

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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A Message from the Board...

During **2009**, many “firsts” in the history of the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District were accomplished that included tremendous strides in public relations, conservation education, and community outreach.

From the start, the year began with radio and television interviews as a means to promote District programs, goals, and objectives to an otherwise unaware public. **2009** was also the year in which the District first participated in the SC Envirothon by sponsoring not only 1, but 3 high school teams to attend this competition. During the Teacher's Environmental Workshop, teachers of both school districts were equally combined to form the first consolidated course.

A new partnership was forged during the year with Carolina Clear, a division of Clemson Extension Service, to supplement and improve stormwater education by working with the District, Sumter County, and the City of Sumter to meet and deliver certain educational outreach objectives, as regulated by SC DHEC.

These many accomplishments would not have been possible without the help from our conservation partners, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the SC Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR). In addition to our partners, it is with much enthusiasm that we announce the support, financially and otherwise, received from over 100 Affiliate Members, a record never before met!

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*Board Meetings are regularly scheduled
for 9 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each
month, and are open to the public.*

SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Marc Cribb
Acting Program Coordinator

Out with the Old and in with the New: Organic Farming

—Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

As a result of the 2008 Farm Bill, several provisions were added to USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. In particular, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was adapted to promote the concept of not only going green, but growing green through organic farming. The EQIP program provides financial assistance, as well as technical support, to make environmental and conservation improvements to the land.

The first sign-up period for the “EQIP Initiative for Organic Farming” was May 11-June 30, 2009. Through this initiative, already certified organic farmers or producers

transitioning to organic farming are able to submit an application for cost-sharing funds to improve identifiable resource concerns on their organic farming operation. Of course, all practices under the organic initiative must be maintained as per the regulations required for a commodity to be considered organic as outlined by the National Organic Program (NOP) or certifying agent.

To date, the Sumter County NRCS Field Office has assisted Michael and Sharon Sandlofer with the new organic initiative as they transition to organic farming. This office has also provided assistance to certified organic producers, such as the

Mustafa family. Azeez Mustafa and his son, Shaheed Harris, along with their family, have provided the Sandlofers with helpful information toward a successful organic farming operation.

Not only do the Sandlofers believe in organic farming, but they also enjoy cultivating their land as it was done years ago before the invention of the tractor. Broadcasting his organic seed, Michael Sandlofer uses 3 Percheron Draft horses to help him get the job done. In combination with their “Great American Frontier Show,” the Sandlofers hope to allow an opportunity for the community to experience farming and everyday life as it was during the pioneer days.

If you are transitioning to organic farming or if you are already a certified producer, the organic initiative of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a continuous sign-up program, may be for you. To receive additional information on this and other NRCS programs, please contact the office at (803) 905-7650, Extension 3.



Above: Michael Sandlofer uses plow horses to broadcast organic seed on his farm.

Below: Pictured from left to right is the Mustafa family and the Sandlofer family.



Above: Angel Sams, USDA-NRCS Soil Conservationist, and Michael Sandlofer pictured with Goliath, a Belgian Draft horse used in his frontier show.

On September 15, 2009, the Sumter County NRCS Field Office held an informational meeting at the Sumter North Hope Center for producers wishing to learn more about the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) under the 2008 Farm Bill. As some may remember, a sign-up for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) was held in 2005. Although they carry the same acronym, these programs are not to be confused as being one and the same. The Conservation Security Program provided payments for on-going stewardship through either a 5 or 10-year contract to those farmers and ranchers that were meeting the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations. The new Conservation Stewardship Program encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional practices on their operations. This program, offering 5-year contracts, provides opportunities to both recognize excellent stewards and deliver valuable new conservation. CSP provides participants with two possible types of payments. An annual payment is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing activities. A supplemental payment may be earned by participants receiving an annual payment who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation. To apply for this continuous sign-up program, call or stop by the office to get started on your application.



