

# The Conservation Corner

Newsletter of the Charleston, S. C. Soil and Water Conservation District

2015 Annual Report



Charleston Conservation District

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### Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner General Election Process

The General Election was held on November 4, 2014. Charleston Conservation District had two positions up for election. **The results of the Commissioner elections were Kathy Woolsey (re-elected), and Ford Walpole, newly elected, who took the oath of office in January of 2015. We would like to thank John Kozma, outgoing commissioner, for his volunteer time with our board. We would like to congratulate and welcome both Kathy and Ford to our Board! We have a great board who devotes many volunteer hours to the mission of the District. See below District Commissioner duties:**

#### An overview, and opportunities associated with a District Commissioner position are:

A district commissioner is an appointed or nonpartisan elected member of the governing body of a Conservation District. The conservation district is managed by a five member board. Conservation District Commissioners are non-salaried officials that **serve 4-year terms** and volunteer countless hours promoting soil and water conservation in Charleston County.

In taking the Oath of Office, a commissioner commits to exercising the rights and responsibilities of duties as spelled out in the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law, 48-9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. This law charges Conservation Districts Commissioners with the responsibility of providing first-line leadership in developing and implementing plans to meet conservation needs.

#### Duties of a Conservation District Commissioner are not limited to:

**Be** familiar with the state law, **Identify** conservation needs and assist with the planning to address these needs. **Determine** funding needs and find sources of funds to meet the conservation needs. **Keep** the public informed of conservation programs. **Stay** abreast of conservation issues and promote natural resource management. **Evaluate** Natural Resource Management Programs. **Plan and direct** conservation programs, **Assign priorities to resource development and gather information on natural resource issues. Through partnerships with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), technical, administrative, and financial assistance is provided through the conservation districts.**

#### Time Required:

Attend 12 regularly scheduled district board meetings per year, additional events of the conservation district, SC Association of Conservation Districts, State and Federal conservation agencies.

#### Salary:

This is a voluntary position without pay. **SEE Elected Commissioners next page....**

#### District Commissioners

William S. Simpson, III—Chairman  
John H. Smoak—Vice-Chair  
M.F. “Mickey” Floyd—Treasurer  
Ford Walpole  
Kathy Woolsey

#### Associate Commissioners

Hal Hanvey  
Brian Celek  
Barbara Neale

#### Emeritus Commissioners

W.C. Geraty  
William C. Kennerty  
Raymond L. Tumbleston

#### Staff

Debbie Eckard, District Manager  
Lisa Hajjar, 319 Grant Project Manager

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#### Our Mission:

To preserve and enhance water quality,  
working farms, natural areas,  
and wildlife through locally-led  
conservation efforts

## 2015 ELECTION RESULTS –FORD WALPOLE AND KATHY WOOLSEY

### Ford Walpole—Newly Elected Commissioner

Charleston Conservation District would like to welcome Ford Walpole to our District Board. Ford was sworn in at the Partnership Conference in Columbia, SC on February 24, 2015.

Ford Walpole grew up on a John's Island vegetable and grain farm. He graduated from Bishop England High School and earned a BA and MA from Clemson University. He teaches English full-time at James Island Charter High School; in addition, Ford teaches evening courses in English at the College of Charleston and Charleston Southern. Ford also frequently publishes articles on the outdoors and history.

Ford is married to English Rast Walpole, who teaches at Stiles Point Elementary School. They have two children: English Calhoun (14) and Ned (12). They live on John's Island, where they have chickens, sheep, and dogs. The family enjoys, camping, hunting, kayaking, fishing, and reading.

We are happy to welcome Ford Walpole to our board. His education background will be a great asset with our education outreach!

**Congratulations Ford!**



*Ford Walpole, newly elected Commissioner, was sworn in at the Annual Partnership Conference by Marc Cribb, SC DNR District*

### Kathy Woolsey—Re-Elected District Commissioner

Kathy Woolsey, a resident of James Island, is married to Dr. Bill Woolsey, Economics Professor, The Citadel, and Mayor of James Island. They have two sons, William and Andrew.

Kathy has been a Commissioner on the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District Board beginning in January of 1999 and was just re-elected in the January 15, 2015 general election.

