, and failure for the progress and prosperity of our day."

~Gifford Pinchot

Annual Report of Activities Format

The annual report has a new look this year but follows the same general format as the previous Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium annual reports and the reports of other regional consortiums coordinated by Clemson's Carolina Clear program. It is meant to be a comprehensive document that provides a summary of all stormwater related public education and outreach activities carried out by the Consortium in the reporting year which runs from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. Please note that some dates may include previous or future reporting years due to varied reporting time frames.

Information included in the annual report is obtained from an online database. Consortium members and partners have unique logins which allow them to contribute to the database throughout the year as activities are conducted.

The report delineates between two basic activity categories: public education and public involvement. Each activity includes information about the following: lead provider, supporting partner, activity description, date, number of impacts and target audiences. Due to space limitations, target audience have been abbreviated throughout the report and are identified in the table below.

Target Audience Abbreviations

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Abbreviation	Audience
GP	General Public
HM	Homeowners
YT	K-12 Youth and Teachers
Т	Technical (Engineers, Developers, Contractors, Landscape Architects)
EA	Elected and Appointed Officials
DIS	Directly-Involved and Supervisory Staff (Stormwater Managers, Maintenance, Facilities, Custodians, Groundskeepers, etc.)
Р	Pet Owners

"Children of a culture born in a water-rich environment, we have never really learned how important water is to us. We understand it, but we do not respect it."

~William Ashworth

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WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM! STORMWATER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN 2011-2012: The Carolina Clear campaign released in 2011 features South Carolinians using waterways, either for recreation or for occupation, and emphasizing how citizens can protect water quality through changed behaviors and reminding viewers that rivers connect us across the state, and we all live downstream from someone.

Cable and Television

This 30-second spot includes discussion of proper management of pet waste, yard debris, household hazardous chemicals, and fertilizing practices and what people can do to prevent household-related stormwater pollution. The commercial features SC public, beautiful SC waterways from the upstate to the coast, and the numerous ways residents of this state appreciate and utilize these waters for recreation and making a living. Utilizing lessons learned from social sciences, the campaign includes messages of empowerment, details on appropriate behavior, language appropriate to the average viewer, and scenes that based on research would motivate a viewer to better stewardship.

Downstream Campaign (Cable and Television)

PROVIDER	MEDIA TYPE	DATES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS/ IMPACTS	TOTAL # OF PLAYS	COMMENTS
Time Warner Cable	Cable	4/30/12 - 6/10/12	53,665	686	Ad space on rr.com and video pre-rolls
Knology.net	Pre-roll	08/01/12* See comments	40,000	N/A	Banner ad as a pre-roll to video on rr.com. Will run until 40,00 impacts reached.



COMMERCIAL CREDITS: This commercial was filmed and edited by Clemson University Video Productions. Special thanks go to Paul Ruszkowski for directing and editing, and to Glenn Spake for filming and photography. The actors in this commercial are for the most part, not professional actors, but demonstrated their passion and dedication to watershed protection through their enthusiasm on film, and their time and efforts are so much appreciated. Special thanks especially goes to Tracy Abeles and her family for playing a large role in the piece and doing the professional reads at the closing of each consortium commercial. Finally, appreciation is expressed to Cal Sawyer for assistance with the script.

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WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM! STORMWATER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN 2011-2012:

Social Marketing Test

Social marketing value was tested against a small national test panel. The 30-second commercial rated well for the viewer's ability to retain the message and relay it back through the evaluation instrument used. Several panelists referenced the "We all live downstream" message in stating why this commercial demonstrated important and meaningful concepts that affect their lives or that of their families and the urgency of the issue at hand." As for importance to society, urgency of issue and its effect on the panelist or their family, the commercial scored a 3.43 on a 4-point scale (average for social marketing pieces tested is 3.23). Out of a ranking of 5, 4.62 viewers felt that the commercial was "about the audience and what we can do" versus "about somebody else and what they can do." One panelist states that the commercial is for "Everyone: Its purpose is to make people aware of the consequences of their seemingly harmless actions. You forget that your action/inaction can affect people you have never met."

Billboards

Billboards featuring actors from the commercial connected by a river system from the mountains to the coast will be displayed in most regional partnership areas across the state with local consortium and Carolina Clear logos. Billboards were released in July and August 2011 and will conclude early fall 2012.

Downstream Campaign (Billboards)

LOCATION	APPROXIMATE DATES	DAILY ESTIMATED VIEWS
Darlington, I-20, 0.4 miles east of US 401	6/20/11 - current	18,200
Florence, I-20 Spur east of Beltline Drive	6/20/11 - current	21,400

AWARDS: The 30-second television spot has won three awards to date:

• National Association of County Agricultural Agents 2011 Communications Award - 2nd Place, Video Communications [National Award];

• Association for Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences - Gold Award [International Award];

• 17th Annual Communicator Awards - Distinction [International Award].



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Mass Media (Radio)

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension	Miller Commu- nications	Interview on <i>Kinard 'N Koffee</i> morning show which airs on 1310 AM and 93.7 FM to speak about the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series.	2/14/12	12,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension	SC ETV	Interview on <i>Your Day</i> discussed homeowner scale stormwater management through the use of rain barrels and rain gardens.	8/2/12 - 8/2/13	30,000	GP, HM
Clemson Extension	SC ETV	Recorded segment on stormwater and watershed protection for insertion on <i>Your Day</i> . Outlined actions individuals can take to eliminate and better manage runoff.	8/2/12 - 8/2/13	30,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension	SC ETV	Interview on <i>Your Day</i> about onsite wastewater treatment system care, maintenance, and how systems may affect local water quality.	8/2/12 - 8/2/13	30,000	GP, HM
Clemson Extension	SC ETV	Recorded segment on pet waste disposal and the harmful potential effects of pet waste on water quality for insertion on <i>Your Day</i> .	8/2/12 - 8/2/13	30,000	GP, P
Clemson Extension	SC ETV	Recorded segment on phosphorus and harmful effects of excess fertilizer on local waterways, water quality, and water dwelling organisms for insertion on Your Day.	8/2/12 - 8/2/13	30,000	GP, HM, DIS, T
Clemson Extension	SC ETV	Recorded segment on the importance of shoreline vegetation to protect water quality, stabilize shorelines, and create habitat for insertion on <i>Your Day</i> .	8/2/12 - 8/2/13	30,000	gp, HM

RADIO: "Your Day" is a radio magazine produced as a public service of Clemson University Radio Productions, featuring a wide range of topics of interest to South Carolina residents and visitors alike. Each Monday through Thursday at noon, "Your Day" provides programming in the NPR tradition, but with a South Carolina flavor. Recurring programs highlight horticulture, entomology/pesticides, and natural resources.