Angel Sams, Soil Conservationist, speaks with producers interested in the new CSP program during the meeting held at the North Hope Center.

Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP

NRCS News Continued

NRCS & Conservation District Sponsor Alice Drive Student - Teacher Appreciation Day

On Friday, November 20, 2009, eight kindergarten students from Alice Drive Elementary (ADE) School shared the afternoon with the teacher of their choice in an effort to spend quality time outside the classroom.

To help inspire an appreciation for the outdoors, the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District helped sponsor this event by providing hot dogs and marshmallows for roasting, while Louis Jackson, USDA-NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist, provided the location for the afternoon gathering.

The teachers, 7 in all, spent the afternoon with the student or students that selected them as their "favorite teacher of the day" to roast food over a bonfire and fish by the pond. The group had a fun and exciting afternoon, to say the least.

It is clear that the teachers at Alice Drive not only care about their students, but they also help them "fish for excellence."



Above: Alice Drive Elementary School teachers and students stop roasting marshmallows to pose for a group picture.

Bottom Right: Debbie Thomas, ADE Principal, watches her students as they try to catch a fish.



Conservation Education: Learning from the Ground Up



After presenting, Jack Hancock, SC DNR Project WILD Coordinator, allows the rat snake to be held.

I've been teaching for 28 years, and this class is by far the best science class I've ever had.

—1st grade teacher

Being part of this course was one of the best experiences I've had as an educator.

—3rd grade teacher



Above: Participants explore a science kit about electricity.

Below: Students trawl for marine life aboard the E/V Discovery.



School Districts Begin Consolidation Process During Summer Science Course

While students were enjoying their summer this year, some teachers actually became students. This is especially true for 24 elementary teachers from Sumter School Districts 2 & 17.

To gain a jumpstart on the 2011 consolidation, the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District, in partnership with School Districts 2 & 17, offered only one summer course in 2009 to 12 science teachers from each school district.

"Elementary Science for Early and Middle Childhood (1-6) Classrooms," offered consecutively over the last 4 years, continues to prove successful as the 2009 graduates enjoyed the opportunity afforded to them to network across school district lines.

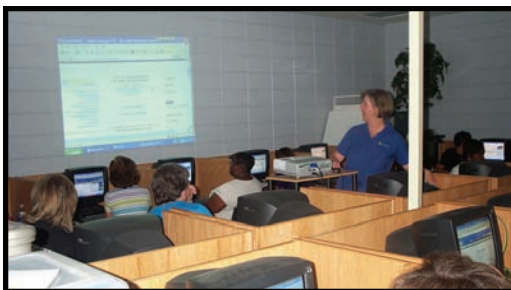
During June 9-22, 2009, at Pocalla Springs Elementary School, the teachers were exposed to a variety of learning experiences, such as Project Learning Tree, Project WILD Aquatic, ETV StreamlineSC, and Diamond Del's Gem Mining Adventure, just to name a few. Along with these learning experiences, each of the teachers received 3 hours of graduate credit from the College of

Charleston or points toward their recertification, a \$300.00 stipend to be used toward classroom materials, a large selection of textbooks, and access to field experts that can be utilized as resources in their science classrooms. The highlight of the course was the field experience to the Edisto Interpretive Center to study barrier islands, salt marshes, and estuaries. During the trip, the group boarded the *Educational Vessel E/V Discovery* for a marine trawl and boat cruise. Afterwards, the group toured the barrier island Botany Bay.

Through the partnership of Sumter County School Districts and the Sumter Conservation District, this action-packed course, provided free of charge, is "chalked" full of teaching strategies for the tool belt of both beginning and veteran teachers.

This year's course was unique in that the teaching philosophies of both school districts were reflected during this course to help ease the transition to a consolidated school district.

Due to the significant increase in elementary science scores countywide, plans for 2010 include the fifth offering of this consolidated course. If you are interested in this program and have questions, please contact the office at (803) 905-7650, Extension 3.