**Other memberships involved in are listed below:**

- Garden Writer for the James Island Messenger
- Garden Curator of Cypress Gardens since 1996-2015
- President of Camellia Garden Club of Greater Charleston
- Vice President Lowcountry Fruit Growers Society
- National Accredited Flower Show Judge - Retired
- Hobbies include: Photography, Bird Watching, and visiting National Parks.
- B.S. Horticulture – Va. Tech
- Member of Charleston Lowcountry Rose Society, Coastal Carolina Camellia Society, Audubon Society
- Commissioner- Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District



*Kathy Woolsey, Re-Elected Commissioner to the Charleston Conservation District Board.*

**Congratulations Kathy!** Kathy's background in Horticulture continues to be an asset to the District!

Charleston Conservation District would like to thank Kathy for her ongoing support of the District!



## 319 Toogoodoo Grant Ends—District honors Septic Contractors and Department of Health and Environmental Control for their hard work

The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District hosted the **Annual Conservation Awards Recognition Dinner on June 2, 2015 at the Ft. Johnson DNR Marine Center Outdoor Classroom**. With the Toogoodoo Creek Watershed Grant coming to an end, the District chose to honor the septic contractors and DHEC consultants who have helped the District for the past 8 years with our 319 Water Quality Grants in both the Sewee and Toogoodoo Watersheds. The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank Septic Contractors, Harry and Cindy Wilson of A-1 Services, Sam Brown of B2 Unlimited, LLC, Michael Knight and Brandon Stephens of Knight's Septic Tank and our DHEC Consultant, Richard Threat, of the SC Department of Health & Environmental Control for their professional septic and conservation water quality services given to our commitment to reduce the bacteria levels in the creeks and water sources of the towns of Hollywood and Meggett. Mr. Simpson, Chairman, along with Lisa Hajjar, Grant Project Manager, thanked them for the many hours of hard work that they devoted to these grants and for their combined contributions to the improvement of homeowners lives in these watersheds, who were fortunate enough to have their failing septic tanks replaced through the use of 319 federal funds delegated for these watersheds. **THANK YOU** to our grant partners and everyone who made this grant a success! *Continued on next page..*



**Left:** Lisa Hajjar, Grant Project Manager, thanks B2 Unlimited, LLC, (Sam Brown & Sons) A-1 Services, (Harry Wilson) and DHEC Consultant, Richard Threat, for their years of excellent work on the 319 grants. Contractors Michael Knight and Brandon Stephens of Knight's Septic Tank, were unable to attend. We would also would like to thank both of them!

**Right:** DHEC Consultant Richard L. Threat, Jr. accepts award on behalf of the District.

**Middle Left:** Sam Brown's Sons, Shawn and Shamar Brown, of B2 Unlimited, LLC, accept award in their father's absence.

**Below Right:** Harry Wilson (A-1 Services), accepts award from Chairman, Bill Simpson. L-R: Shonda Vick, Cindy and Harry Wilson



**Left,** Mr. Simpson, honored both **Lisa Hajjar, Grant Manager,** and **Debbie Eckard, District Manager,** by presenting them with beautiful prints for their many hours of hard work and years of devotion given to both 319 Federal Water Quality Grants in the **SEWE AND TOOGOODOO CREEK WATERSHEDS.**

With the Toogoodoo Grant coming to an end, Mr. Simpson thanked Lisa Hajjar for her great management of both grants and wished her the best in her future endeavors. He also thanked Debbie for her excellent administrative management of the grant funds. **Both Lisa and Debbie thanked the District for honoring them in this very special way!**

## Continued.. 319 TOOGOODOO CREEK WATERSHED GRANT ENDS in the Towns of Hollywood and Meggett

**Our Grant.** The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District is at the end of a three-year grant in which The Charleston Conservation District worked hard to improve water quality in the Toogoodoo Creek Watershed.