Mass Media (Internet)

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		Carolina Clear website	9/1/11- 8/31/12	26,030 page views	GP, HM, YT, T, EA, DIS, P
Clemson Extension		Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium website	9/1/11- 8/31/12	592 page views	GP, HM, YT, T, EA, DIS, P
Darlington County		Darlington County Stormwater Management webpage	9/1/11- 8/31/12	299 page views	GP, HM, YT, T, EA, DIS, P
Clemson Extension		Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium Facebook Page. The page received 20 new "likes" from the previous reporting year.	9/1/11- 8/31/12	35 "likes"	GP, HM, YT, T, EA, DIS, P





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Publications

NEWSPAPER

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		T. Young's personal column "Wash the car on the grass, make nature happy" in the Morning News and scnow.com discussed the benefits of washing vehicles on pervious surface.	9/4/11	33,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension		T. Young's personal column "Greening Downtown Florence" alerted readers to a demonstration project in downtown Florence that utilized Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers(PICP). The column also discussed the benefits associated with PICP.	10/2/11	33,000	GP, HM, T, DIS



MORNING NEWS T. Young authors a personal column which appears in the Pee Dee Living Section of the Morning News and scnow.com on the first Sunday of each month. The Morning News has featured several Consortium activities and events. The photo to the left was taken by reporter Elizabeth Lamb and depicts an interactive demonstration about stormwater pollution with students from Moore Intermediate School's Environmental Club.

Clemson Extension		T. Young's personal column "An alien in my backyard" explained the characteristics of a non-native plant and encouraged readers to choose native plants whenever possible.	11/6/11	33,000	gp, HM
Morning News	Clemson Extension	Elizabeth Lamb with the Morning News wrote an article and recorded a video that aired on the 6 PM news that highlighted the environmentally friendly activities at Moore Intermediate School. The published photograph and video showed the Environmental Club participating in an EnviroScape® demonstration.	11/17/11	33,000	GP, YT

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		The importance of recycling, including the removal of toxic substances from the waste stream was discussed in T. Young's personal column "Recycling can become habit when learned in youth".	12/4/11	33,000	gp, HM
Morning News	Kalmia Gardens	Journalist John D. Russell wrote an article about the storm drain marking at Coker College campus. A video clip also aired on the 6 PM news on WBTW.	1/25/12	33,000	GP
Clemson Extension		"Don't fertilize yet" column by T. Young capitalized on the unseasonably warm temperatures to promote the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series being held February 18, May 19, and June 23.	2/5/12	33,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension	Morning News	Gavin Jackson wrote an article "State report on Black Creek pollution doesn't thrill environmentalists" which appeared on the front page. The article focused on the TMDL development for Black Creek.	2/20/12	33,000	GP



Credit: MORNING NEWS/JOHN D. RUSSELL

MORNING NEWS Morning News Journalist John D. Russell wrote an article about storm drain marking at Coker College which was organized by Dan Hill of Kalmia Gardens. Storm drain markers and installation supplies were provided by the Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium. The photo caption read: Coker College Science Club member Nicole Lamparello, left, and Jaclyn Wessinger clean a place to put a drain marker as part of an effort to raise awareness for stormwater pollution near the campus of Coker College in Hartsville, on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

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NEWSPAPER

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		T. Young's column "Northern Naivety" discussed the natural resource conservation practices utilized in the Florence Cultural Garden including the use of permeable pavers and rainwater harvesting.	4/1/12	33,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension		T. Young's column "Be wise when you fertilize" told about the importance of applying the proper amount and type of fertilizer for the health of the lawn and local waterways.	5/6/12	33,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension		T. Young's column "Development Inspiring in 'Grey to Green' Initiative" told readers about green development and sustainable stormwater management practices in Portland, Oregon as a seque to a bioretention project in Timrod Park in Florence.	6/3/12	33,000	gp, HM
Clemson Extension		T. Young used examples from her trip to the West Coast to illustrate the value placed on natural resources.	7/1/12	33,000	GP, HM, P
Clemson Extension		T. Young's column "Summer Storms and Water Quality" encouraged readers to periodically check storm drains for debris, especially after heavy storms.	8/5/12	33,000	gp, HM

Publications NEWSLETTER

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension	US EPA	EPA Watershed News included feature on Carolina Clear and the regional stormwater education and involvement partnerships underway in SC.	2/8/12	16,450	EPA Listserv Recipients

Outreach Materials brochures, postcards, coloring pages

Darlington CountySC DHEC"A Fish's Wish" activity book is given to children who come with their parents to the Planning Department.9/1/11- 8/31/1280GP, YTThe images on the right are taken from the SC DHEC publication "A Fish's Wish". This short activity book helps young learners find out about runoff pollution from a fish's point of view. Staff from Darlington County Planning provide the activity book to parents accompanied by children and encourage them to read it together.9/1/11- 8080GP, YT	LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
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Darlington County	SC DHEC	"The Facts About Groundwater" fact sheet is given to children who come with their parents to the Planning Department.	9/1/11- 8/31/12	80	gp, yt
Darlington County	SC DHEC	The "Environmental Outreach Activity Book" is given to children who come with their parents to the Planning Department.	9/1/11- 8/31/12	80	gp, yt

Carolina Clear added two new topics to its stormwater postcard series in the Spring of 2012; pressure washing and FOG management. Previously developed topics include: litter and the environment, stormwater awareness, rain gardens, rain barrels, pet waste, and septic systems. These postcards are available to citizens at the Florence and Darlington County Planning Department offices and the Environmental Discovery Center at Lynches River County Park. They are also distributed at various events and workshops along with several other brochures, flyers, and give-a-way items such as compressed sponges.