Above Left: Teachers receive ETV StreamlineSC training from Debbie Jarrett that provides resources and interactive tools, free of charge, via the internet that not only engage students, but address school specific science standards. Above right: Charlie Ogg, USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist, uses an auger to show the teachers that the color and texture of soil can easily change from one horizon to another.



Carolina Coastal, Envirothon, and the Institute, Oh my...

Conservation District Sponsors Nine Delegates to Attend Carolina Coastal Adventure

During October 9-11, 2009, nine students attended the Carolina Coastal Adventure as delegates on behalf of the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District. During this annual weekend camp, the students from Crestwood High, Lakewood High, and Sumter High joined other 9th and 10th grade students from across the state to learn about our marine resources and how to keep them thriving.

At the Somerset Facility on Lake Moultrie near Moncks Corner, the students made more than just friends and memories, they actually learned things that will hopefully stay with them throughout life. They discovered native plants that can be used for medicinal purposes, ways to enhance their environment through best management practices to protect water quality, and organisms that determine water quality.

Other activities included canoeing through a swamp, exploring a salt marsh to see the creatures that inhabit the area, listening to Gullah storytelling around a beach bonfire, touring a water/sewer treatment plant to learn how our water is cleaned, and enjoying a boat cruise around the Charleston Harbor from a research vessel while trawling for marine life below. By the end of the weekend, the students left with a greater understanding and appreciation of our water supplies. Not only did they learn to keep our water resources clean for the inhabitants of our world, but water is also important in that it is used to generate electricity.

After touring places like Cypress Gardens, Old Santee Canal State Park, and a steam plant on Lake Moultrie during the day, the students returned at night to camp out by the lake.

Do you know a 9th or 10th grade student that is interested in water quality, water quantity, wildlife, soils, hydrology, fisheries, or ecosystems? If so, this may be the perfect program for that student. Applications are typically released in August. To request sponsorship for this program by the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District, you must call the office to request an application. A \$50.00 deposit must be submitted with the application, and will be returned upon confirmation of attendance.

Sumter High School

Mykayla Booth, 9th grade

Lakewood High School

Kelsey Dunn, 10th grade

Kylie Dunn, 9th grade

Holly York, 10th grade



Lakewood High School FFA

Danny Johnson, 10th grade

Ginger Brotherton, 10th grade

Danielle Hayden, 10th grade

Crestwood High School

Jessica Carr, 10th grade

Alexus Smith, 10th grade

Sumter County Students Participate in SC Conservation District Programs

On May 1, 2009, for the first time, the Sumter Conservation District sponsored 3 teams from Crestwood and Lakewood High Schools, totaling 16 students, to attend the annual SC Envirothon competition.

The Envirothon, a 1-day event, tests the knowledge of high school students from around the state in the areas of wildlife, aquatics,

forestry, soils, and current events. The students rotate through the testing stations, and conclude the event with a group oral presentation.

During June 8-12, 2009, the District sponsored Kandler Boney from Sumter High School to attend the SC Institute for Natural Resource Conservation (SCINRC) at Lander University. This weeklong pro-

gram is a hands-on conservation opportunity for 11th and 12th grade students to earn 1 hour of college credit with the potential to earn college scholarships.

For more information on these programs, please contact the District office.



Students identify leaves at the forestry station during the 2009 SC Envirothon.

EARTH DAY

On Saturday, April 26, 2009, the Sumter Conservation District joined nearly 30 other exhibitors to support the City of Sumter in their endeavor to introduce Sustainable Sumter to the community during the first-ever Earth Day Celebration.

The Sustainable Sumter Initiative is a long-term strategy introduced by the City of Sumter to focus on community-wide energy conservation, reduced carbon emissions, climate change remediation, as well as smarter, "greener" development.



