



## **Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC)**

**August 18, 2009      1:00 p.m.  
Lexington County Fire Training Facility**

**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 at registration table.

### **AGENDA**

1. The meeting opened with a viewing of the 4-H<sub>2</sub>O Pontoon Classroom PowerPoint presentation.
2. Bill informed everyone of Katie's appearance on Time Warner Cable's Palmetto People television program and provided a link to the archived show.
3. A reminder was given that registration for the Greenways Conference was open and that there were a lot of good speakers lined up for the program.
4. Bill asked for the size of email inbox capacity because the E-newsletter is bounced back as too large from some member's emails. 5 MB was the largest size of one member. Suggestions were made to just send an email link to programs instead of using pictures or use a website that can consolidate the newsletter into one file. Bill will look into suggestions.
5. A request was made for members to input their activities in the Activities Database. Instructions were passed out to those who didn't have it and they were told instructions are available on the LCSC website. Activity reports are to be turned in by October 31, 2009.
6. A request for volunteers for the rain barrel workshop steering committee was made. Brenda Davis and Lisa Thornbury both volunteered for the workshop.

7. Bill asked if anyone had looked at the website lately for updated material and reminded the group of the resources available in the toolbox. Updates for the website can be sent directly to Bill. Heidi Johnson pointed out that Keep the Midlands Beautiful was having a rain barrel compost bin sale on October 24, 2009 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It was pointed out that Lexington Soil and Water Conservation Dist has rain barrels for sale as well. KMB will also be hosting Riversweep on September 19, a clean up/nature walk at Peachtree Rock on November 21 and regular clean ups every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Heidi asked for possible locations for the Saturday clean ups to be emailed to her. Megan Weidner announced that Solid Waste was having a tire amnesty day on October 3 and a E-Waste recycling event on November 2. Synithia announced a car care vehicle maintenance check on October 31. Bill asked that this information be emailed to him with a link so that it can go on the website.
8. Bill asked the group of pictures and quotes for this year's annual report. The group agreed on the idea of an email survey going out to all members asking for their opinions of LCSC and that quotes given in the survey can be used for the report.
9. Bill announced that the Town of Irmo may be interested in installing a rain garden and made note that the budget document is available for others who want to plant one. There are still two rain garden signs available for future gardens.
10. Bill reviewed the festivals that were attended since the last meeting and those coming up in the future. A request was made that pictures from these festivals be emailed to him.
11. Katie Giacalone gave an update on the Midlands Regional Carolina Clear Impact Survey. The survey, which measured the perception of personal impact on water quality, ended the previous week with participation from 400 Midlands residents. The results will be broken down by zip code. An executive summary will be available by September/October with a full report in December. Results will be compared with other areas of SC, previous state and national surveys and will be shared with DHEC. The survey will not be done yearly but during each permit cycle to better measure impacts. When asked why the cost was so high (\$12,000) it was explained that costs covered the \$25/call cost, student time, phone bill and calculating the results by professional academics.
12. Announcements of other happenings were made and included-progress of the Lexington Greenways Alliance, the County's upcoming Transit Summit and applications for Leadership Lexington County were being accepted until October 31.
13. Ideas for future speakers was sought and included-Lexington County Public Works to discuss flooding and stormwater problems in Lexington County,

SCE&G's relicensing and their new Cayce facility, Midlands Electric Co-Op's Green Power program.

14. The group voted for the next meeting date to be November 17, 2009 hosted by the City of West Columbia.

## **Presentations**

1. Cary Chamblee with the SC Wildlife Federation made a presentation to the group about the Federation. Currently the Federation is supporting bills S452 (Permitting for surface water withdrawal) and H3603 (public notification of sewer spills greater than 1,000 gals w/in 24 hours). The Federation is also supporting various game hunting bills, adding the right to hunt and fish to the state constitution and full formula funding of the conservation bank.

Sara Green presented information about the various educational programs provided by the Federation for men, women and children.

2. Synithia Williams and Megan Weidner presented the group with information about the proposed Lexington County Green Business Program. A suggestion was made to change the name to Green Workplace to make it more inclusive. A concern about becoming a business when your business does not own the building it's located in was voiced. It was explained that the point system for businesses to become members took that into account so that all business no matter the size or their location within the County could easily become a member.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Addendum: Bill Blackston

After the meeting Quinton Epps, Mulkey came up to me and volunteered to speak to the group on conservation easements and mitigation points if the group would like to hear more on the subject.