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Public Events

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FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND CONFERENCES

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension	SC Department of Agriculture	T. Young gave a seminar about the Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods program at the Fall Plant and Flower Show.	9/30/11	3	НМ
Environmental Discovery Center	Clemson Extension	The Consortium set up a table at River Jamboree where children could make a "Don't Be A Litterbug" bag.	10/1/11	65	ΥT
Clemson Extension		A functioning rainwater harvesting model was placed on exhibit at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair along with various outreach media.	10/5/11- 10/15/11	60,000	GP, HM, YT
Keep Florence Beautiful	Clemson Extension	The "Don't Be A Litterbug" craft was available to children at the Pecan Festival.	11/5/11	45	YT
Kalmia Gardens	Clemson Extension	Kalmia Gardens participated in the Hartsville Community Market and included a display on several stormwater related topics.	3/3/12	100	GP, HM, YT, P
Clemson Extension		A functioning rainwater harvesting model along with information about Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods was displayed at the 13th Annual Pee Dee Home & Garden Workshop .	3/10/12	106	gp, HM
Clemson Extension	SC Master Gardener Program	A booth on the Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods Program was displayed at the statewide Master Gardener Conference.	3/16/12	125	GP, HM, Extension Agents
Clemson Extension	Kalmia Gardens	Darlington County 4-H participated in the Earth Day event at Kalmia Gardens. Students learned the importance of keeping water clean and safe through litter control.	4/10/12	85	YT
Kalmia Gardens	Clemson Extension	D. Hill attended an Earth Day event at Sumter Elementary where he distributed Carolina Clear postcards.	4/20/12	150	YT
All Saints Episcopal Day School	Clemson Extension	T. Young used the EnviroScape® to talk to the children about how they can keep water clean and safe as part of the school's Farm Day.	4/20/12	346	YT

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		T. Young set up a booth at the Rural Heritage Festival at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center. The booth focused on the Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods program which assists homeowners in using environmentally friendly landscaping practices.	4/21/12	65	HM, GP

Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods (CYN) was designed to assist and guide South Carolina homeowners in conserving water in the landscape and in making positive changes in the environmental quality of their yards, neighborhoods, and surrounding waterways by implementing the principles of environmental landscape management. The image to the left below is of the CYN banner, while the other two images are the front and back side of the Recognition









Items flyer which directs those already certified to Clemson's Public Service Activities Shopping Mall where CYN recognition items can be purchased. The recognition items are purposed to create a "neighbors educating neighbors" approach and appeal to the new cultural norm of environmentally responsible home landscapes. For those not certified, the flyer gives a brief description of the certification program and directs people to the CYN website.





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Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill spoke to students at Thomas Hart Academy. He discussed stormwater runoff, the outfall located in the Gardens, and the impact on Black Creek.	9/16/11	65	ΥT
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill spoke to the Lake City Rotary Club and included information about stormwater pollution. The group was especially interested in pet waste and its effect on water quality.	9/30/11	75	GP, HM, EA, T, DIS, P
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in "The Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality at Lynches River during the nature walk portion of the visit.	10/6/11	50	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in "The Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality at Lynches River during the nature walk portion of the visit.	10/7/11	50	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students visiting for a program on threatened and endangered species learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	10/12/11	40	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students learning about threatened and endangered species also learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	10/13/11	40	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "One Tiny Turtle" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the trip.	10/14/11	51	ΥT
Clemson Extension		T. Young spoke to the Bay Blossom Garden Club about the Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods program. The presentation covered the nine principles of the program as well as the yard certification component of the program.	10/18/11	14	НМ

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Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in "The Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	10/19/11	60	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in "The Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	10/20/11	60	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Ecosystem Investigation" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the program.	11/4/11	46	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Participants of the "Ecosystem Investigation" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the program.	11/4/11	50	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Eye On The Sky" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	11/9/11	37	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Ecosystem Investigation" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the program.	11/10/11	50	ΥT
Clemson Extension		T. Young gave a presentation about stormwater to Moore Intermediate School's Environmental Club. The interactive demonstration illustrated how stormwater can become polluted.	11/16/11	20	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Birds and Worms" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	11/18/11	46	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in "The Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	11/29/11	37	ΥT

Presentations

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		T. Young spoke to the Junior Optimist Club at Lester Elementary School. The "Be Kind to the Earth" presentation described ways we can protect natural resources.	12/7/11	15	ΥT
Clemson Extension		T. Young held a training for SC Green Steps Schools at Moore Intermediate School. Projects in the "Protect: Water" category were highlighted.	12/8/11	20	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		The importance of water quality was incorporated into the Reptile Rodeo outreach program.	12/12/11	50	ΥT
Clemson Extension		T. Young spoke to the Florence West Rotary to encourage participation in the Storm Drain Marking program. The presentation explained the importance of marking drains as a way to raise awareness of the connection storm drains make with local waterways.	1/12/12	29	GP, HM, T, EA, P
Kalmia Gardens		In a talk to students at St. Joseph Head Start, D. Hill spoke about the importance of keeping our waterways clean and safe.	1/15/12	65	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		The importance of water quality was incorporated into the Reptile Rodeo outreach program.	2/8/12	35	YT
Clemson Extension		T. Young spoke to the Maple Park Neighborhood Association in Florence about protecting water quality from curbs to creeks including the top 10 ways to prevent stormwater pollution.	2/16/12	11	НМ
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Fossil Discovery" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the field trip.	3/2/12	8	ΥT
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill spoke at the Chesterfield County Library about protecting Kalmia Gardens including minimizing stormwater pollution.	3/13/12	13	GP

