Florence-Darlington Stormwater Consortium
Minutes

January 24, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Clemson University Cooperative Extension
2685 S. Irby St., Suite K
Florence, SC

This meeting was held at the Florence County location of the offices of the Clemson University Cooperative Extension, 2685 S. Irby Street, Suite K in Florence, SC on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Terasa Young opened the meeting about 10:08 a.m. Present were Dan Hill (Kalmia Gardens), Benjie Smith (Florence County), Trip Ward (Florence County), Donnie McBride (City of Florence), Doug Reimold (Darlington County), Julie Ritz (Darlington County), Terasa Young (Carolina Clear/Clemson Extension), and Geoff Smith (URS).

Terasa gave a highlight of activities in the last few months. Carolina Clear has represented the Consortium in Florence and Florence County well, and she has been busy sharing stormwater information at several venues, reaching all ages.

These events included the following:

- Wood Magic Forest Fair (Forestry Commission for 4th graders, 11/9/12)
- Moore Intermediate School Career Day (11/20/12)
- Florence City Council Presentation (1/14/13)
- Azalea Home & Garden Club Presentation (1/14/13)
- Florence County Council Presentation (1/17/13)

Dan (Kalmia Gardens) reported that Black Creek Land Trust (www.blackcreeklandtrust.com) has been monitoring Black Creek, per DHEC standards and training, and has identified several “hot spots”. Funding for this has been obtained from grants and private donations. The next phase is well underway for being funded, and will include attempting to identify point-source problems in the tributaries.

Doug asked if the Enviroscape could be seen in action. **Terasa will bring to the next meeting and do a presentation for the group.** The group discussed using it at the Council updates. (The ones for Florence City and County have already passed.) **Doug will see if he can get space on the agenda for the Combined Meeting of Darlington County and City Councils for Terasa’s report.**

Upcoming Events

Terasa reported that there were several educational opportunities in the next month. They include the following:
SCNLA Trade Show February 7-8, 2013: Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Carolina Clear & Clemson Extension will be promoting Carolina Yards & Neighborhoods (CYN), specifically a list of recommended plants that adhere to the CYN principles.

Green Steps Training February 9, 2013: SC Program to encourage schools to take annual sustainable steps toward becoming more environmentally responsible (www.greenstepschools.com). Her talk will focus on water related projects.

EEASC (Environmental Education Association of SC) Workshop February 15, 2013: Lynches River County Park. The training will focus on watersheds/water quality as it relates to 7th grade science standards.

Turf School February 22, 0213: 3 locations. See flyer

Pee Dee Home & Garden Workshop, March 16, 2013 (date incorrect on agenda) @Pee Dee REC


Dan (Kalmia Gardens) reported the following stormwater educational opportunities at Kalmia Gardens for April, 2013:

April 16, Oyster Roast
April 20, Earth Day & Master Gardener Sale
April 23, Duck Cup!

Planning

Storm Drain Marking:

Highgate Subdivision: Terasa reported that Kendall Hiller (developer) was very excited about this stormwater educational activity. Doug suggested that signs advertising the event be placed in the right-of-way for the subdivision. Terasa will pick a date and advertise.

Maple Park: At one of the last meetings of the Maple Park Neighborhood Association, Storm Drain marking was a popular idea. Unfortunately, due to the stormwater design of the neighborhood, there is very little curb and gutter for marking purposes. Terasa will get with Donnie to plan marking places for the storm drains.

Painting/Mural for storm drains: Terasa reported that she has had some challenges in finding the right key for this educational opportunity. After speaking with Jane Madden, several suggestions surfaced, to include using Art Students from FMU or the Art Club from there. Terasa’s idea was to pair artists and children for this program. There was a suggestion to contact art teachers in Darlington County through Audrey Childers, PIO for this project. Terasa will continue to work on this planning event.

IDDE Business Cards: Terasa reported that the cards have been sent to the printer. Terasa will disseminate once she receives them.

5-Star Grant:

Terasa reported that the City of Florence, Clemson, & URS worked on this grant last year for Gulley Branch in Timrod Park but did not receive funding. Terasa along with Katie and Dara
Park from Clemson are applying for the grant this year with some modifications based on reviewer comments.

Other Information:

 Geoff Smith (URS) reported that the Rain Garden grant for Hartsville was closed, and all 2012 sampling was completed. He requested time at the next meeting to present those findings. **Teresa will include that item on the agenda.**

Forest Whittington (City of Florence) requested on behalf of Michael (City of Florence) that the Consortium consider sponsoring a Contractors/Landscaper/etc. workshop on the General Construction Permit. Benjie & Tripp suggested that, although DHEC would need some time for their presentation, the City & County of Florence be allowed some time to discuss their requirements, as they will be stricter and higher than Darlington. They also suggested that Darlington may wish time to present, as well. Doug suggested the workshop be held before all of the ordinances are adopted. The Consortium members voted to sponsor this workshop. The suggested time is 10-2 with lunch. Free, except for the cost of lunch. **Teresa will contact Michael with City of Florence to work out the details.**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clemson Extension Offices on S. Irby Street.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.