### In the last three years we have:

- Replaced 45 failing septic systems where harmful bacteria and viruses were polluting the watershed.
- Educated residents in workshops and festivals on how to properly take care of their new systems so they last for years to come. ***Stop by your Hollywood and Meggett Town Hall to pick up a Can the Grease lid to save your septic and sewer lines from kitchen grease.***
- Held a Pasture Improvement & Management workshop for cattle and horse owners on how to improve pastures, protect the waterways from animal manure, and improve the health of the animals too.
- Participated in an oyster reef build in Toogoodoo Creek because oysters help improve water quality; Roxbury Park volunteers built a second reef near the park. Please visit Roxbury Park to see the Our Connected Coast sign that illustrates how your actions on land can impact water quality.

**The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District thanks our Grant Project Partners for their participation and contributions and our septic contractors for their excellent service:**

- Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG)
- Charleston County
- Clemson Cooperative Extension
- Rural Mission
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC)
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR)
- Town of Hollywood
- Town of Meggett
- Trident Technical College, St. Paul's Parish Campus
- US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)
- A-1 Septic Services
- B2 Unlimited, LLC
- Knight's Septic Tank

***This project was funded wholly or in part by the US EPA under a Section 319 Grant through the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC).***



**Thank you to the Town of Hollywood**  
for their partnership support on our grant.

*L-R: Lisa Hajjar, Grant Manager;  
Beth Carpenter, Mayor's Assistant,  
Bill Simpson, District Chairman;  
Ed Holton, Town Planner/Zoning  
Administrator; and Debbie Eckard,*



**Our Final Wastewater Committee Meeting**  
with our local, non-profit and state partners.  
**A big thanks to Trident Technical College**  
**and Rose Manigault, Site Coordinator,** for  
allowing the District to hold their committee  
meetings at Hollywood Trident College.



**Our Connected Coast Sign at Roxbury Park**  
installed through 319 Federal Grant Funds.

*L-R: Lisa Hajjar, Grant Project Manager,  
Andy Miller, DHEC  
Debbie Eckard, District Manager  
Kathy Woolsey, Commissioner  
William S. Simpson, Chairman, and  
John Smoak, Vice Chairman*



## 2015 Poster/Essay Contest Winners "Local Heroes, Your Hardworking Pollinators"



Ms. Terry Hartnett's **Kindergarten Class Winners**  
Montessori Community School of Charleston

Thanks to all the schools who participated in our Pollinator's poster and essay contest! Did you know that bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, hummingbirds and bats are pollinators? We had fun learning about the benefits of pollinators and their contributions to us!



**First Grade Poster Winner**—Montessori Community School—Teachers: Ms. Prorise and Ms. Gately



Alyson Trucksis—**2nd Grade Class Winners**  
Belle Hall Elementary School



Scout Leader Jim Hill's **2nd Grade Scouts Most Creative Poster** -Cub Scout Pack707  
*Bat Man Protects the Pollinators!*



Along with the Poster contest, the Cub Scouts planted a pollinator garden as part of their project.

*See page 6 for more details!*



Connie Goodale's **3rd Grade Class Winners**  
Belle Hall Elementary School



Linda Koester's **3rd Grade Class Winners**  
Belle Hall Elementary School

### **4th Grade Poster Winner**

**Mr. Sherrill's 4th Grade Class, Montessori Community School**  
Ashlee Newton, Teacher, Presented the Award in Mr. Sherrill's absence.  
Congratulations to this class!  
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## ESSAYS!

### **5th Grade Essay Winner**

Alex G. Gonzalez  
Hunley Park Elem. School

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Congratulations!



**7th Grade Essay Winner**  
Camila Carrillo  
Montessori Community School  
Teacher, Ms. Lovelace



**8th Grade Essay Winner**  
Saleema El-Admin  
(not present)  
Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science



**9th Grade Essay Winner**  
Adam Pemberton  
Lowcountry Leadership  
Charter School  
Teacher, Ms. June Lowry



## 2015 CONSERVATION RECOGNITION AWARD'S DINNER



**Best Conservation "Pollinator" Poster**  
**First Grade Class**  
**Montessori Community School**  
**Teachers, Robin Prosis & Cynthia Gately**



**Best Conservation "Pollinator" Essay**  
**7th Grader Camila Carrillo,**  
**Teacher, Ms. Lynne Lovelace**  
**Montessori Community School**



**2015 "Most Creative Pollinator Poster"**  
**Cub Scout Pack 707 - 2nd Graders**  
**Scout Leader—Mr. Jim Hill**  
**See Cub Scout Pollinator Planting**  
**Project Below!**

### Cynthia Gately—2015 Conservation Teacher of the Year



**2015 "Conservation Teacher Award"**  
**Ms. Cynthia Gately, 1st Grade Teacher**  
**Montessori Community School**

**Cynthia Gately** is a science liaison and first-third grade teacher at Montessori Community School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Sciences from Auburn University and a Master's of Education from the State University of New York at Brockport. She is a member of the American Montessori Society and in the early stages of earning Gifted and Talented endorsement through the College of Charleston.

