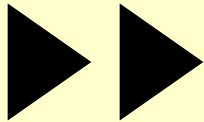


# South Carolina Coastal Information Network



*Providing educational and training opportunities for coastal community officials.*

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# Network History...

- ▶ Formed in 2006 to foster intra-agency coordination and cooperation.
- ▶ Consists of outreach personnel from state and federal agencies, universities, regional governments and private non-profits.

## PURPOSE:

*To maximize the efficient delivery of quality training and educational material to coastal decision-makers, community planners, local officials, and the public.*

# Partners...

- ▶ Ashley-Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium
- ▶ Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
- ▶ Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service
  - ▶ Carolina Clear
- ▶ Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium
- ▶ National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)
  - ▶ ACE Basin NERR – Coastal Training Program
  - ▶ North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR – Coastal Training Program
- ▶ National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
  - ▶ NOAA Coastal Services Center
  - ▶ NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science
- ▶ S.C. Department of Archives and History
- ▶ S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)
  - ▶ SCDHEC-Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM)
  - ▶ SCDHEC-Bureau of Water
- ▶ S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)
- ▶ S.C. Sea Grant Consortium
- ▶ Urban Land Institute South Carolina
- ▶ Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments

# Project Overview...

- ▶ Network partners communicate through a listserv and regularly scheduled meetings.
  - ▶ Meetings held every 2 – 3 months
  - ▶ Guest speakers invited to inform partners of new regional initiatives and projects
- ▶ Creation of a Web site: [www.sccoastalinfo.org](http://www.sccoastalinfo.org)
  - ▶ Introduction to Web site purpose
  - ▶ Web calendar of events
  - ▶ Web portal of resources
  - ▶ List of partners and links

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## Welcome to the South Carolina Coastal Information Network Homepage

The Network emerged as a result of a number of coastal outreach institutions and constituencies working in partnership to enhance coordination of the coastal community outreach efforts in South Carolina. This Web site has been established for the purpose of maximizing the efficient delivery of quality training and educational material to coastal decision-makers, community planners, local officials, and the public. The site provides a calendar of outreach events, links to collaborating partners, and links to event publications for further information. To find out more about the South Carolina Coastal Information Network, contact [Samantha Bruce](#) or [April Turner](#) (843) 953-2078.

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## THE CALENDAR

*search coastal related events*



## CURRENT EVENTS...

- **Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Practices: Design and Installation Demonstrations**  
A seminar to learn about LID strategies, in... [10/28/2008]
- **Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Practices: Design and Installation Demonstrations**  
A seminar to learn about LID

## Participate in Coastal Events

### » Events by Type...

- [Conference](#) (8 events)
- [Meeting](#) (5 events)
- [Public Hearing](#) (2 events)
- [Seminar](#) (?? events)



### » Some Past Events (8)...

- [S.C. Water Resources Conference](#) [10/14/2008]
- [Green Solutions to Pollution](#) [10/1/2008]
- [Section 106 Consultation in South](#)

# Calendar of Events...

## SCCIN Events Calendar, Event Record #125

### The Future of Our Drinking Water

**Date:** February 13, 2008  
**Location:** Bluffton, SC  
**Meta-description:**  
 One of a set of seminars discussing local water resources including sources, present uses, and future demands. This event will take place from 6-8pm at Palmetto Electric, Hwy 278, Bluffton, SC.  
[read more...](#) (see narrative below)  
**Focus Area :** Region: Lowcountry  
**Quarter:** Winter 09 (Jan-Mar)  
**Activity:** Seminar  
**Webpage:**   
**Leading Org:** ACE Basin CTP  
**Contact:** Rebekah Szivak, CTP Coordinator  
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**Publication:** Publication  
  
**Category(s):** Watershed Management  
 Human Health Effects  
 Groundwater Issues  
 Community Development Issues  
 Coastal Saltwater Intrusion  
**Partner(s):** ACE Basin CTP, sercc.com/marine/ACEctp  
**Other Partners:** Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer, Town of Bluffton, Palmetto Bluff Conservancy  
**Audience(s):** State Government  
 Public Works Officials  
 Planners  
 Local Government  
 General Public  
 Federal Government  
 Environmental Orgs  
 Developers/Contractors

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 ies/Fisheries Management,  
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### FEBRUARY, 2008

