



WATERSHED MOMENTS

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Spring is coming! If you are preparing to fertilize your lawn for the new growing season, be sure to get a soil test first! Go to http://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/ag_svc_lab/soil_testing/ for instructions.

Upcoming Events

GCWA Adopt-A-Highway

February 9, 2013

9:00 AM

South Beltline Blvd.

Caring for Creation

March 11, 2013

6:30-8:00 PM

701 Whaley St.

Richland Backyard Landscaping Series

March 14, 21, 28 & April 4

6:00-7:00 PM

Cooper Branch Library,
Forest Acres

Ongoing Projects

Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business

Newsorthy:

Future City Competition

Eighty students from Dent Middle School tested their engineering skills in a special program for middle school students. Hosted by National Engineers Week, the Future City Competition challenges students to design a city of the future to solve a particular issue. This year's competition focused on stormwater. Educators from the Gills Creek Watershed Association, Richland County, Clemson Extension, and other RCSC partners mentored students during the project. Training provided included classroom visits, tours of nearby stormwater management features, and mock presentations by the students. The teams wrote essays, created virtual cities using Sim City 4, and built models of their cities out of recycled materials. On January 26th, the students presented their efforts at the statewide competition in Aiken. Dent Middle School teams won awards for Best Land-Surveying Practices, and Most Creative Use of Materials. This was the school's first year competing in Future City, but it won't be their last. They definitely deserve our congratulations!



Students built models out of recycled materials, showing their futuristic solutions to today's stormwater problems.

Recognition Program

Find out how your business can participate at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc.

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods

Learn how create attractive and healthy lawns by working with South Carolina's environment rather than against it. Go to www.clemson.edu/cyn for more information.

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Recent Activities:

What's in Your Watershed?

Third grade students at Catawba Trails Elementary School learned the answer to this question and more during the month of January. Using the Enviroscope hands-on watershed model, students explored sources of pollution in their community. They took turns painting on "pollution," then used spray bottles to simulate a rain storm which washed the pretend contaminants into storm drains and ditches, finally draining into a lake. If you would like a watershed presentation for your child's class, scout troop, science club, or other activity group, contact Mary Cafilisch at mnevins@clemson.edu. These programs are free for any student in Richland County.

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6:30 – 8:00 PM

701 Whaley St., Columbia

Want to start a Green Team for your congregation? At the Sustainable Midlands Caring for Creation workshop, network with members of local congregation green teams and hear about their programs and initiatives to care for creation. Visit <http://www.sustainablemidlands.org/> for more information and registration.

Richland Backyard Landscaping Series

Thursdays, March 14 , 21, 28 & April 4, 2013

6:00 – 7:00 PM

**Richland County Public Library,
Cooper Branch, Forest Acres**

Learn how to make your yard better for the environment and easier to care for at the same time. This four-part series is based on the Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods program, a homeowner recognition program from Clemson Extension. Topics will include choosing the right plant for the right place, turf grass care, gardening for wildlife, and conserving water in the landscape. (Registration is not required.)

Help to raise awareness to ways each of us can protect our local watersheds and quality of life in our communities by sharing this newsletter with others!

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