Left to Right: Rebekah Davis and Travis Dyer, students from Crestwood High, volunteer to help the Conservation District during the city's Earth Day Celebration by giving EnviroScape demonstrations.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead

well as their newly installed rain garden designed to catch the stormwater runoff that washes over a parking area and fueling station used for county vehicles. The idea of a rain garden is to contain the runoff, allowing time for the pollutants to

active model, the Sumter Conservation District was able to address best management practices that can be utilized to help prevent stormwater pollution.

There were also several displays from the local schools, including Lakewood High School FFA, Oakland Primary School, and Hillcrest Middle School, to name a few. To promote hands-on learning, Hillcrest Middle School hosted an interactive display of solar-powered cars made by their students. This project was prompted by the recent installation of a solar panel at Hillcrest from Black River Electric Cooperative and Santee Cooper to educate the students on the potential for solar power in our area.

This was a fun, successful family event with music, entertainment, food, and learning. Much of the music and entertainment was provided by Sumter County School District 2. Who knew learning could be so much fun?



infiltrate the soil as opposed to our rivers and streams.

As administrators of the Stormwater Management & Sediment Control Program (SWMSCP), the District used an EnviroScape to demonstrate the cause and effect of stormwater pollution. The EnviroScape allows children and adults to see how stormwater can be negatively impacted during a storm event. Through this inter-



Children get involved in the celebration by helping to replicate a storm event with the use of spray bottles, Kool-Aid, and an EnviroScape model. Once moistened, the Kool-Aid, which represents chemicals, pesticides, fertilizer, sediment, pet waste, and soil, drains downhill into the main body of water on the model. The kids were able to see how easily our stormwater runoff can become polluted by using excess amounts of toxic materials, poor habits, and the lack of best management practices.



Each year, the Sumter County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Sumter Conservation District participate in the Sumter County Fair by co-sponsoring an exhibit in the Agricultural Building.

During September 29 - October 3, 2009, passersby learned about "Soil 101." Geared toward children, this exhibit explained the components of a soil profile, which consist of various soil layers called horizons.

Each of these layers has a purpose. For instance, "Horizon O," typically the first layer, contains a high percentage of organic matter that includes decaying plant and animal tissue. This horizon is not present in all profiles, and certainly not, in Sumter County.

The next layer, "Horizon A," is referred to as the topsoil that is dark in characteristic and comprised of mineral material located at or near the surface. The horizon containing mostly mineral material is considered to be the master horizon. As is the case in Sumter County, the Horizon A is not only the first layer, but the master horizon.

"Horizon B" is the subsoil with mineral layers containing traces of clay, iron, aluminum, and even organic material carried by rainwater from Horizon A to Horizon B. Due to very little organic matter, also known as humus, plant roots are not able to penetrate through the subsoil as easily. This horizon is typically brownish or red in color from the clay and iron deposits received from Horizon A.

"Horizon C" may contain lumps or more likely large shelves of un-weathered rock with a lack of color development.

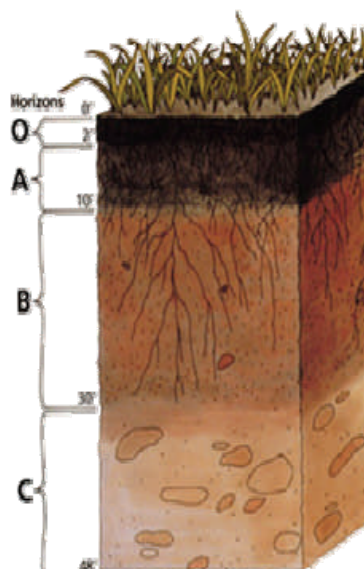
Bedrock or "Horizon R" is the final layer that can include granite, quartzite, limestone, or sandstone.

Not only did the display focus on the composition of soil, it also addressed the importance of farmers to practice "soil saving" techniques to prevent soil erosion. A farmer can plant trees or shrubs to keep the wind from blowing the soil away. Grass or a cover crop can also be planted to save the soil from wind and water.