Included in her conservation efforts are her works as a Peace Corp volunteer in Guatemala, relocating gopher tortoises in Conecuh National Forest, and initiating a battery recycling program in Mt. Pleasant. **Congratulations Cynthia!**

### AWARDS RECOGNITION DINNER

Each year the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District hosts an **Environmental Conservation Recognition Awards Dinner** to honor the top educators and conservationists in Charleston County.

It is a pleasure to honor our local educators, students, and farmers-landowners who have a passion for the preservation of our natural resources.

Your school can also be a conservationist. Our education programs can be seen at our website. Check us out!



### NRCS SPONSORS POLLINATOR PLANTS FOR CUB SCOUT PACK

Along with participating in the District's **"Local Heroes Your Hardworking Pollinators"** Poster Contest, these scouts also planted seedlings donated through (NRCS), Natural Resources Conservation Service. Lori Bataller, District Conservationist, suggested that they participate in the Pollinator Contest in conjunction with their service project. These 2nd grade scouts have been working on their World Wildlife Conservation Award. The scouts chose to illustrate these topics for their poster: **Who are the Pollinators and What are the threats to Pollinators?** The poster reflects a can of pesticide with a skull and crossbones which represents the threats. Bat Man was chosen to represent the Cub Scouts as they try to protect the pollinators. Bat Man's hand is outstretched in the stop gesture. Not only did their poster get selected as the **MOST CREATIVE POSTER**, but as you can see from their plantings, their pollinator plants also flourished!

**GREAT JOB AND CONGRATULATIONS SCOUT PACK 707!**



### SCIENCE FAIR SPONSORSHIP RECIPE

Each year the Charleston District proudly sponsors and judges students' projects from all over Charleston County whose projects demonstrate excellence in the Environmental Category of the Lowcountry Hall of Science & Math Science Fair. Charleston Conservation District Commissioners, **Bill Simpson and Mickey Floyd**, judged and selected the Conservation projects that represented the **Environmental Earth Science Area Category**.

*District Monetary Awards were given out to top winners in the Junior & Senior Divisions.  
See winners pg. 11*



### ARBOR DAY PROGRAM

The District sponsored **Edward A. Burns Elem. School**, December 4th, for an Arbor Day event with Fourth Grade Foresters USA. Debbie Eckard, "**Twiggy the Tree**," presented each fourth grade student with a tree to plant at home. A short program was given to about 135 fourth graders to talk about the value of trees to the environment. Arbor Day is always the first Friday in December for South Carolina. It was a great day with Edward A. Burns Elem. School students! Plant a Tree at your school!

*See Students photo on page 11*



### CAMP WILDWOOD SPONSORSHIP

The District sponsored **Dylan Suggs, James Island Charter HS**, to attend Camp Wildwood, held June 12-17, at Kings Mountain State Park, SC. This outdoor camp provides HS students with the "Knowledge and Appreciation" needed to protect our natural resources. The Charleston Conservation District is proud to sponsor students for this outstanding camp! *See photo on page 11*

### ASHLEY SCENIC RIVER COUNCIL

Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District is a member of the Ashley Scenic River Advisory Council and a co-sponsor of previous annual events. This Council was formed in 1999 and was created according to the Scenic River Act to assist and advise the SCDNR in protection and management of the scenic river. The leadership is driven by the local advisory council. Council meetings are monthly at the Dorchester Library on Dorchester Road. Water Quality issues and storm water runoff are at the heart of the Council's concerns. Focus is always to bring more attention to the care and restoration of the Ashley Scenic River. *Let's keep our Ashley River clean!*

### S. C. ENVIROTHON

The District is a sponsor of the annual Envirothon competition for high school students which cultivates a passion for environmental science and conservation policy by testing in the areas of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and this year's topic: "**Urban/Community Forestry**." The competition was held Friday, May 1st at Sandhill Research Education Center in Columbia, SC.



