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This new year, resolve to get involved with a local watershed organization. View a list of <u>SSS Partner</u> <u>Organizations</u> to get started.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sumter Stormwater Solutions Meeting January 15, 2013 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM North Hope Center

#### **Ongoing Projects**

Pet Waste Campaign We have been working with local veterinarians and pet supply businesses to encourage pet owners to pick up after their pets. Look for flyers and posters at your local vet, and stop by PetCo for a doggie bandana featuring Parker Pup!



#### **Newsworthy:**

We are pleased to welcome Jolie Brown to the Carolina Clear Team! Jolie will work out of the Sumter Extension office Tuesdays through Thursdays. She will specifically be working to increase public involvement and education for the citizens of Sumter. Jolie joins us from NRCS where she previously was a Soil Conservationist and also spent three summers as a student trainee. She is a Clemson alumnus with a degree in Agricultural Education and an emphasis in Leadership.

## **Recent Activities:**

## Rain Garden Volunteer Workday

On December 5, six volunteers gave the rain garden at Patriot Park some much needed attention. They pulled weeds and spread mulch, getting the garden ready for the winter. The rain garden takes runoff from the parking lot and allows the water to soak into the ground, filtering out pollution and keeping the nearby pond clean. Thank you, volunteers, for your hard work!



New agent Jolie Brown (right) with volunteers at the Patriot Park rain garden.

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods Learn how create attractive and healthy lawns by working with South Carolina's environment rather than against it. Go to <u>www.clemson.edu/cyn</u> for more information.

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# **New Public Service Announcements**

Sumter Stormwater Solutions has two new radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs). The first encourages listeners to pick up after their pets. The second talks about keeping storm drains clear of yard debris. The PSAs can be heard on the following Miller Communications Stations: WIBZ, WDXY, and WWHM in Sumter; WFRK, WOLH, and WSIM in Florence; and WWBD and WWKT in both Sumter & Florence. The Consortium thanks Miller Communications for their support in protecting South Carolina's water resources. Listen online at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc.

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Please join us to plan stormwater education, outreach, and public involvement programs for the Sumer area. All meetings are open to the public. If water quality is important to you, we welcome your input.

Help to raise awareness to 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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