



## *Stormwater Education*



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

**July 9, 2008 1:00 PM**

**Lexington County Auxiliary Building**

**Attendees:** See sign in sheets for Consortium member and partners

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Synithia Williams. The agenda and other materials pertaining to the meeting were handed out at registration table. Synithia thanked everyone for coming and welcomed any new members and partners. A special welcome was extended to Katie Giacalone – Clemson Natural Resources (Carolina Clear) Coordinator who has just started her new position.

The minutes were unanimously approved by the group as they were distributed by email and printed copies handed out.

Synithia lead the group to a ratification process of voting on the goal statement for LCSC. It was voted on and unanimously approved. Secondly the same vote process as used to ratify the five objective statements for the LCSC. They were voted on and unanimously approved.

Jondy Lovelace's name was brought as a potential new consortium member "At-Large" to represent Lexington County. Synithia gave a background on her in her absence. She was voted on by the group and unanimously approved as a new member At-Large.

The Strategic Plan was brought forward and members were undated on the new additions of Clemson's Confined Animal Manure Management (Camm), Speakers Bureau, Green Business, Adopt-A-Waterway and discussions took place about what audiences these areas would address and through what tools.

Bill reported on the local happenings since our last LCSC meeting to include the meeting on June 4, 2008 that was an orientation for our future LCSC partners. He indicated that the evaluation remarks were positive and members appreciated learning of LCSC and our direction and the opportunity to be a part of this strategic educational plan.

The 2008 Clemson 4-H2O Pontoon Classroom on Lake Murray was highlighted as a very positive youth educational experience where 20 youth ages 10-12 got a change learn firsthand about water quality issues addressing Lake Murray and local watersheds. One of the more important things brought out about this educational endeavor on top of the youth getting great life changing information is that the partners

that have come to the table to make this event happen have been doing so for over a decade.

Several local media articles have hit the press to include: Clemson Impacts (announcing the LCSC), Lake Murray Columbia Magazine (Rain garden Article), The State several articles, Civic Club Presentation presented by Synithia.

The logo was brought up once again and Bill reminded all members that we are looking for concepts right now for the LCSC logo. All interested persons who would like to work on our logo should let Bill know.

A reintroduction of Katie Giacalone was made to make sure everyone knows that she is now taking over Mr. Cal Sawyers statewide Carolina Clear responsibilities as has now has new responsibilities with the Center for Watershed Excellence.

Bill discussed the need for LCSC to identify festivals located in Lexington County so that we as a group could address the presence at those events. We know that there are a lot of them throughout the year and we will need to prioritize them and seek volunteers to attend the festivals each year within our plan. It was agreed that an email would be distributed so that each member could submit the festivals and events in their area that they felt were most important to attend.

The group discussed the need to have a Training / Workshop on how to use tools such as Enviroscape, Table Top displays a Power Point presentation that would be uniform to our educational message. It was agreed that the next LCSC meeting would start with a one hour workshop and then move into the regular LCSC business meeting.

The new LCSC sign in sheet was once again emphasized that all stormwater education events should be getting the sheets filled out at registration and will be submitted to Bill as we come into the end of the year.

The following educational partners gave presentations as who they are and what they do and how they can fit into our educational efforts and can have value added.

- 1) Bill Marshall – SCDNR – The Lower Saluda Advisory Council
- 2) Christy Rayman and Susan Davis – Lexington Master Gardener Program
- 3) Austin Jenkins - Clemson Master Naturalist Program
- 4) Mary Pat Baldauf – Lexington Recycling

It was agreed by the group that we would look at the joint workshop training and LCSC meeting to be held in during the second or third week of August with the location to be determined. However, the West Columbia Municipal Complex was suggested.

The entire group got together for a couple of pictures with the County LCSC Resolution.