*Over \$85,000 has been awarded toward students pursuing their college education. Spartanburg Day School took top honors, Dorman High School placed second, and Spartanburg HS was in third place.*

### LEGISLATIVE DINNER

The SC Association of Conservation Districts held its annual Legislative Dinner, February 23rd at Seawell's in combination with the Partnership Conference in Columbia. Charleston District along with other representatives from Conservation Districts around the state gathered to recognize Legislators for their efforts in the area of Natural Resource Conservation. About 300 people attended the event. Legislators were also able to speak to Districts about their concerns and budget needs to lobby for their continued conservation programs and outreach needed in our counties. 2015 Awards below:

**Legislative Appreciation Awards were:**

**Senator Katrina Frye and**

**Representative Roger K. Kirby**

### CATR FARMS EASEMENT REVIEW

Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to hold the Conservation Easement on **CATR Farms**. This easement was signed into place December, 2009. The purpose of this easement is to protect and preserve the Conservation Values; To prevent any use or activity that will impair the Conservation Values; and To allow the continuation of historic and traditional uses and activities as well as limited uses that would not impair or degrade the Conservation Values. *See Photo page 12*

### GARDEN CLUBS

"**Backyard Conservation**" is a program that is available to garden clubs and other civic organizations throughout Charleston County. This program focuses on ways to incorporate **backyard conservation** measures in your yard. **Topics such as composting, native species planting, trees, pollinators, and attracting wildlife to your yard are highlighted.** If you are interested in scheduling a program, you can **contact Debbie at 843-727-4160 x 3.**



## MATH & SCIENCE FAIR AT EAGLENEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District was asked to participate in a Math & Science Fair event at **Eaglenest Elementary School, Thursday, March 5th, 2015**. This was a night event from 6-7:30 pm which allowed parents and guests to attend and interact with teachers and environmental agencies who promote conservation outreach. This event gave a snapshot view of the outreach programs that this school promotes to their students.

Debbie Eckard, Grant Manager, and Lori Bataller, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a Coastal Watershed Enviroscope display setup for the students to see and interact with. This display is a hands-on model that allows children to visualize their neighborhood "watershed" and learn more about pollution and stormwater runoff. Both Lori and Debbie gave model demonstrations to a great group of parents and their students that night! **A big thanks to Eaglenest Elementary School for inviting the District to participate!**



*Lori Bataller demonstrates watershed model to students and parents.*



*Debbie Eckard & Lori Bataller set up Enviroscope Model for parents, teachers, & students!*

## SOUTHEASTERN WILDLIFE EXPO

The annual Southeastern Wildlife Expo was held February 15-17th at Marion Square in downtown Charleston. The District sponsored a booth to display various resources, both education and technical, to Lowcountry citizens interested in conservation of our natural resources. This year's display was a Pollinator exhibit that encouraged local conservationists to learn the benefits of pollinators for crops. Pollinator posters, along with many other education handouts were given to interested folks. Charleston District/NRCS staff had an opportunity to interact with fellow conservationists to learn more about our programs!



*Above: Commissioner John Smoak assists locals with District Program information.*



*Above right: Lori Bataller, NRCS, and Debbie Eckard, District Manager, volunteer at SEWE.*



*Right: SEWE event always a great event for all!*

## CHARLESTON COUNTY EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Charleston County hosted it's annual Earthday Festival on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Riverfront Park. **This Year's Theme was "Protect Our Planet, Conserve Resources."** The festival is a hands-on science-based interactive experience, designed to encourage participants of all ages to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues. Earth Day was established in 1970 and is now celebrated by a half-billion people around the world. **This event focuses on environmental Stormwater and Water Quality management practices.** The District set up a coastal watershed model called the enviroscape for kids of all ages to have a hands-on learning experience about our watershed. Handouts were available to all on septic care, how to keep your water clean handouts, along with plenty of fun for students who took the time to learn more about water quality and our watershed. Thanks to all who volunteered to make this day a fun day of learning for all who stopped by our District booth!



