



On Wednesday, August 16th Clemson Extension hosted a Floating Wetland Launch & BMP Tour at the Clemson Sandhill REC. The tour and launch was led by Karen Jackson, Clemson University Cooperative Extension Water Resources Agent. More than 20 homeowners visited several best management practices (BMPs) on the grounds that have been installed over the past two years. These include a rain garden, shoreline buffer, rain barrel irrigation system, and more. Participants then helped to install a variety of native plants into a 60 sq. ft. floating wetland. The native plants that can be found are Iris, Common Rush, Pickerel Weed, Water Hyssop, and Tussock Sedge. Floating wetlands are a management practice used to create wildlife habitat and remove excess nutrients. Although the pond at the Sandhill REC is not impaired in any way, this BMP will serve to educate the public, especially pond owners, on ways to manage stormwater and maintain water quality.