The exhibit also cleared up the misconception behind dirt and soil. Is dirt the same as soil? No, dirt is what gets on our clothes or underneath our fingernails. Although dirt and soil may look the same, there is a big difference, and now you know why!



Outreach Continued



Why transition to no-till farming?

Although no-till farming has been around since the 1960's, interest in this type of farming has never increased as it has in recent years. No-till farming helps reduce erosion of the topsoil from cropland, reduce the need for irrigation, less labor for farmers, and increased soil quality. Without the mechanical churning of soil between crops, agricultural wastes are left on top of the soil, where they decompose more slowly. The intact soil suffers far less erosion, retaining more nutrients. Less tillage of the soil reduces labor, fuel, and machinery costs for farmers, helping to put more money back into their pockets. The downside to this concept is the expense incurred to farmers to purchase the equipment needed to perform no-till farming. The Sumter Conservation District has the solution. Rent the District's no-till drill at \$7.00 per acre with a \$60.00 non-refundable deposit. In 2009, no-till conservation was applied to approximately 100 acres of Sumter County with the use of the District's no-till drill. Call today to reserve the drill for your farming operation!

Carolina Clear makes a Splash with Stormwater Efforts Throughout the Community

As a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) since September of 2007, Sumter County, the City of Sumter, and the Sumter Conservation District became responsible for meeting certain requirements as regulated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC).

One such component is stormwater education and outreach. To help with this objective, Sumter County and the City of Sumter hired Carolina Clear, a division of Clemson Extension Service.

Carolina Clear, developed by Clemson University, is an approach to inform and educate communities about water quality, water quantity, and the effects of stormwater.

Since MS4, counties, and cities were greatly impacted by the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate to manage water pollution, Carolina Clear became the primary agency to help with these stringent regulations and requirements.

The first official partnership meeting of the Sumter Stormwater Con-

sortium was held on May 11, 2009. This meeting included the key players, such as Carolina Clear, the City of Sumter, and Sumter County, along with education partners from the surrounding community. The education partners include BP Barber, Santee Riverkeeper, the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Sumter County Master Gardeners Association.

Coordinated by Carolina Clear Natural Resources Agent Mary Nevins, these meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis to determine and outline the stormwater education efforts needed in Sumter County.

Since the first meeting, several projects have already been organized to target the majority of stormwater audiences.

In June, during the Teacher's Environmental Workshop of the Sumter Conservation District, Mary Nevins spent an afternoon with Sumter area teachers presenting 2 hands-on lessons targeted for Kindergarten - 6th grade students that can be incorporated into their teaching to introduce their students to

non-point source stormwater pollution.

On August 21, 2009, a rain barrel workshop was arranged at no cost for the residents of Sumter County to build their own rain barrel to reduce stormwater runoff, conserve water, and save money. Twenty homeowners left that day with their own rain barrel to use to hold rainwater that would normally wash across lawns and roads, carrying pollutants to streams and rivers. This "recycled" water can be used to water flowerbeds, wash cars, and for many other household uses.

The Sumter Stormwater Consortium now operates as "Sumter Stormwater Solutions" to enhance water resource protection and stewardship through education, public involvement, and partnerships.

For more information on Sumter stormwater activities for homeowners, students, teachers, contractors, developers, engineers, etc., please visit Sumter Stormwater Solutions at http://www.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/consortiums/sumter_home/.



Left: With an EnviroScape, Mary Nevins discusses stormwater pollution during the Teacher's Environmental Workshop.



Above Right: Carolina Clear displays an exhibit in the Agricultural Building during the Sumter County Fair.



Below Right: Sumter County homeowners build rain barrels at Sumter County Public Works to hold stormwater runoff.

Stormwater Basics Workshop

—Pearce L. Atkins, P.E., Stormwater Program Director



On December 1, 2009, the Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District, the Sumter County Public Works Department, and the South Carolina Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society hosted a Stormwater Basics Workshop.

