



WATERSHED MOMENTS

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This new year, resolve to get involved with a local watershed organization.

View a list of [RCSC Partner Organizations](#) to get started.

Upcoming Events

Grinding of the Greens

*Dec. 26 - Jan.12
Richland and Lexington Counties*

RCSC 1st Quarter Meeting

*January 9, 2013
10:00am-12:00pm
Arcadia Lakes Town Hall*

GCWA Adopt-A-Highway

*February 9, 2013
9:00 AM
South Beltline Blvd.*

Newsorthy:

Three-Year Strategic Plan Completed

RCSC has developed a Three-Year Strategic Plan for its stormwater education and involvement efforts. This plan provides a strategy for deciding on education activities that includes long term goals, prioritizes items, and gives a framework for multi-year efforts. The Three-Year Plan was created using partner input, regional public survey data, and Richland County water quality monitoring results to determine priority pollutants, audiences, and behaviors and construct a framework for planning our efforts. Thank you to all of our partners for their input into this plan! This plan can be viewed at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc.

Recent Activities:

Rooftop Rhythms

On October 4, Gills Creek Watershed Association shared water quality information and fun activities at the Rooftop Rhythms Festival in Forest Acres. Look for RCSC and our partners at more festivals in the Spring.



Ongoing Projects

Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business 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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Science Safari

Pontiac Elementary held its first annual Science Safari on December 7, and RCSC was there demonstrating how watersheds work with the Enviroscape model. This hands-on activity lets kids identify sources of pollution in a community using paint and water. More school visits are planned for January.

Upcoming Activities:

Grinding of the Greens

Tree Drop-off: Dec. 26-Jan. 10

Mulch Pickup: Jan. 12

Multiple locations

After the holidays, don't let your Christmas tree go to waste! Turn it into free mulch with Keep the Midlands Beautiful's Grinding of the Greens program. Bring your tree to any one of twenty drop-off locations in Richland and Lexington Counties between Dec. 26 and Jan. 10. Then collect your free mulch from two locations on Jan. 12 (while supplies last). Visit www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org for details and locations.

Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium Meeting

January 9, 2013

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Arcadia Lakes Town Hall

Please join us to plan stormwater education, outreach, and public involvement programs for Richland County. All meetings are open to the public. If water quality is important to you, we welcome your input.

GCWA Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

February 9, 2013

9:00 AM

South Beltline Blvd.

Join the Gills Creek Watershed Association for its quarterly cleanup of South Beltline Boulevard! Meet in the Intertape Polymer Group parking lot located at 2000 S. Beltline Blvd. For questions or more information contact Julie Mayson at julie.mayson@gillscreekwatershed.org. For other volunteer litter cleanup opportunities, visit www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org.

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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