- The Future of Our Drinking Water**  
 Seminar, Region: Lowcountry [Bluffton, SC], February 13, 2008  
 Category(s): Watershed Management, Human Health Effects, Groundwater Issues, Community Development Issues, Coastal Saltwater Intrusion  
 One of a set of seminars discussing local water resources including sources, present uses, and future demands. This event will take place from 6-8pm at Palmetto Electric, Hwy 278, Bluffton, SC.
- American Planning Association Web Conference: Mastering Density**  
 Seminar, Region: BCD [4-5:30pm, BCDCOG 1362 McMillan #100, N. Charleston, SC 29405], February 13, 2008  
 Category(s): Watershed Management, Human Health Effects, Groundwater Issues, Community Development Issues, Coastal Saltwater Intrusion  
 Conferences provide long-distance training to planners, planning officials, researchers, students, and allied groups. These convenient, easy-to-use programs are delivered straight to your desktop or conference room.
- Master Wildlifer II**

# Web Portal of Resources...

## SCCIN Online Resources, Resource Record #8


### Citizen's Guide to Stormwater Pond Maintenance

*Author:* SCDHEC-OCRM

*Source:* SCDHEC, OCRM

*Description:*

This booklet is intended as a guide for homeowner associations and individual property owners interested in the proper maintenance of stormwater ponds. Photos and descriptions of nuisance aquatic plant species are also presented to aid in the identification and removal of these species.

*URL:*  <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/ocrm/pubs/docs/ponds.pdf>

*Posted:* 4/24/2008

*Category(s):* Community Development Issues  
Stormwater Management  
Stormwater Ponds

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## SOURCES »

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- **A Financial Incentives Guide for South Carolina's Historic Properties**, State Historic Preservation Office  
This spreadsheet provides descriptions of various grant and loan programs that could provide financial assistance to historic properties. Each entry includes contact information, a description...  
 <http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/hpfinancialincent.pdf>
- **Aquatic Weed Control Overview**, Jack M. Whetstone  
 <http://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheets/HGIC1714.htm>
- **Backyard Buffers for the South Carolina Lowcountry**, SCDHEC-OCRM  
This helpful guide assists homeowners establish and maintain proper vegetated buffers along rivers, streams and tidal wetlands. A list of native South Carolina plant species...  
 <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/ocrm/pubs/docs/backyard.pdf>

# Partners Page...

## » Partners...

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### ACE Basin CTP, SC Department of Natural Resources

The Coastal Training Program (CTP) of the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR) serves a diverse community of professionals through services including trainings, workshops, meeting facilitation, and technical assistance. The CTP audience includes elected and appointed officials, local planners, state regulatory staff, engineers, architects, consultants, and others involved in making decisions that influence coastal resources. Some of the topics these groups have identified as priorities include coastal growth and development, storm water management, water resource conservation, habitat protection, and community planning. The CTP shares current science on these topics, increases understanding of the environmental, social and economic consequences of human activities and facilitates coordination between stakeholders. By providing local, science-based information and tools the ACE Basin CTP helps coastal decision makers make more informed and confident decisions for the benefit of ecosystems including human communities.

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### Carolina Clear-Clemson Univ. Cooperative Extension

Carolina Clear is a comprehensive approach developed by Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service to inform and educate communities about water quality, water quantity, and the cumulative effects of stormwater. This statewide water quality program addresses the special significance of South Carolina's water resources and the role they play in the state's economy, environmental health, and overall quality of life. The program is designed to assist communities impacted by a new US Environmental Protection Agency mandate to manage polluted stormwater and any group, industry, or individual committed to natural resource preservation.

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# Outcomes...

- Improved inter- and intra- agency communication.
  - Partners are collaborating on projects to maximize results.
  - Future SCCIN event currently in the planning process.
- Generated interest from similar agencies in other states.
  - North Carolina
  - Maryland
  - Louisiana
- Good press coverage.
- Utilized by students for course projects (e.g., College of Charleston).
- Web site continues to improve, and the number of Network partners continues to grow.
- Increased participation in outreach events sponsored/hosted/conducted by Network members.

# Challenges & Considerations...

- Web site design & organization
  - Hard to anticipate all design features and functions needed when initially developed; required post development changes.
- Funding
  - Web site development, hosting, maintenance, and purchase of domain name(s), etc.
- Keeping the Web site calendar populated with current and upcoming events
  - Small number of Network partners within the S.C. coastal counties.
  - Requires monthly reminders.
- Oversight responsibility
  - Project coordinator responsible for overall coordination (e.g, by nomination or rotating responsibility).
- Keeping Network partners engaged
  - Maintaining and/or increasing member involvement.

# Questions?

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