

Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
10 AM – 11:30 AM
Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Palmetto Room
930 Richland St, Columbia, SC

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

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

10:00-10:10	Welcome & Meeting Purpose Introductions	Mary Nevins, Carolina Clear
10:10-10:40	Outreach Activity Updates	All present
10:40-11:00	Education Plan Updates & Round Table Discussion of Stormwater Outreach in Richland County	Mary Nevins & Keith Anthony, Richland County DPW <i>All should participate!</i>
11:00-11:20	Education Partner Update from the Arcadia Lakes Navy	Larry Cooke, Arcadia Lakes Navy
11:20 – 11:30	Next Steps	Mary Nevins

Note: Parking is available BEHIND the building. Please only utilize spots posted as "Columbia Chamber."

Notes from the Meeting

Attendance:

Mary Nevins	Carolina Clear
Geoff Smith	BP Barber
Pam Greenlaw	Gills Creek Watershed Association
Keith Anthony	Richland County Stormwater
Shaun Greenwood	Forest Acres
Jessica Artz	Gills Creek Watershed Association
Heidi Johnson	Keep the Midlands Beautiful
Larry Cooke	Arcadia Lakes Navy

Recent Activities

- River Sweep from Keep the Midlands Beautiful
- Watershed Institute
- Second Gills Creek Clean-up
- Proclamation Signing event
- Crane Creek Watershed Association Steering Committee Meeting
- Stormwater display at Rooftop Rhythms festival in Forest Acres
- Wheels Across the Watershed fundraiser for the Gills Creek Watershed Association

Education Tools Update

- Watershed Stewardship mapping tool – Accessed from the Carolina Clear homepage, this interactive map allows you to mark your organization's location and provide contact information. The purpose is to help potential volunteers locate water quality organizations. The page includes instructions for using the tool, which is very user-friendly. Many of our consortium members are already marked, but please check the map and add any that we have missed.
- South Carolina Low Impact Development Atlas – This mapping tool is part of the National LID Atlas from NEMO. By identifying local LID practices in action, such as rain gardens, pervious pavement, clustered development, etc., we can help local developers realize that these best management practices are being used in South Carolina and are effective. Using this tool, you can mark any LID site that you know about, upload photos, and write commentary.
 - Both of the above tools are linked from www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear
- Water Education Toolbox from SCDHEC – this is a collection of resources for water quality education and outreach programs, including presentations, brochures, posters, articles, and much more, with a search feature to sort materials by target audience and pollutant. <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/npstoolbox/>
- RCSC presentation board – Mary will be glad to bring this to your event!

Upcoming events

- Keep the Midlands Beautiful - Third Saturday Cleanup: Gills Creek, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. where Gills Creek runs under Trenholm Road.
- Smart Growth and Sustainable Development Conference: Oct. 20-21, at Midlands Technical College - Northeast Campus
- Greenways Conference: Oct. 22, Lexington, from the Community Open Land Trust
- Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale: Saturday Oct. 24, 9am-3pm at the Sam's Club parking lot on Harbison, from Keep the Midlands Beautiful
- Rain Garden Workshop & Children's Activity: Oct. 24, 10am-12pm at the Sandhills REC Children's Garden, by Richland County Master Gardeners. The rain garden installation will be followed by a children's activity
- Caring for Creation Interfaith Green Conference: Nov. 1, 2:30 - 6:30 PM at Riverbanks Zoo Ndoki Lodge. Sponsored by the Richland Conservation District and the Richland Conservation Commission.
- Rain Garden Installation and demonstration: Saturday, Nov. 7, 10am-3pm at Bookman Road Elementary
- Rain garden project in Arcadia Lakes
- Lobby Project at RC administration building

Partner Update from Arcadia Lakes Navy

Larry Cooke from the Arcadia Lakes Navy gave the group an overview of ALN and its recent and planned projects. The Arcadia Lakes Navy is a concerned citizens group with the goal of identifying and correcting water quality issues in Arcadia Lakes. Its current projects are funded by a grant from the Richland County Conservation Commission. The project budget as approved by the Commission will be used to:

- Mark Storm drains – completed
- Rain Garden design/build demonstration – in the planning phase

- The Tree Of Life Congregation will be the location of our Rain Garden Location.
- The Gills Creek Watershed Association and Carolina Clear are partnering in project also.
- The Tree Of Life has a underused large detention area that will be converted into a Rain Garden and possibly a rain harvesting project.
- Rain water harvesting demonstration
- National Wildlife Federation - Certify Backyard Wildlife Habitat Sites in Arcadia Lakes
- Signage for water quality
- Lake monitoring outreach
- Water Watch Navy
 - Potential problems are being identified and brought to the attention of the property owners, Richland County, and SCDOT when necessary. Two such issues are flooding at Arcadia Springs Circle and a vacant car lot on Two Notch where stormwater is flowing down an asphalt slope through holes in curb and gutter onto neighboring properties.

Stormwater Roundtable Discussion

- Pam Greenlaw suggested a partnership with Sustainable Midlands which has been involved in the County Stormwater Roundtable.
- On Tuesday Oct. 20, the new stormwater ordinances may go before county council for a third reading. The stormwater roundtable has adopted a number of principles on improving water quality and quantity issues. They would like the council to adopt the principles as well and rewrite the ordinances accordingly instead of completing the third reading.
- Richland County is very interested in planning a Stormwater festival and intends to move forward with this for Summer 2010.