*Commissioners Ford Walpole and Mickey Floyd, shown left, assisting a student with the Coastal Watershed Enviroscope Model at the 2015 Charleston County Earthday Festival.*



*Right: Debbie Eckard, District Manager, and Commissioner Mickey Floyd setup for a fun Earthday at Riverfront Park*



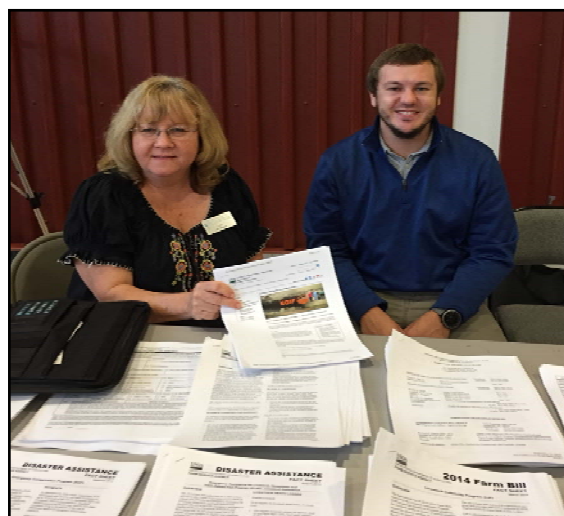
## 2015 NRCS ANNUAL REPORT – CHARLESTON COUNTY

COLTON MCCLENDON JOINS THE NRCS TEAM

In August of 2015, Colton McClendon joined the NRCS Team. He is working for NRCS as a Soil Conservationist in the North Charleston USDA office. Colton is originally from Rhea County, Tennessee, where he attended Tennessee Technological University and graduated in December of 2013 with a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Agriscience. **He joins our office NRCS Team which consists of Lori Bataller, District Conservationist for both Charleston and Berkeley Counties; Ann Bentley, (Soil Conservation Technician); Randy Fowler, (Resource Soil Scientist).** Shown below, field site visits. **Welcome Colton!**



*Colton McClendon, Soil Conservationist, shown standing next to his favorite color, Tennessee Orange!*



*Shown Above, Lori Bataller, NRCS District Conservationist and Colton McClendon attend outreach event*



*Randy Fowler, Resource Soil Scientist, evaluating a site for suitability for shallow water impoundment for wildlife*



*Ann Bentley, Soil Conservation Technician, provides conservation planning to local livestock producers*

## Sewee Fire Festival Outreach - March 21, 2015 attended by Colton McClendon and Lori Bataller, USDA/NRCS

The Sewee Fire Festival was held in Awendaw, SC on March 21, 2015. South Carolina's once-expansive longleaf pine forests depended on an unlikely ally: **fire**. On March 21st the Sewee Longleaf Conservation Cooperative held the annual fire festival and put the focus back on fire and nature at the Sewee Fire Fest, a longleaf pine and prescribed fire festival. Attendees to the free event were treated to a live burn demonstration, exhibits on conservation activities, fun family activities and a visit by Smokey Bear. One of the highlights of the event was a demonstration by the Birds of Prey Center. A young owl soared over the crowd to the delight of young and old alike.

The festival was well attended with over 200 attendees. Lori Bataller, NRCS District Conservationist and Colton McClendon, NRCS Soil Conservationist manned a booth to inform participants of the options for cost-share available through their agency. *See Photos below from this event.*





# THE YEAR



*Belle Hall Elementary School  
2nd Grader, Lia Harrington,  
and Miss Alyson Trucksis  
shows off winning class poster!*



*Charleston Soil & Water Conservation  
District sponsored Dylan Suggs, student  
from James Island HS, to attend  
Camp Wildwood of SC*



*Education Outreach at Eaglenest Elementary  
School—Students shown interacting with the  
Coastal Enviroscope Model*



*Cub Scout Students are honored for their great Pollinator Poster and Plantings  
Project. A big thank you for all students and teachers who set aside time to enter  
our Pollinator Contest and other educational programs!*



*Arbor Day Program given by "Twiggy the Tree!"  
Edward A. Burns Elementary School  
Students received seedlings to take home and plant!*