Presentations

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill spoke to the Sumter Garden Club. Stormwater runoff, common pollutants, and ways to minimize pollution were included in the presentation.	3/13/12	10	HM
Clemson Extension	SC Master Gardener Program	A presentation on how to deliver Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods, showcasing the flexibility of outreach through CYN programming across SC.	3/16/12	14	HM
ScienceSouth		Fourth graders at Hannah Pamplico Elementary tested water samples for pH, temperature, and conductivity. They also investigated ways to separate pollutants.	3/24/12	104	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Extinction is Forever" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	3/27/13	60	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Extinction is Forever" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	3/28/12	64	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Extinction is Forever" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	3/29/12	46	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Birds and Worms" program learned about water quality on the nature walk potion of the field trip.	4/3/12	48	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Eye on the Sky" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	4/4/12	45	YT
ScienceSouth		Students at Timmonsville Middle School tested water samples for pH, temperature, and conductivity. They also investigated ways to separate pollutants.	4/4/12	100	ΥT

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Eye on the Sky" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the field trip.	4/5/12	45	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Buzzing Bugs" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the field trip.	4/10/12	40	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "One Tiny Turtle" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the field trip.	4/17/12	25	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Fossil Discovery" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the trip.	4/17/12	18	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Fossil Discovery" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the trip.	4/18/12	71	ΥT
City of Florence	Clemson Extension	T. Young and A. Ard spoke to the City of Florence Afterschool Program in celebration of Earth Day. The children participated in an interactive story titled "Who polluted the river?" which illustrated they were are all responsible for protecting water resources. The children also participated in a litter cleanup game. See photos below.	4/19/12	60	ΥT







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Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Fossil Discovery" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the field trip.	4/19/12	74	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center	Columbia Marionette Theater, PalmettoPride	Students watched the "Litter Trashes Everyone" play which showed that litter trashes everyone.	4/20/12	500	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Extinction is Forever" program learned about water quality on the nature walk portion of the field trip.	4/24/12	80	ΥT
Sneed Middle School	Clemson Extension	T. Young talked to students about her job responsibilities associated with Carolina Clear as part of Sneed Middle School's Career Day.	4/24/12	415	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students visiting to learn about environmental careers discussed water quality while on a guided nature walk.	4/25/12	60	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "How Many is Too Many" program learned about water quality during a nature walk.	4/26/12	45	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Buzzing Bugs" program learned about water quality during a guided nature walk.	4/27/12	46	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students visiting to learn about environmental careers discusses water quality while on a guided nature walk.	4/27/12	60	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Birds and Worms" program discussed water quality during a guided nature walk.	5/1/12	45	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Birds and Worms" program discussed water quality during a guided nature walk.	5/2/12	45	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Weather Watcher" program learned about water quality while on a nature walk.	5/3/12	5	YT

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Kalmia Gardens	Clemson Extension	D. Hill gave a stormwater presentation for the Tarleton Estates Homeowners Association. It focused on protecting waterways by minimizing stormwater pollution.	5/3/12	28	НМ
City of Florence		City staff gave a presentation on stormwater and water quality to the students at RN Beck School.	5/8/12	15	ΥT
City of Florence		City staff gave a presentation on stormwater and water quality to the participants of Leadership Florence.	5/8/12	35	GP
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Eye on the Sky" program learned about water quality during a nature walk.	5/8/12	60	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Birds and Worms" program learned about water quality during a nature walk.	5/9/12	50	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality during a guided nature walk.	5/10/12	23	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "One Tiny Turtle" program learned about water quality during a nature walk.	5/11/12	42	YT
Kalmia Gardens	Clemson Extension	D. Hill and A. Harris talked to the Jr. Master Gardener class about the importance of protecting local streams and waterways.	5/14/12	10	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Whose Habitat is That" program learned about water quality while on a guided nature walk.	5/18/12	43	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students in the "Buzzing Bugs" program learned about water quality during the nature walk portion of the trip.	5/23/12	40	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Wetland Ecosystem" program learned about the value of wetlands and talked about water quality during a guided nature walk.	6/1/12	77	ΥT

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Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Fossil Discovery" program learned about water quality during a nature walk.	6/7/12	13	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Ecosystem Investigation" discussed water quality during a nature walk.	6/7/12	12	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students performed a water quality assessment of the Lynches River.	6/15/12	10	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Visitors received a tour of the EDC and a guided nature walk that discussed water quality at Lynches River.	6/20/12	10	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Tiny Seed" program learned about water quality during a guided nature walk.	6/21/12	13	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "How Many is too Many" program learned about water quality during a guided nature walk.	6/21/12	22	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Visitors received a tour of the EDC and a guided nature walk that discussed water quality at Lynches River.	6/22/12	15	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students participating in the "Fossil Discovery" program learned about water quality during a nature walk.	6/28/12	45	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Students performed a water quality assessment of the Lynches River.	6/29/12	10	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Information about water quality was included in the Reptile Rodeo Outreach Program.	7/3/12	30	YT
Environmental Discovery Center		Information about water quality was included in the Reptile Rodeo Outreach Program.	7/6/12	55	YT
Clemson Extension		T. Young presented to the Lester Elementary Summer Program about engaging in earth-friendly activities that protect natural resources.	7/30/12	26	ΥT

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Environmental Discovery Center		Water quality information was included in the Reptile Rodeo Outreach Program.	8/2/12	20	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		Water quality information was included in the Reptile Rodeo Outreach Program.	8/4/12	50	ΥT
Clemson Extension		T. Young gave a presentation to four 4th grade classes at Lucy T. Davis Elementary School. The presentation reviewed the water cycle and used the EnviroScape® to illustrate how stormwater runoff can become polluted.	8/30/12	91	ΥT







Workshops, Summer Camps, and Outdoor Tours

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
9/1/11-6/1/12	Clemson Extension	Darlington County 4-H conducted water quality activities in the school during the school year. Students learned how human activities can pollute water and how to keep our water safe.	9/1/11- 6/1/12	1800	ΥT