This event was held at the county's sheriff department training center on North Main Street in Sumter. The workshop began with a welcome from Mr. William Noonan, Sumter County Administrator. Technical topics were presented by Bobby McGee, USDA-NRCS Resource Conservationist; Peter Wilson, PhD, PE, Sumter County Engineer; and Pearce Atkins, PE, Stormwater Program Director of the Sumter Conservation District.

The morning classroom session was followed by an afternoon field demonstration of the installation of basic stormwater controls that would be seen on construction sites.

Over 60 people were in attendance during this event with representatives from Richland County, Lexington County, Sumter Department of Transportation (DOT), and the City of Columbia. In addition, there were a number of engineers, contractors, construction inspectors, and local building department personnel present during this workshop. For more information regarding this workshop, and others to be offered in the future, please contact the office at (803) 905-7650, Extension 3.



"The Stormwater Basics Workshop was a well-planned, well-attended educational workshop on the basic fundamentals for controlling erosion and sedimentation. The hands-on demonstrational session in the afternoon was excellent. I heard many positive comments from those attending."

—Hugh Caldwell
Richland County



"This was a very valuable workshop for those in the construction industry because it covered the basic steps that are so often overlooked in other trainings, such as the correct way to install a silt fence. By putting into practice what they learned, the workshop participants will greatly reduce the sediment and pollution coming from their sites."

—Mary Nevins
Clemson Carolina Clear



1. Marston Plantation



2. Edgehill Plantation

Sumter Conservation District Affiliate Members Tour Historic Stateburg Home Sites

As part of the Affiliate Membership Program, the Sumter Conservation District sponsored a tour of Marston Plantation, Edgehill Plantation, and the Ruins of Sans Souci for the 2009 Affiliate Tour.

Held on October 8, 2009, the tour began at Marston Plantation with a perfect backdrop of blue sky and sunshine, as opposed to the rain shower that occurred during last year's tour. The enthusiasm from the community to attend Marston and Edgehill Plantations was overwhelming. There were at least 80 members in attendance, creating quite a challenge for the District staff. In order to accommodate the large group, the members were divided into 3 groups of approximately 25.

After the first group toured Marston Plantation, that group was escorted to Edgehill Plantation, and then to Sans Souci Farms for a tour of the old home site. After touring all of the home sites, the Affiliate Members were invited to the pavilion at Sans Souci Farms for a reception with light refreshments. As the sun began to set, the last group arrived at the pavilion just in time to see the magnificent rolling hills of Stateburg at dusk.

As slots for the 2010 Affiliate Tour are limited, you may want to complete the below membership form soon to ensure that your seat is reserved.

Individual Members:

Wilson & Jenelle Amerson; Mrs. Jimmie Anderson; Margaret D. "Possie" Atkinson; Tomasyne Barrineau; Evelyn Bradford; Miriam Bridges; Randy & Carol Brown; Robert & Lynda Burress; Alvis & Marge Bynum; Allene Compton; Stephanie "Missy" Davis; Stan & Pat DuBose; John & Jennie Linn Duffie; Skip & Deborah DuRant; H. C. Edens, Jr.; Richard & Fair Edmunds; Jule E. Eldridge, Jr.; Eileene Evatt; Ron & Karen Galloway; Rhoda Hair; Jane DuBose Hart; Polly Hess; Francis & Joanne Hill; Marie Hill; Brenda Wertz Holloway; Geraldine Ingersoll; Mary Wayne James; Gertrude F. M. Keith; Helen B. King-Brookes; Kathleen Kreklau; Dick Lee; Ralph & Virginia Lee; Wedrell & Helen Lee; Dr. Wendell Levi, Jr.; Michael McGinnis; BG (Retired) Hugh McLaurin, III; John & Sarah Mikell; Cynthia Parker; Steve & Jan Powell; Jeanne Price; Jane Privette; Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Rettke; Rogers Reynolds; Patsy Hatcher Rogerson; James Hugh & Janet Ryan; Cheryl Schmeling; Glen Sharp; Mary Lou Simmons; Marlene Stilwell; Porter & Patty Thompson; Nancy Thompson; Richard & Gail Turnmeyer; W. Burke Watson; Donna Weldon; Howard E. Whitehead, Sr.; Dea Wilder; Drefus, Irene, & Dre'Anna Williams; David Winkles, Jr.