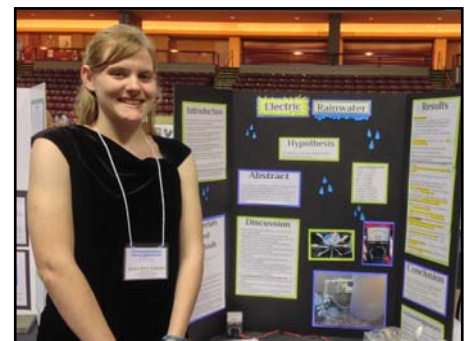
## 2015 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS— ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION



*Brett Widholm -Junior 1 Division  
Charleston Charter School for Math, Science  
"The Effect of Acidified Ocean Water on Shellfish"*



*Reedy Smith-Junior 2 Division  
Palmetto Scholars Academy  
"How Does Polluted Water Affect Plants?"*



*Avery Rose Higgins-Senior 1 Division  
The Georgetown School of Arts & Sciences  
"Electric Rainwater"*





*Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Inc. at CATR Farms improves the lives of children & adults with disabilities  
Charleston District captures photo at annual easement visit*



*Hollywood Educational Outreach Festival  
Commissioner John Smoak and Lisa Hajjar, Grant Manager, give locals educational information on the District's Water Quality Grant that addressed proper Septic Tank Management*



*Left, District Partnership Conference Awards' Luncheon*

*Right: Happy Homeowner thanks Mr. Simpson and the District for the grant that repaired his failing septic tank!*



*2015 Legislative Dinner Awards*

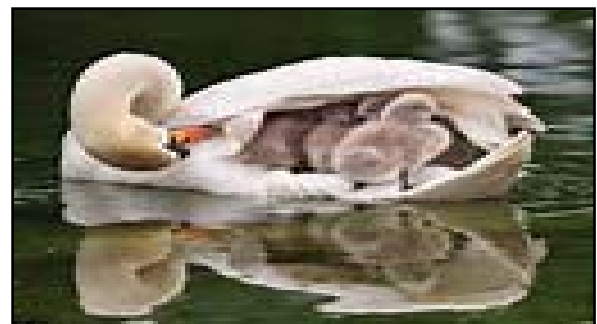


*District participates in Charleston County Earth Day Festival*



*Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District Board*

*L-R: Commissioner, Ford Walpole, Bill Simpson, Chairman, Kathy Woolsey, Mickey Floyd, Treasurer, and John Smoak, Vice Chairman*



*Our Natural Resources at its best!*



# 2015 AFFILIATE MEMBERS

*The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank our County, State, and Federal Partners and 2015 Affiliate Members for your ongoing financial and technical support. Your gift helps us to educate the public about natural resource conservation. THANK YOU!*

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	Bank of North Carolina - Charlie Rivers	
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	Charles S. Way, Jr. - The Beach Company	
	Crossland Dental Associates, Inc.	
	Dr. Joshua L. Garvin, Jr. - Green Meadow Nursery	
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	Welborn, Inc.	
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## Total Affiliate Memberships—122

Government Partners—3  
Advertising—13  
Sustaining Memberships—39  
Associate Memberships—27  
Contributing—43

## Affiliate Membership Levels:

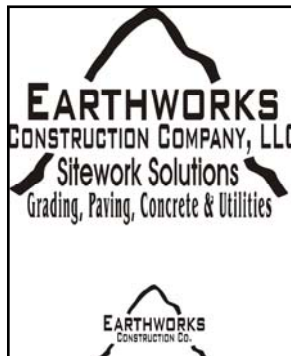
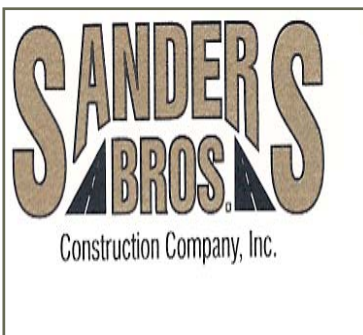
Corporate Sponsorship—\$500 or above

Advertising Membership—\$250-\$499

Sustaining Membership \$100

Associate Membership—\$50

Contributing Membership—\$25





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**Our meetings are open to the public!**

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