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		Darlington County 4-H Community Garden taught over 400 youth and adults the importance of keeping water safe and clean. The garden promoted public awareness of litter and its impact on stormwater.	9/1/11- 8/1/12	268	GP, YT
Environmental Discovery Center		During a guided canoe excursion, paddlers were informed about the impact of stormwater on water quality.	10/1/11	24	GP
Kalmia Gardens		Coker College freshman learned about stormwater during a tour.	10/5/11	16	YT
Kalmia Gardens		A group of seniors from NC learned about stormwater during a tour.	10/5/11	25	gp, Hm
Kalmia Gardens		A group visiting the Gardens learned about stormwater and way to prevent stormwater pollution during a tour.	10/20/11	20	GP, HM
Environmental Discovery Center		During a guided canoe excursion, paddlers were informed about the impact of stormwater on water quality.	12/3/11	7	GP
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill escorted a new Biology professor from Coker College on a walk through the Gardens. The two stopped at the stormwater outfall and discussed its use at an educational tool for college students.	1/30/12	1	College Students
Clemson Extension	Kalmia Gardens	The first class of the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series focused on the following principles: fertilizing, mulching, and recycling yard waste.	2/18/12	25	НМ



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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Environmental Discovery Center		During a guided canoe excursion, paddlers were informed about the impact of stormwater on water quality.	3/10/12	24	GP
Kalmia Gardens		Students on a tour learned about stormwater while observing the outfall.	4/17/12	30	YT
Kalmia Gardens		Children and teachers from Carolina Elementary talked about stormwater while touring the Gardens.	4/17/12	28	YT
Kalmia Gardens		Elementary school students talked about stormwater and water quality while on a nature walk.	4/18/12	30	ΥT
Kalmia Gardens		Children and teachers from Carolina Elementary talked about stormwater while touring the Gardens.	4/18/12	26	YT
Kalmia Gardens		Members of a NC Garden Club discussed stormwater and water quality while observing the stormwater outfall.	4/19/12	9	gp, HM
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill conducted a tour for a group of ladies. The group read the "What is Stormwater?" sign and ways to minimize stormwater pollution.	4/19/12	15	НМ
Clemson Extension	Kalmia Gardens	Participants of the Jr. Master Gardener Program learned about watersheds and water quality.	4/20/12- 5/30/12	16	YT
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill conducted a tour of the Gardens for the Council on Aging. The tour stopped at the stormwater outfall and discussed ways to prevent stormwater pollution.	4/26/12	53	GP
Kalmia Gardens		Children from McBee Head Start read about how to prevent stormwater pollution from carrying pollutants to waterways.	5/3/12	17	YT
Clemson Extension	Environmental Discovery Center	During the Critters in the River Workshop, children learned about water quality and its importance to various organisms.	5/5/12	18	YT

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Kalmia Gardens		Second grade students from Chesterfield Elementary talked about stormwater and ways to keep pollutants from being carried to waterways.	5/14/12	54	ΥT
Clemson Extension	Kalmia Gardens	The second part of the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series focused on choosing the right plant for the right place and irrigating efficiently.	5/19/12	12	НМ
Kalmia Gardens		Students from the Governor's School for Math and Science talked about stormwater during a tour.	6/1/12	30	ΥT
Environmental Discovery Center		During a guided canoe excursion, paddlers were informed about the impact of stormwater on water quality.	6/2/12	24	GP
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill conducted a tour of the Gardens for a Parks & Recreation group from Raleigh, NC. They were interested in the "What is Stormwater" sign installed at the outfall pipe.	6/6/12	3	DIS
Environmental Discovery Center		During a guided canoe excursion, paddlers were informed about the impact of stormwater on water quality.	6/8/12	10	DIS
Kalmia Gardens		Darlington County 4-H and Kalmia Gardens hosted 4-H2O Water Quality Camp. The camp teaches youth about watersheds and water quality.	6/13/12- 6/15/12	20	ΥT
Kalmia Gardens		Children from Carolina Kids participated in Week in the Wild camp. The camp included many water related activities.	6/18/12- 6/22/12	20	YT
Clemson Extension	Kalmia Gardens	The third part of the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series focused on gardening for wildlife and managing yard pests.	6/23/12	11	НМ

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LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill conducted a tour of the Gardens for students from the Governor's School for Math and Science. The tour stopped at the stormwater outfall to discuss stormwater, its impact on Black Creek, and ways to prevent stormwater pollution.	6/25/12	30	ΥT
Kalmia Gardens		For 3 weeks, Kalmia Gardens hosted Week in the Wild summer camp for a different age-group of children. Many water quality activities were included such as: games relating to water quality, sampling of macroinvertebrates, and observation of the stormwater outfall.	7/9/12- 7/28/12	60	ΥT

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"We are doing everything we can to make sure that our future generation understands the process of water protection, and how important it is to save our water. They need to learn about protecting their environment now so they can ensure it has a future. If we don't use it wisely, it won't be there." ~Alma Harris, Darlington County 4-H





The Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium utilized a variety of methods to provide stormwater education including: Downstream Media Campaign, radio, outreach materials, presentations, internet/social media, publication, public events, workshops, summer camps, and outdoor tours. The chart below shows the percentage of impacts by each activity type for Year 4.



YEAR 4 EDUCATION IMPACTS BY ACTIVITY TYPE

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Community Cleanups

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
City of Florence		The City of Florence maintains 3 sites where the public can safely and properly dispose of used motor oil and filters.	9/1/11- 8/31/12	2367 gallons collected	GP

Right: Photos of the Pee Dee Group of the Sierra Club during two of its Adopt-A-Highway cleanups. The Adopt-A-Highway program in South Carolina is coordinated by the SC Department of Transportation. It began in 1988 and is considered to be one of the most successful program in combatting litter along highways.





