



Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC)

May 19, 2009 1:00 PM
Gibson Pond Park
Town of Lexington

Attendees: See sign in sheets for Consortium member and partners
The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Bill Blackston.
The agenda and other materials pertaining to the meeting were handed out.

1. Welcome

Bill Blackston welcomed everyone and introduced Mary Nevins, Natural Resource Agent with Richland/Sumter Carolina Clear and Megan Weidner, Recycling Coordinator with Lexington County.

2. Web Site Updates

Katie Giacalone discussed updates to the website and requested suggestions for additional information. There is a list of area events on the Carolina Clear page. She asked everyone to remember to visit the Toolbox page for copies of publications.
http://www.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/cc_toolbox/index.html

3. Update Rain Garden Signs, Activity Database

The Rain Garden manual is available for download from the Toolbox on the website along with a sample budget.

Katie distributed a handout of instructions for the Carolina Clear Activity Database. She requested that everyone log data on outreach projects.

4. Volunteer Opportunities

The 4H2O Pontoon Classroom event scheduled June 15-19 is filled to capacity. Please call Bill if you are interested in learning more about this event.

Volunteers are needed for the Peach Festival on July 4 in Gilbert.

5. 2009 Festivals

Bill informed the group of the difficulty in participating in some local events due to the cost of space. The Saluda Shoals and Poultry Festivals had good turnouts. The Gilbert Peach Festival is July 4. The Irmo Okra Strut is September 26 and the Cayce Bluegrass Festival is October 3

6. Carolina Clear Billboard

Katie told the group about the "Nobody wants polluted water" billboard campaign with a goldfish cutout extending over the border of the billboard. Local billboards should be up for 6 months.

Midlands Regional Carolina Clear Impact Survey

Katie distributed copies of the survey planned for summer. A press release is planned to announce the survey.

7. Other Area Happenings

The Lexington Greenway Alliance will hold their 2nd Annual Conference at the Lexington Municipal Conference Center on October 22, 2009.

8. Future Speakers

Bill requested suggestions for future meeting speakers.

9. Alan Mehrazd and Dr. Keith Benson

Alan Mehrazd told the group about his efforts to become the Congaree Riverkeeper as part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, some of his accomplishments such as the Love Your River clean-up event held this February to remove debris from an island in the Saluda River, and some of his goals like securing a salary and a jon boat. Contact Alan at: Alan@congareriverkeeper.org,

Dr. Keith Benson did a presentation emphasizing the zoo's efforts to improve the environmental impact of their large operation. Work is being done to conserve water and electricity and to recycle materials used at the zoo.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 1:00 at Lexington County EMS Facility, 436 Ball Park Road in Lexington, SC.