



WATERSHED MOMENTS

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Has this rainy spring left you with standing water or erosion in your yard? A RAIN GARDEN might be the solution! Go to www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/cc_toolbox to download Clemson's Rain Garden Manual.



Upcoming Events

Richland County Recycles Day

May 17, 2013

SC State Fairgrounds

4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray

June 24-28, 2013

8:30-4:30 PM daily

SCE&G Recreation Area on Lake Murray

4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed

July 8-12, 2013

8:30-4:00 PM daily

Harbison State Forest

Newsorthy:

Sharing about Water at Spring Festivals!

So many events, so little time! The month of April was a busy one for RCSC partners, as they attended Richland County's numerous community festivals and Earth Day events. They shared information about environmental gardening, pond life, watersheds, rain gardens, pollution prevention and more with citizens throughout the county. Visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/midlandsstormwater, for more photos and fun details.



Right: Richland County Stormwater relieves stress about pollution at Sparkleberry Country Fair. Right: Cocky and friends learn about watersheds at the Big Nosh festival in Forest Acres.

Recent Activities:

Backyard Landscaping Series

The four-week Backyard Landscaping speaker series concluded in April. This series covered environmentally friendly gardening topics including conserving water in the landscape, caring for lawn grass, gardening for wildlife, and selecting the right plants for your yard. If you missed any of the presentations, you can view the slides from the talks at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc. Let's give a big "Thank You!" to our wonderful speakers who donated their time and expertise!

Summer Celebration of Water

August 24, 2013
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Riverfront Park

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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Nature Navigators Study Pond Life

The Nature Navigators Club from Catawba Trail Elementary School found out first-hand what is living in the pond by the Children's Garden at Clemson Sandhill REC. Their nets brought up damselfly larva, dragonfly larva, tadpoles, snails and more, which all together are indicators of good water quality. When it comes to learning about protecting the water, nothing beats the real thing!



Students use D-nets to collect pond life at Clemson Sandhill REC.

Upcoming Activities:

Richland County Recycle Day

May 17, 2013

All day

SC State Fairgrounds

Got junk? Richland County will be collecting household hazardous waste, tires, scrap metal, electronics and more at the State Fair Grounds all day on May 17th. Watch your email for a complete list of materials to be accepted and additional details, coming soon. This event is open to residents of Richland County ONLY. No businesses, please. RCSC partners will be at the event sharing information on water quality, anti-littering and recycling at a kids' day happening at the same time for pre-registered school groups.



Summer Celebration of Water – Save the Date!

August 24, 2013
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Riverfront Park

The date for the Fourth Annual Summer Celebration of Water Festival has been announced! Join us at Riverfront Park in Columbia on August 24th for family fun that's all about water. Activities will include kayaking, canoeing, tubing, water slides, kids' activities, food and more! More details will be announced as the festival gets closer, but for now, save the date!

Help to raise awareness to ways each of us can protect our local watersheds



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