Clemson Extension		Darlington County 4-H adopted a highway and beautification spot in Darlington.	9/1/11- 5/2/12	125	ΥT
SC DNR, SC Sea Grant Consortium	Clemson Extension, Keep Florence Beautiful	T. Young and M. Bailey served as site captains for River Sweep at Jeffries Creek Park in Florence. 620 lbs. of litter was collected.	9/17/11	53	GP, HM, YT
Pee Dee Group of Sierra Club	Clemson Extension	Approximately 300 lbs. of litter was collected during this Adopt-A- Highway cleanup.	10/22/11	10	GP, HM, YT
Clemson Extension		Darlington County 4-H youth participated in a cleanup at the Animal Shelter and learned about the importance of cleaning up pet waste.	11/4/11	39	ΥT
Pee Dee Group of Sierra Club	Clemson Extension	Approximately 345 lbs. of litter was collected during this Adopt-A-Higway cleanup.	1/14/12	10	GP, HM, YT
City of Florence	Clemson Extension, Keep Florence Beautiful	A latex paint collection was included in the Great American Cleanup held at Timrod Park. 92 containers of paint were collected. The City of Florence contracted with The Paint Exchange to re-manufacture usable paint and dispose of remaining paint.	3/24/12	12	gp, HM

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Community Cleanups

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Keep Florence Beautiful	City of Florence	Each year, Keep Florence Beautiful with the assistance of the City of Florence, organizes a Great American Cleanup event on the last Saturday of March.	3/24/12	17 tons of litter/ trash/debris collected	
City of Florence		Residents were able to place recyclable metal on the curb for pickup. This event is conducted annually to ensure proper disposal of metals and prevent illicit dumping.	3/26/12- 3/30/12	4000 lbs collected	gp, HM
Kalmia Gardens		D. Hill led a group of Boy Scouts on a service project. Part of the project involved the removal of Chinese Privet (Ligustrum sinense) from around the stormwater outfall in Kalmia Gardens. The Scouts learned about the impact of stormwater on water quality as well as the problems with invasive species.	8/10/12	8	ΥT



A Great American Cleanup participant reaches through the vines to pick up litter along the fence.



Group shot of the FMU Student Alumni Association relaxing after the Cleanup.



The paint collected at the Latex Paint Collection was transported back to the City of Florence's Public Works department for later pickup by The Paint Exchange.

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Storm Drain Marking

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Clemson Extension		T. Young and volunteer J. Harlan installed 37 storm drain markers in the Deerfield Subdivision in Florence. Educational door hangers were placed on all houses in the neighborhood (~80) alerting them of the activity and highlighting ways they could protect water quality.	1/7/12	37 drains marked/80 households	НМ
Kalmia Gardens	Clemson Extension	D. Hill organized storm drain marking at the campus of Coker College by Coker's Science Club. T. Young provided supplies and D. Hamilton with the City of Hartsville helped lead the activity.	1/25/12	27 drains marked	GP
Kalmia Gardens	Clemson Extension	5 volunteers from Kalmia Gardens along with T. Young and D. Hamilton installed 22 storm drain markers in the Kalmia Place Subdivision in Hartsville and placed approximately 50 door hangers.	2/29/12	22 drains marker/50 households	НМ







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Installations/Demonstrations

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
Keep Florence Beautiful	City of Florence, Clemson Extension	An empty lot in downtown Florence was transformed into a public greenspace. The project consists of permeable interlocking concrete pavers, a Carolina Fence® Garden, and rainwater harvesting. More than 30 volunteers from the community assisted with the installation and some continue to help with maintenance.	9/14/11- 8/31/12	>30 directly involved with installation. Difficult to assess how many people pass through the area.	GP
Clemson Extension		Darlington County 4-H youth created and maintained a butterfly garden. The youth involved learned about how gardening activities are related to water quality.	3/1/12- 6/2/12	20	ΥT
Clemson Extension	City of Florence	Two rain gardens were installed in Timrod Park in Florence as a public demonstration. Volunteers from the Timrod Park Neighborhood Association and Florence County Master Gardeners assisted with the planting.	6/11/12- 6/15/12	No sign in sheet was provided to record the number of volunteers assisting. Park visitation unknown.	GP



Left: David Creech from Belgard, the paver manufacturer, hands a paver to staff from the City of Florence. Right: Jerry Biscup with Keep Florence Beautiful cuts a hole in the weed barrier fabric.



Volunteers, Clemson staff and students, and City of Florence staff work to plant in the larger of the two rain gardens in Timrod Park.
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Council/Committee Meetings

LEAD PROVIDER	SUPPORTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	NUMBER OF IMPACTS	TARGET AUDIENCE
City of Florence		The Stormwater Advisory Board (SWAB) met to further develop the stormwater aspects of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).	10/27/11	28	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		The City met with the SWAB to update them on regulatory changes.	11/17/11	30	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		The SWAB reviewed Part 1 of the UDO and was provided an introduction to part 2.	12/15/11	15	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		The SWAB received a state regulatory update and information regarding the Five Star Grant. Phillip Lookadoo with the City discussed problems with the current code, considerations for future development, and various philosophies on zoning.	1/19/12	15	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		The SWAB met to discuss details and development of the UDO, specifically residential development standards.	2/16/12	17	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		The SWAB met to further discuss the development of the UDO.	3/15/12	16	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		The SWAB met to discuss landscaping, buffers, and tree preservation as it relates to the UDO.	4/19/12	22	GP, DIS, T
City of Florence		Brett Keast of Kendig Keast presented an overview of the UDO and explained how it was to include a rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Code with language that includes compliance with the City's MS4 Permit.	5/17/12	21	GP, DIS, T

"The City of Florence is proud of what we have accomplished regarding stormwater education and

BMP implementation. We are fortunate to have supportive citizens, businesses, and

community groups to work toward the common goal of improving water quality."

FLORENCE / DARLINGTON Year 4 Highlights

Florence Cultural Garden

Spearheaded by Keep Florence Beautiful, the Florence Cultural Garden transformed a vacant lot in downtown Florence into a public green space. The project promotes natural resource conservation through three practices that nearly and home or business owner can implement: Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers (PICP), a Carolina Fence[™] Garden, and rainwater harvesting.

The Florence Cultural Garden was the epitome of collaboration with donations and assistance provided from both the public and private sector. Clemson University and Carolina Clear provided funding for the overall design and rainwater harvesting component. Worth approximately \$15,000, the PICP was donated by Belgard, an Adams Product. Excavation and much of the installation was completed by the City of Florence. Assistance for the Carolina Fence[™] Garden was provided by: Lowes, local Boy Scouts, Florence County Master Gardener Association, CSX, Hatchell Landscape, and community volunteers.

