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*Storm drains go straight to streams and rivers! Sign up your neighborhood to participate in the storm drain marking program!*

## Upcoming Events

### **Turkey Creek Cleanup**

March 16, 2013  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Meet at Lemira  
Elementary School

### **Dog Day**

March 29, 2013  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Dillon Park

## Ongoing Projects

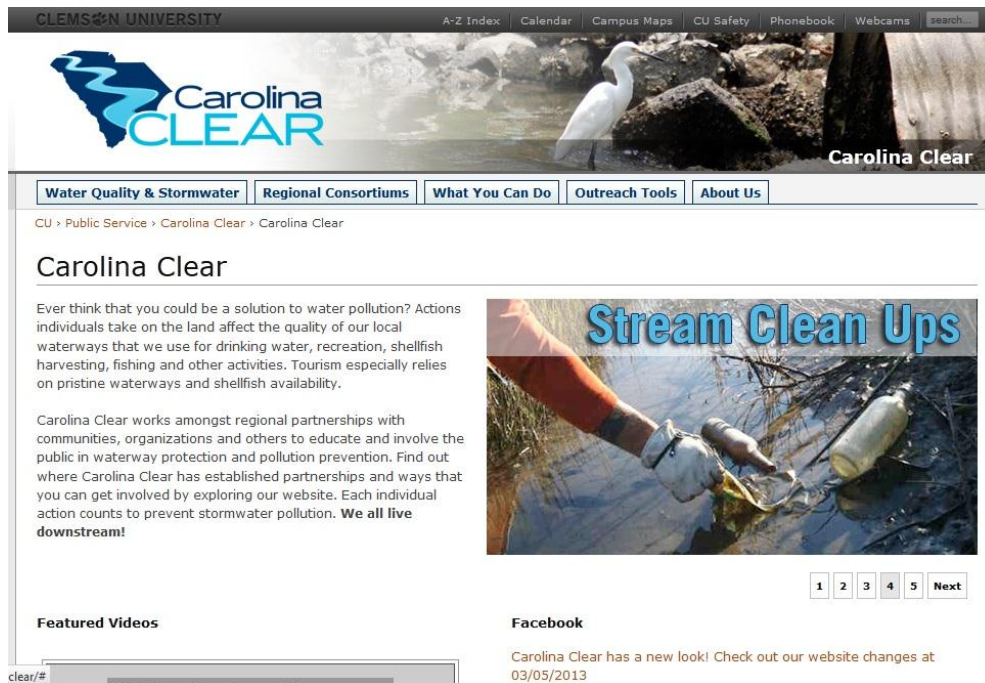
### **Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods**

*Learn how create attractive  
and healthy lawns by  
working with South  
Carolina's environment*

## Newsworthy:

### **Stormwater Websites Get a Facelift**

The Carolina Clear website has a new look! Drop down menus make links easy to find, and the calendar feature highlights upcoming events. The Sumter Stormwater Solutions website will be getting similar improvements in the near future, so check back soon. Check out these updates at [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear).



*New Carolina Clear homepage makes stormwater information easier to find*

## **Rain Barrel Art Competition for Sumter Schools**

Teachers who want a creative way to inspire their students to protect the earth have a fun opportunity this spring - our Earth Day Rain Barrel Art Competition! Participating classes receive a rain barrel for students to decorate. The public will vote on the best barrel design at the Sumter Earth Day Celebration on April 20. The winning class will receive a pizza party. After the contest, teachers can install their

rather than against it. Go to [www.clemson.edu/cyn](http://www.clemson.edu/cyn) for more information.

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decorated barrels at their school as a beautiful, functional tool for outdoor learning. To participate, go to [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc).

#### **Recent Activities:**

##### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

Thirteen Sumter homeowners will have a lot more water for their gardens this spring. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Sumter Stormwater Solutions held a rain barrel workshop where participants made their own rain barrels for their homes. Rain barrels capture rain water from roofs. This water can be used to water lawns and gardens, wash cars, and other outdoor uses. Want to build a rain barrel but missed the workshop? Download *Rainwater Harvesting for Homeowners* from the Carolina Clear website.



*Making a rain barrel from a recycled Coca-Cola syrup drum.*

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

##### **Turkey Creek Cleanup**

**Saturday, March 16, 2013**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Work together to help clean up one of Sumter's Urban streams! On February 16, SSS needs volunteers to help pick up trash on Turkey Creek. Volunteers should wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. SSS will provide trash bags, gloves, and water. Please meet at Lemira Elementary. Registration is not required, but if you have questions, contact Jolie Brown at [jolie2@clemson.edu](mailto:jolie2@clemson.edu).

##### **Dog Day at Dillon Park**

**Friday, March 29, 2013**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join us for a Dog Day at Dillon Park! Sumter Stormwater Solutions and the Sumter Soil and Water Conservation District are dedicating four new Pet Waste Stations. These stations will encourage people to pick up after their pets and reduce the amount of harmful bacteria going into nearby streams, including Shot Pouch Creek. Bring out your best furry friend and enjoy the day. SSS will be giving out water bottles and other rewards for any pet owner seen using the new stations. We look forward to seeing you there!



**When dooty calls, trash it!**

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