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Beat the heat with free water from the sky! This rain barrel was recently installed at Willow Drive Elementary and will be used to water their school garden.

Upcoming Events

Stormwater Video Contest

Sept. – Nov., 2014

For students in Sumter County

River Sweep Cleanup

Sept. 20, 2014

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lewis Road

Dog Day

Oct. 21, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Patriot Park

Newsorthy:



Stormwater Video Contest for Sumter Students

This fall, Sumter County students can express their creativity and spread the word about keeping rivers and streams clean by creating a video for the Sumter Stormwater Solutions Video Contest. This contest is open to all students in Sumter County grades

K-12. Winners will be selected from the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels. Videos will be judged on originality, audio-visual quality, message strength, and call to action. The entries will also be posted on Facebook, and the video receiving the most “Likes” will win the People’s Choice award and be featured on Clemson’s *Making it Grow*. For details and a registration form, visit www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc.

Recent Activities:

Carolina Yards Billboards

You may have seen our billboards around town! Rain barrels are just one of the many fun features of a Carolina Yard. Carolina Yards is a recognition program for homeowners who want to make their yard more beautiful and earth friendly, as well as less work and less expensive to care for. There are now 17 certified Carolina Yards in Sumter County. Yours can be one, too! Find out how at www.clemson.edu/cy



Ongoing Projects

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods

Learn how to 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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Shorescaping Demonstration Growing Strong

On May 7th, Sumter County planted a shorescape along the edge of the main pond at Patriot Park to reduce erosion issues and minimize fertilizer washing into the pond. The badly eroded bank was planted with ornamental grasses and native wildflowers, including the button bush pictured at left, to create an attractive buffer to protect the shoreline and the pond. As this project continues to grow, stop by the park or look for the latest picture on our Facebook site to see its progress.

Summer Cleanup

On June 7th, volunteers picked up trash from a small branch that flows along Winston Road. They found dirty diapers, tires, bottles, cigarette butts and a lot more. The volunteers removed 25 bags of trash and 3 tires. The trash was ruining the country view, but this rural road is more scenic now, thanks to their efforts.



Upcoming Activities:



River Sweep Cleanup

Saturday, September 20, 2014
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lewis Road

Sumter Stormwater Solutions is hosting a cleanup for the 26th annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep on Saturday,

September 20, 2014. We will meet and park at 1390 Kings Pointe Dr., Sumter, SC 29154 and pick up litter along Lewis Road. The ditches along Lewis Road carry litter and pollution into Green Pond Swamp. All equipment will be provided. Please wear sturdy work shoes and clothes. Youth 17 and younger will need a parent or guardian present on site. Beach Sweep/River Sweep is a statewide event sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and South Carolina Sea Grant.



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Dog Day at Patriot Park

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Patriot Park

Join us for a Dog Day at Patriot Park celebrating the installation of 4 pet waste stations. These stations, which include pet waste bags and a trash can, make it easy for pet owners to pick up after their furry friends. Bring your pet for a doggie play date! Dress him or her up in their favorite Halloween costume to enter them into the Halloween outfit contest, with a prize sponsored by Petco. Free giveaways will include pet bandanas, frisbees and water bottles.



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