While there is no accurate way to measure the impacts of this site, it is located in a highly visible area of downtown Florence that has been a part of a recent redevelopment effort. It is in close proximity to the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, directly across the street from the site of the new Florence Museum which is currently under construction, and on the street which hosts a monthly concert series from April through October.



Taken during initial site inspection, this photo shows an extremely unattractive space.



Now completed, the Florence Cultural Garden serves as an aesthetically pleasing green space for the citizens of Florence.

FLORENCE / DARLINGTON Year 4 Highlights

Timrod Park Rain Gardens

Consisting of about 18 acres, Timrod Park is a highly used City-owned park surrounded by urbanized area. Located within the park is Gully Branch, a degraded urban stream with a TMDL for fecal coliform. Because of its high visitation, Timrod Park is a perfect location for public demonstrations of stormwater management practices.

Two rain gardens were installed in June 2012 to treat overland flow generated by storm events, otherwise discharging to Gully Branch. Installation began at the large rain garden (RG1) on June 11, 2012, but was stalled by a 2" rain storm which caused flooding in Florence. On Wednesday, excavation continued on RG1, and a second rain garden (RG2) was also excavated. RG1 is approximately 50' x 70' (3500 square feet); RG2 is approximately 20' by 35' (700 square feet).

Funds for the project were obtained from Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service. The City of Florence completed the excavation. Staff from both entities contributed to the planting as well as volunteers from the community.



City of Florence staff, Clemson students, and volunteers planting in the larger of the two rain gardens (RG1).



Master Gardener volunteer Janet Bugbee working in the smaller rain garden (RG2).



The larger rain garden (RG1) after planting and mulching were complete.



Attractive rock was used to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the rain gardens. Shown here is RG2.

STORMWATER CONSORTIUM Year 4 Highlights

2012 Earth Day Coloring Contest

Sixty-five children from across Florence and Darlington Counties participated in the 2012 Earth Day Coloring Contest. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each of the three age groups thanks to sponsorship from the Florence and Darlington Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Entries from Florence County were displayed at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library while entries from Darlington County were displayed at the Darlington Library from April 13 -April 27. In addition to coloring, students were asked to complete at least one of the following five earthy friendly activities:

- Walk with a parent from your yard and find the storm drain that your water drains into. Pick up trash along the way.
- Recycle your household plastic for 1 week. Take it to a county convenience center if you don't have curbside recycling.
- Pack a waste-free lunch for 1 week by using reusable containers.
- Carry a bag with you while walking your dog and use it to pick up after him or her.
- Use at least 2 reusable grocery bags when you go to the store with your parents this week.

Right: Scanned images of the 1st place winner from each of the three age groups.









Articles

Samples of T. Young's personal column which appears in the Pee Dee Living section of the *Morning News* on the first Sunday of each month.

Don't fertilize yet

I funseasonably high temperatures have you itching to get outside and work in the yard, you aren't alone. I have found myself thinking about what perennials I want to add to what I call the

wildflower garden (even though it isn't all wildflowers), what annuals might look nice in my hanging baskets and what vegetables should replace the collards and cabbage we have enjoyed this winter. And while there are

And while there are some things that can be done, don't let Mother Nature fool you. As much as you might wish your lawn was a pretty shade of green instead of dull brown, it is not yet time to fertilize your lawn.

Speaking of fertilizing, would you like to know more about why you should have your soil tested before applying fertilizer or what the numbers on a fertilizer bag represent? How about turning your kitchen and yard waste into rich organic matter that can reduce your need to purchase fertilizer, help your soil hold water, and save space in landfills? Have you always

Have you always wondered how long your sprinkler system needs to run to apply an inch of water? Do you wish you knew more about choosing native plants that require less maintenance, pesticides, and fertilizers? Can you identify the "good" bugs from the ones that cause damage?

You can learn about all of these things by attending the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series. This free interactive series, based on the Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods



Terasa Young Natural Resrouces Agent

program, is designed to assist homeowners in achieving their desired landscape while saving time and money and protecting South Carolina's Natural Resources. The three-part series

The three-part series is being held on Feb. 18, May 19, and June 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Joslin Education Center at Kalmia Gardens in Hartsville. Advance registration is required and space is limited to 25.

Each two-hour class will combine classroom discussion with handson experiences. Those attending in February will have a chance to see and learn about the three-bin compost system in use at Kalmia Gardens. Some lucky attendees might even get their hands dirty collecting a soil sample All skills levels are welcome from novice to experienced gardeners. For more information or to register for the 2012 Pee Dee Backyard Landscape Series, you can contact me at 843-661-4800, ext. 113,

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Greening downtown Florence

Ast week, this Yankee became a redneck — literally. I spent the better portion of four days on my hands and knees installing permeable interlocking concrete pavers (PICP) at the Florence Cultural Garden. Apparently the sun exposure was enough to surpass the protection of my SPF 30 sunblock. In addition to the red neck. I felt like the Tin Man from "The Wizard of Oz." Perhaps a little oil in the joints would fix me up.

I imagine there are lots of other people experiencing the aches and pains associated with this laborintensive project since I was not the only person getting my hands dirty. But all of the aches and pains will be worth it in the end. In addition to creating an aesthetically pleasing green space, the Florence Cultural Garden, a Keep Florence Beautiful project, will demonstrate several natural resource conservation practices.

Using PICP is an example of such a practice. Traditional walkway surfaces such as asphalt and con-crete are impervious. This means that water cannot penetrate the surface. Instead, water runs off that surface carrying pollutants directly into waterways. This can be especially problematic in urban settings where a large portion of the landscape is covered PICP is composed of pavers separated by joints filled with small stones. The stone-filled joints allow water to flow through which reduces the rate and volume of runoff, provides treatment of pollutants, reduces downstream erosion and flooding and recharges groundwater. With all of those benefits, it is hard to believe this is the first application of PICP in the Florence area. PICP is manufactured by various companies, is available in different shapes and sizes. It can be used in numerous applica tions such as walkways, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and low-vol-ume roadways. The pavers at the Florence Cultural Garden are from the Bel-gard Environmental Collection and were donated by the manufacturer. Belgard is a brand owned

by Oldcastle Architectural, a U.S. subsidiary of CRH plc.