Corporate Members:

A & P Recycling Company; Air Filter Service Company, Inc.; Black River Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Cedars Medical Clinic, PA; Dennis Construction, Inc.; DuRant Farms; Frasier Tire Service, Inc.; Garnay, Inc.; Gibbs Crest Farms; High Hills Rural Water Company, Inc.; James, DuRant, Matthews & Shelley, Inc.; Joe Singleton Company, Inc.; Lynam Construction, LLC; Macdonald & Sons Farm, Inc.; McIntosh Brothers Farm; Meadowcroft, Inc.; Newman Construction, Inc.; Piggly Wiggly Central, Inc.; Prudential / John M. Brabham Real Estate; Rivers Farms; Russell & Jeffcoat Realtors, Inc.; SAFE Federal Credit Union; Schwartz, McLeod, DuRant & Jordan; Sifco Mechanical, Inc.; Summit Realty & Development, Inc.; Sumter County Farm Bureau; Sumter County Government; Sumter Transport Company; The National Bank of South Carolina; WGK Farms; Willard Farms



3. The Ruins of Sans Souci

The Sumter Soil & Water Conservation District and the USDA-NRCS prohibit discrimination in all programs and activities on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or familial status.

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Individual Membership, \$15.00 per person # _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

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Corporate Membership, \$100.00 yearly



2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY

19 SC Chapter Soil & Water
Conservation Society Symposium: *Farming
Naturally—Going Green by Growing Green*

20 - 21 SCACD Joint Conservation
Partnership Conference
([Hilton Head, South Carolina](#))

22 Registration Deadline for Coaches'
Envirothon Training Workshop

FEBRUARY

(February - April) Applications to
be accepted for the SC Institute
for Natural Resource Conservation
(SCINRC), a week-long summer youth
workshop held at Lander University
for 11th & 12th grade students

Registration Deadline for
Sportswomen of Sumter Workshop

6 Coaches' Envirothon Training Workshop
([Sandhill Center, Columbia, South Carolina](#))

MARCH

15 SC Chapter Soil & Water

Conservation Society Scholarship
Application Deadline

20 - 21 Sportswomen of Sumter Workshop

APRIL

Application Deadline for SCINRC

2 Envirothon Team Registration Deadline

22 Earth Day

30 National Arbor Day

MAY

7 SC Envirothon Competition

([Scholarship Opportunity](#))

JUNE

8 - 21 3-week Teacher's Environmental
Workshop at Pocalla Springs Elementary
School for Sumter School Districts 2 & 17
Course Title: *Elementary Science for Early &*

Middle Childhood (1 - 6) Classrooms

Course Instructor: *Bill Austin*

Course Hours: 8, 6-hour days

For more information, please contact the
office at (803) 905-7650, extension 3.

SC Institute for Natural
Resource Conservation (SCINRC)
([Scholarship Opportunity](#))

AUGUST

16 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

September 26 - October 2 Fair Exhibit
in the Sumter County Ag Building

OCTOBER

1 Application Deadline for
USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Programs

Affiliate Tour of a Local Historical Plantation

Annual Farm Tour

Carolina Coastal Adventure (CCA), a weekend
workshop held in Moncks Corner for 9th & 10th
graders to learn about our aquatic resources

NOVEMBER

15 America Recycles Day

DECEMBER

3 SC Arbor Day