

Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 14, 2010
10AM – 11:30 PM
Arcadia Lakes Town Hall
6911 N. Trenholm Rd., Suite 2

Type of Meeting: Continuing Development of Stormwater Education Plan and Decision-Making for the Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium

Meeting Facilitators: Mary Nevins, Clemson Carolina Clear & Keith Anthony, Richland County DPW

10:00-10:10	Welcome & Meeting Purpose Introductions	Mary Nevins
10:10-10:20	Outreach Activity Updates	All present
10:20-10:30	Festival Committee Update	Mary Nevins
10:30-11:25	Education Plan Development for 2010-2011	All present
11:25 – 11:30	Next Steps	Mary Nevins



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Notes from the Meeting

Attendance:

Srinivas Valavala	Richland County Stormwater	Shaun Greenwood	Forest Acres
Keith Anthony	Richland County Stormwater	Christine Murphy	Arcadia Lakes
Mary Nevins	Carolina Clear		

Minutes:

It was noted that there was a Gills Creek TMDL public hearing at the same time as this meeting, which prevented a number of regular participants from attending. The meeting began with a brief review of recent and upcoming activities:

Recent Education Activities

- June 9 – Pet Waste brochures distributed
- 4-H2O Camps
 - June 14-18: 4-H2O Pontoon Classroom – Lake Murray,
 - June 28-July 2: 4-H2O Advanced Classroom – Harbison State Forest
- June 30 – Water Quality Conservation Station Program

Upcoming Education Activities

- Summer 2010 – Storm Drain Marking with Richland County interns. 100% of County to be completed by the end of this summer.
- July 16 – Rain Barrel Workshop for Green Steps Teachers, State Museum
- July 18 – Wine for Water Gills Creek Fundraiser
- July 21 – Pesticides/Herbicides/Fertilizer Conference
- July 20 – EnviroScape at Wheatley Branch Library
- July 29, 9am-1pm – Richland 101 for Kids, Dutch Square Mall
- August 3-4 – Water Quality Conservation Station Programs, Sandhills REC
- August 28 9am-2pm – Summer Celebration of Water family festival, Riverfront Park, Columbia
- September 14 – Green is Good for Business Conference, Columbia

After this month, the RCSC will be switching to bi-monthly meetings. The next meeting will be September 8. Srinivas asked that a calendar invitation be sent to everyone on the list serve for RCSC meetings through December. Mary will continue to meet with Srinivas and Keith monthly in addition to the consortium meetings.

Next we discussed the Annual Report, due to SCDHEC in September.

- All education partners need to have their activity data submitted to Mary by July 22 at the very latest. Because the RAIDP server has had a number of issues lately, submission by email are acceptable.
- Mary will complete a draft as soon as possible for Srinivas's review, and the final draft with all necessary corrections will be due on August 22 for submission to the printer.
- Three hard copies will be printed by the 27th for final review, giving us two weeks before the final due date to SCDHEC, on Sept. 10.
- 30 copies will be printed for distribution to Richland County Administration, plus extras for general use.
- This year's report will contain a number of graphs, diagrams, and analysis, showing increase in number of programs over last year, audiences reached, pollutants targeted, etc. This will be a tighter, more analytical report, highlighting our progress and continuing improvement.

We briefly reviewed progress made on the Summer Celebration of Water Festival. The following organizations have committed to attending. If anyone knows of other organizations that might be interested in participating, please relay their contact information to Mary.

- Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium
- Richland County Stormwater Div.
- Richland County Master Gardeners
- Gills Creek Watershed Association
- Crane Creek Watershed Association
- Columbia Stormwater Management
- Keep the Midlands Beautiful
- Congaree Riverkeeper
- Sustainable Midlands
- SEAUS
- Carnegie
- Congaree National Park
- SCE&G
- Columbia Rowing Club
- Trout Unlimited
- Together We Can Read
- Palmetto Outdoors
- Adventure Carolina
- CPAC/Sonoco

On the day of the festival, volunteers are needed for the following. (This list is subject to change.)

- Hand out drinking water
- Help with registration table
- Run Children's games
- Staff RCSC booth and other miscellaneous exhibits
- Manage music and sound
- Help with decoration and set-up

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the remaining portions of the education plan: Homeowners and Businesses. Important notes from the discussion include:

- Shaun Greenwood suggested that rather than mail-outs, use trash can hangers to convey messages. This might be a good way to target hazardous household waste. Forest Acres has had success with this in the past. Because Richland County contracts with two companies to pick up trash, it may be harder for them. Arcadia Lakes has backyard pickup, so trashcan hangers are not an option. A pilot program within Forest Acres might be appropriate to start with.
- The County is installing rain gardens at Owens Field Airport, Killian Park and North Springs Park. These will be installed professionally so a workshop is not an option, but signage can be used to educate visitors to these locations.
- Crayton Middle School might have a spot for a rain garden project. Shaun will speak to the principal, Susan Childs.
- Mary will get in touch with Caroline Hudson who has taken leadership of the Arcadia Lakes Navy to continue education programs through their organization.
- Mary will reach out to Anna Almeida, the new deputy director over the Richland County Planning Department (replacing Joe Kocy?).

An email following this one will contain the completed plan will follow this one for your review. Please send all comments, changes, and ideas to Mary as soon as possible. This Year 3 plan will be included in the annual report for Year 2. The meeting was concluded.