Next time you are in downtown Florence, stop by the Florence Cultural Garden in the 100 block of Dargan Street beside Alchemy Tapas Bar and Lounge. And, if you are planning

And, if you are planning your own landscaping project this fall, why not consider a permeable surface like PICP? You can achieve the look and functionality desired while protecting our water resources.



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Lead Service Provider	Activity	Target Geography/ Land Use		get P	olluta	nt(s)		Participation	Expected				
			General	Bacteria	Toxic Contaminants	Sediment	Nutrients	Volume	Debris	Temperature	Other	by other Service Providers	Month/ Quarter (if date unknown)
General Public													·
Clemson	Beach Sweep/ River Sweep	Pee Dee Region	Х						Х			Kalmia Gar- dens	Sep-11
Keep Florence Beautiful	Florence Cultural Garden Installation	City of Florence	Х					Х				Clemson, City of Flor- ence	Sep-11
Keep Florence Beautiful	Pecan Festival: "Litterbug" craft	Florence County	Х						Х			Clemson	Nov-11
City of Flor- ence	Scrap Metal Week	City of Florence			Х								Mar-12
Keep Florence Beautiful	Great American Cleanup - clean- up + latex paint collection	City of Florence	Х		Х				Х			City of Florence, Clemson	Mar-12
Clemson	Rural Heritage Festival	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х			Х						Apr-12
Clemson	Stormwater Billboards - new downstream campaign	Pee Dee Region	Х										June 2011- Fall 2012
Clemson	Downstream Commercial	Pee Dee Region	Х										Spring/Sum- mer 2012
City of Flor- ence	Residential Oil Collection	City of Florence			Х								throughout
Clemson	Website and Facebook Page	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
Clemson	Monthly Article in Morning News	Florence County	Х										throughout

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Provider		Geography/ Land Use	General	Bacteria	Toxic Contaminants	Sediment	Nutrients	Volume	Debris	Temperature	Other	by other Service Providers	Month/ Quarter (if date unknown)
Youth / K-12 / 7	Teachers												
Environmen- tal Discovery Center	River Jamboree: "Litterbug" craft	Florence County	Х						Х				Oct-11
Clemson	Adopt A High- way Darlington 4-H	Darlington County	Х						Х			Keep Dar- lington Coun- ty Beautiful / SC DOT	throughout
Darlington County	Coloring/Activ- ity Pages for Youth	Darlington County	Х	Х					Х			SC DHEC	throughout
Kalmia Gar- dens	Stormwater Education included with field trips and tours	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	Х		Х		X				throughout
Environmen- tal Discovery Center	Stormwater Education included with field trips and tours	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х				as re- quested by schools
Pee Dee Group Sierra Club	Adopt A High- way	Pee Dee Region							Х			SC DOT	throughout
Clemson	Earth Day @ Kalmia Gardens (Darlington County 4-H)	Pee Dee Region							Х				Apr-12
All Saints Episcopal Day School	Farm Day	City of Florence	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х			Clemson	Apr-12

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Provider		Geography/ Land Use	General	Bacteria	Toxic Contaminants	Sediment	Nutrients	Volume	Debris	Temperature	Other	by other Service Providers	Month/ Quarter (if date unknown)								
Clemson	Earth Day Color- ing Contest	Pee Dee Region	X								"earth friend- ly" activi- ties		Apr-12								
Sneed Middle School	Career Day	Florence County	X	Х	x	X	Х	Х	х		job re- sponsi- bilities associ- ated with Caro- lina Clear	Clemson	Apr-12								
Clemson	Critters in the River	Pee Dee Region	X	Х	X	х	Х		х		impor- tance of water qual- ity to various organ- isms	Environmen- tal Discovery Center	May-12								
Clemson	4H2O Water Quality Camp	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х			Х		Х	Х	water- shed aware- ness	Kalmia Gar- dens	Jun-12								
Clemson	Junior Master Gardener Pro- gram	Darlington County	Х				Х		Х		water- shed aware- ness	Kalmia Gar- dens	April and May 2012								

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	Geography/ Land Use	General	Bacteria	Toxic Contaminants	Sediment	Nutrients	Volume	Debris	Temperature	Other	by other Service Providers	Month/ Quarter (if date unknown)	
Kalmia Gar- dens	Week in the Wild Summer Camp	Darlington County	Х						Х		water- shed aware- ness	Clemson	June and July 2012
ScienceSouth	"What's In Your Watershed" program	Florence County	Х	х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	water- shed aware- ness		as requested by schools
Clemson	Storm Drain Marking and Watershed Edu- cation	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	х	Х	Х		Х	Х			throughout
Planning Comm	ission / Advisory B	oard / Electeo	d and	d App	ointed	l Off	icial	S					
City of Flor- ence	Stormwater Advisory Board / Unified Development Ordinance Meetings	City of Florence	Х	X	X	X	X		X	X	ordi- nance review, en- force- ment review, overall storm- water man- age- ment guid- ance		monthly throughout
	Homeowner Assoc	1		,					, —		r	r	ļ
Clemson	Fall Plant and Flower Festival	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	х		Х						Oct-11
Clemson	ECA Fair	Pee Dee Region	Х								CYN		Oct-11

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Clemson	2012 Pee Dee Backyard Land- scape Series	Pee Dee Region	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х			CYN	Kalmia Gar- dens	February, May, June
Clemson	Kinard-n-Koffee episodes	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		City of Flor- ence	In conjunc- tion with events
Florence County Master Gardeners	Pee Dee Home & Garden Work- shop	Florence	Х					Х			CYN and rainwa- ter har- vesting	Clemson	Mar-12
Clemson Ex- tension	Statewide Mas- ter Gardener Conference	Statewide	Х					Х			CYN	SC Master Gardener Program	Mar-12
Clemson	HOA/Civic Group/Garden Club Presenta- tions	Pee Dee Region	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				throughout



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