



# WATERSHED MOMENTS

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**Litter hurts fish, wildlife and our communities. Do your part to keep our lakes and rivers trash-free!**

### Upcoming Events

**River Sweep Cleanup:  
Congaree Riverkeeper**

*Sept. 20, 2014*

*Gervais St. to Rosewood  
Landing*

**River Sweep Cleanup: Gills  
Creek**

*Sept. 20, 2014*

*9:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Sesquicentennial State Park,  
Cary Lake and Crowson Road*

**River Sweep Cleanup: Keep the  
Midlands Beautiful**

*Sept. 20, 2014*

*9:00-11:30 AM*

*Riverbanks Zoo*

### Newsorthy:

## Beach Sweep/River Sweep Weekend

September 20<sup>th</sup> is Beach Sweep/River Sweep weekend! Every year in September, volunteers from across the state collect trash from beaches and river banks in South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup event. Started in 1988, this annual event is organized by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and South Carolina Sea Grant. The cleanup takes place in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup, coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy. Once the Sweep is over, the Ocean Conservancy tallies all of the debris data, which is used to learn the sources of litter to better prevent pollution. Several River Sweep events are happening in Richland County. Keep reading for more information.



### Recent Activities:



*Families enjoy paddle sports on the Columbia Canal at Summer Celebration of Water*

### Special Electronics Recycling Event

Sept. 20, 2014

7:00-10:30 AM

Brookland Baptist Church

### Save Our Water Concert and Pint Night at Jake's On Devine

Sept. 21, 2014

6:00 PM

### National Prescription Drug Take-back Day

Sept. 27, 2014

Four Richland County Locations

### GCWA Urban Paddle and Picnic

Sept. 28, 2014

4:00 PM

Cary Lake, Columbia

### Pesticide Applicator Training

Oct. 1, 2014

8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Cary Lake, Columbia

### Rain Garden Workshop

Oct. 2, 2014

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Clemson Sandhill REC

### 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.

## Summer Celebration of Water

What's the best way to beat the heat during the last days of summer? By getting on the water and celebrating! The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer celebration of Water was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Riverfront Park. Over 1,000 guests came out to enjoy and learn about local rivers and streams. Kayaking, canoeing, tubing and stand-up paddle boarding were all popular activities, with 40% of festival guests participating in the free paddle sports area. Water slides, exhibits and door prizes added to the fun. None of it would have been possible without the help of many volunteers and local environmental organizations. **Thank you!**

### Upcoming Activities:



### River Sweep Cleanup: Congaree Riverkeeper

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Gervais St. to Rosewood Boat Landing

Congaree Riverkeeper will again be partnering with Adventure Carolina to lead a volunteer cleanup of the Congaree River from Gervais Street to the Rosewood Boat Landing. Canoes, bags, gloves and all other necessary gear will be provided. You can sign up by emailing [CRK@congareriverkeeper.org](mailto:CRK@congareriverkeeper.org) or by calling Adventure Carolina at (803) 796-4505. Space is limited so reserve your spot now.

### River Sweep Cleanup: Gills Creek Watershed Association

Saturday, September 20, 2014

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Three Locations

The Gills Creek Watershed Association is asking all organizations in the watershed to organize a cleanup in their area. These efforts will be a part of the **Inland Sweep** which is a cleanup on inland rivers, lakes, or wetlands. If you would like to host an event, contact Erich Miarka at 803-727-8326 or [erich.miarka@gillscreekwatershed.org](mailto:erich.miarka@gillscreekwatershed.org). Cleanups are already planned for Sesquicentennial State Park, Cary Lake, and Crowson Road. Check [www.gillscreekwatershed.org](http://www.gillscreekwatershed.org) for additional locations and details.

### River Sweep Cleanup: Keep the Midlands Beautiful

Saturday, September 20, 2014

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Saluda River at Riverbanks Zoo

Join Keep the Midlands Beautiful to collect trash along the banks of the Saluda River, starting at the Riverbanks Zoo parking lot. Call (803) 733-1139 for more information.



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## **Special Electronic Recycling Event**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

**7:00 – 10:30 AM**

**Brookland Baptist Church  
1203 Summit Pkwy, Columbia**

Richland County Residents can drop off electronics, scrap metal, tires and more during this special recycling event, which is a joint effort between Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling and the Summit Community Association.

## **Save Our Water Concert and Pint Night at Jake's On Devine**

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

**Jake's on Devine**



Support the Congaree Riverkeeper by enjoying a concert and pint night at Jake's On Devine. Local bands The Devils In Disguise and The Hollerin' River Talkers will be performing, and there will be specials on SweetWater beers. The Riverkeeper will also have swag including custom pint glasses and t-shirts to give away for donations.



## **GCWA Urban Paddle and Picnic**

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

**4:00 PM**

**Cary Lake, Columbia**

Join the Gills Creek Watershed Association for an afternoon of fun on Cary Lake in Columbia. Enjoy a rare opportunity to see and paddle on one of the urban lakes of Gills Creek Watershed. Kayaks are available if you don't have your own but space is limited so sign up soon. Afterwards there will be a picnic on the shores of Cary Lake. Bring your own chair or blanket for the picnic. Tickets for adults are \$15 and free for kids under 12 with a \$40 max per family. Be sure to indicate how many people are in your group and whether or not you will be bringing your own canoe/kayak.

## **Pesticide Applicator Training**

**Wednesday, October 1**

**8:30 - 2:30 PM**

**Lexington County Extension Office**

A recertification training is being offered for private pesticide applicators. This is the first of three such trainings in Lexington County. Up to five Continuing Certification Hours are available. Contact Alivia Gunter, 803-459-8515, for more information or to register.

## Rain Garden Workshop

Thursday, October 2, 2014

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Clemson Sandhill REC



Learn to manage stormwater runoff, slow erosion and reduce water pollution by planting a rain garden. Rain gardens are flowerbeds that collect rain water and help it soak back into the soil. We will learn how rain gardens work, what plants work best and how to create your own rain garden. This is a hands-on workshop! Attendees will help plant a new rain garden at the Two Notch Road entrance to Clemson Sandhill REC. Please dress to work outdoors and prepare for the weather. There is no cost to attend. Registration is not required. If you have questions, contact Mary Caflisch at (803) 865-1216 x122, [mnevins@clermson.edu](mailto:mnevins@clermson.edu).

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