Recreation on local rivers and lakes draw tourists to the Midlands every summer. They bring with them dollars for local businesses and take back memories of boating, kayaking, tubing, fishing and other summer fun.

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Newsworthy:
Have you seen Stormwater on TV this summer?
Richland County Stormwater’s public service announcement about picking up pet waste ran Time Warner Cable for three weeks in June, and are currently airing on the Richland County TV channel. This is one of four messages produced by Richland County to let people know how they can help prevent stormwater pollution. You can watch all four videos online at www.youtube.com/richlandonline.

Recent Activities:

4-H2O Day Camps
In June and July, 35 students ages 10-14 learned about South Carolina’s rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands at 4-H2O day camps. 4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray and 4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed teach kids to be good stewards of the environment, through on the water experiences and hands-on activities about local watersheds, pollution prevention, water science, fish and wildlife. They had a great time and left with a new appreciation for water in the Midlands.
**River Sweep Cleanup**  
Sept. 20, 2014  
Save the Date!

**Ongoing Projects**

**Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business Recognition Program**
Find out how your business can participate at [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc).

**Carolina Yards**
Learn how create attractive and healthy lawns by working with South Carolina’s environment rather than against it. Go to [www.clemson.edu/cy](http://www.clemson.edu/cy) for more information.

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#### Swimmable Water Weekend

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At a river near you!

Congaree Riverkeeper is celebrating swimmable rivers and lakes in the Midlands by participating in the Waterkeeper Alliance Swimmable Water Weekend, and you can, too! Go to a river near you, get in the water, take a picture or video, post it to a social media site (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and tag it #SwimmableWater. Also check out videos of swimmable rivers from across the country. Help Congaree Riverkeeper make a splash for clean water!

#### Gills Creek: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

**July 31, 2014**
5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Richland Library Main  
(Lucy Hampton Bostick Auditorium)

Join the Gills Creek Watershed Association (GCWA) and Richland Library for an evening with Dr. Warner Montgomery as he shares stories and photos exploring the rich history of the watershed and its neighborhoods. Also, learn about exciting plans from the GWCA to help improve the watershed.

#### Summer Celebration of Water

**August 23, 2014**
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Riverfront Park, Columbia

Celebrate clean water in Columbia! Summer Celebration of Water is a FREE family festival with kayaking, canoeing, water slides, kids’ activities, entertainment, and fun on the water at Riverfront Park. This fun event is brought to you by Richland County, Lexington County and City of Columbia. For more information, go to [www.summercelebrationofwater.com](http://www.summercelebrationofwater.com)
Help to raise awareness of 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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