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Dumping trash in streams and ditches is ugly and against the law! Report illegal dumping to 877-7LITTER (754-8837)

Upcoming Events

Sumter Stormwater Solutions Meeting

October 29, 2013

North Hope Center

This meeting is open to the public. – Please join us!

Rain Garden Workday and Shoreline Planting

December 3, 2013

Patriot Park

Volunteers needed.

Newsworthy:

2014 Rain Barrel Art Contest Announced

Sumter Stormwater Solutions will be hosting our 2nd annual Rain Barrel Art Contest in the spring 2014. SSS had great success last year with four participating schools from elementary to high school and public to private. The winning classes will enjoyed a pizza party lunch. We are announcing the contest early so teachers and school staff can find room in their spring schedules to participate. The contest is open to all public and private elementary, middle, and high schools in Sumter County. The decorated barrels will be judged at the Sumter Earth Day Festival in April. After the festival, the rain barrels can be installed on school grounds or at a public location such as a church or library, or donated back to SSS for a silent auction at the festival. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please call Mary Caflich at 803-865-1216 or Jolie Brown at 803-773-5561.



Barrels decorated by students for the 2013 Rain Barrel Art Contest.

Ongoing Projects

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods

Learn how 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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Recent Activities:

Storm Drain Marking Efforts Continue

This fall, St. Francis Xavier High School renewed their commitment to protect streams in Sumter by marking drains in The Arbors subdivision on Sept. 18th. Also, volunteer Carol Huggins marked drains in the Tudor Place neighborhood on Sept. 11th. If you would like to make a difference by marking storm drains on your street, contact Jolie Brown at 803-773-5561.



River Sweep 2013

On September 21st, twelve volunteers from Crestwood High School, Sumter Girl Scouts, and Sumter County Public Works helped clean a section of stormwater ditch along Berry Street in the Turkey Creek Watershed for annual South Carolina Beach Sweep River Sweep weekend. Stormwater ditches are often the target of illegal dumping, but

they carry trash and contaminants into larger streams. These hard workers removed 19 bags of trash, 16 bags of recyclables, 16 tires, and 3 mattresses from this stormwater ditch. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Carolina Yards at the Sumter County Fair

Visitors to the Agriculture building at the Sumter County Fair, Sept. 24-29, learned how to work with nature instead of against it to make their yard better for the environment and easier to care for. Carolina Yards is a great resource for both novice and experience gardeners who want their yard to be the best it can be for South Carolina. The Carolina Yards display won first prize for displays in the Ag building.



Upcoming Activities:

Sumter Stormwater Solutions Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sumter North Hope Center

Do you care about Sumter's rivers and lakes? Do you want to help others learn how to keep our water clean? Then join us for a meeting of Sumter Stormwater Solutions to plan education, outreach and public involvement activities for the upcoming year. October is when we develop the Annual Education Plan of Work. All SSS meetings are open to the public, and we would love to have your input.



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Rain Garden Work Day and Shoreline Planting

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Patriot Park

Calling local gardeners! Please join Sumter Stormwater Solutions and the Master

Gardeners to spruce up the Patriot Park rain garden before winter. We will also be planting some shrubs along the shoreline of the nearby pond to help control erosion. This will prepare the pond for a larger shoreline planting project planned for Spring 2014. We will have some gloves and gardening tools, but bring your own if you have them. We will provide water and snacks. Thank you for making a difference!

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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