



# The Conservation Corner

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

2010 Annual Report

## Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District

**Mission:** Preserve and enhance water quality, working farms, natural areas, and wildlife through locally-led conservation efforts

### About us:

- Established by state law in 1937
- Parcel of state & national District program
- Five-member board of Commissioners
- State & Federal partnership
- Programs focus on soil & water



L-R: Back Row: Emeritus Commissioner, Bill Geraty, Assoc. Commissioner Bill Wilkes, Chairman William Simpson, Commissioner John Smoak, Commissioner Mickey Floyd, Commissioner Raymond Tumbleston and District Manager Debbie Eckard.  
Front Center: Commissioner Kathy Woolsey,  
Emeritus Commissioners Van Noy Thornhill and William Kennerty

### Programs & Projects:

**Stormwater Management—Water Quality & Quantity—Land Conservation Agreements—Responsible Development Practices—Wildlife Habitat Enhancement & Protection—Managing Invasive Plants & Animals Recycling—Litter Prevention—Agricultural Best Management Practices—Smart Fertilizer & Pesticide Application—Riparian & Roadway Buffers—Soil Conservation**

- **Legislative efforts**—Participate in area, state, and national meetings to develop legislative priorities and recognize local conservation issues. Advocate for action in areas of concern to local representatives.
- **Education**—Engage local students in resource conservation through poster and essay contests, scholarships, awards, sponsorships, in-class programs and educational material.
- **Partnerships**—Collaborate with local, state, and federal resource professionals, creating a foundation of communication, knowledge, and capability.
- **Technical & Citizen Assistance**—Work with farmers and landowners to implement on the ground conservation practices through farm bill programs, dunes restoration, water quality grants, river conservation programs, flood management, aerial photography, GIS, buffers and fencing, and planting recommendations.
- **Public Outreach**—Promote conservation activities in Charleston County through local exhibits, information development & distribution, public presentations, career days, newsletters, and recognition awards.

## DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

### 2010 NEW FACES TO THE DISTRICT



Commissioner M. F. "Mickey" Floyd was appointed to the District Board in April of 2010. Mickey and his wife, Betty, live on James Island. **Welcome Mickey!**

### 2010 ELECTION RESULTS



The results of the November 2010 elections are as shown above with **Kathy Woolsey**, re-elected with the majority of the votes, and newly elected Commissioner, **John Kozma**.

Kathy has served on the board as commissioner since January 1999. The new term for John officially starts February 1, 2011. The elections are every four years for this position. **Congratulations to you both!**

The Charleston Conservation District would like to welcome the new faces to the board and thank the existing board members for their ongoing support to the mission of the District.



Lisa Hajjar joined the District Team in November as 319 Sewee/Santee Project Manager **Welcome Lisa!**



Left, John Smoak, Commissioner, will be reappointed to the Board as an Associate Commissioner in 2011. John and his family live on James Island.

### FAREWELLS



Commissioner Jack Theodore Day  
March 27, 1934  
January 12, 2010



Ruthie Davis, NRCS, took a new position with NRCS as Program Coordinator in Amherst Massachusetts. **We wish Ruthie the best in her next position!**



Lindsay Fairchilds, SCDNR, took a new position with NRCS in Plymouth, NC. **Good luck Lindsay!**

## DISTRICT IN ACTION

### EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY AT CHAS AFB

On March 24th over 800 fifth grade students from throughout the Lowcountry area participated in this annual Earth Day/ Arbor Day celebration sponsored by Charleston Air Force Base. County-wide fifth graders participated in poster/essay contests and in a tree planting ceremony. The District was one of several participating agencies that presented conservation information to this group. Information on water quality conservation was presented by Debbie Eckard, Bill Wilkes and William Kennerty.

### KENTUCKY GROUP VISITS CHARLESTON DISTRICT

Charleston welcomed a group of 46 folks with the Logan County Conservation District in Kentucky on September 9th. This group consisted of cattlemen, farmers and District Supervisors who wanted to see our conservation projects in the area. The District took them to Sullivan's Island to see our Dunes Restoration Project followed up with a delightful lunch at Poe's Restaurant. The afternoon consisted of tours and canoe rides at Cypress Gardens. These folks got to see how both Charleston and Berkeley Districts manage their conservation issues. Thanks To Cypress Gardens, Berkeley Conservation District, Charleston District Commissioners, NRCS, DNR and for their generous hospitality!

### 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, and attracting wildlife to your yard are highlighted. *Call Debbie at 727-4160 x 3 for more information!*

### BURNS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Eckard presented a **"Field to Fridge"** food program to all the second grade students at Burns Elementary School. A presentation on where our food comes from was given to about 65 students. Students were educated on how our food is grown, harvested, transported and stored before we see it in our refrigerators! Good nutritional facts were stressed!!

### SCACD MID-YEAR MEETING

A Mid-Year Meeting was held October 12th at the Farm Bureau Office in Cayce, SC There were break-out sessions to discuss District policies and funding options. Those attending from Charleston were Mickey Floyd, Debbie Eckard and Lindsay Fairchilds. There was good attendance from across the state. These policy decisions will be presented at the January Partnership Meeting in Hilton Head.

### SOUTHEASTERN WILDLIFE EXPO

The annual Southeastern Wildlife Expo was held February 12-14th 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. The display highlighted an exhibit that encouraged urban property owners to participate in practices that protect and encourage wildlife habitats. Over 40,000 attendees visited the Conservation area where District/NRCS staff had an opportunity to interact with fellow wildlife conservationists.

### SCIENCE FAIR SPONSORSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Charleston District proudly presented savings bonds to the following winning Lowcountry Hall of Science & Math Science Fair students:

**First Place Jr. Division I—Elizabeth Lehnhoff**  
**Second Place Jr. Division I—Brianna Gerhardt**  
**First Place Junior 2 Division—Gabriela Esnaola**  
**2nd Place Jr. 2 Division—Jaime Caroline Lista**

### ARBOR DAY AT STILES POINT ELEMENTARY

The District sponsored **Stiles Point Elementary School** for an Arbor Day event with Fourth Grade Foresters USA. Debbie Eckard dressed up as **"Twiggy the Tree"** and presented each fourth grade student with a tree to plant at home. A short program was given to 110 fourth graders to talk about the value of trees to the environment. Arbor Day is the first Friday in December for South Carolina. It was a great day with Stiles Point Elementary students! *Call Debbie to hear more!*

### 2010 JANUARY PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 69th annual partnership conference was held January 19-21, 2010 at the Marriott at Hilton Head, SC. The conference began January 19th with a one-day symposium on *Farming Naturally*, sponsored by the SC Soil & Water Conservation Society. Farmers and landowners learned how to **go green by growing green**. The conference also focused on protecting and improving our state's natural resources, and striving to balance production, profit, and resource protection. Local, regional, and national conservationists spoke on a range of topics including the Beginning of the Conservation Movement, the National Perspective on Conservation and the Farm Bill and the State Perspective on Conservation. *Debbie Eckard was honored as the 2009 District Employee of the Year by the State District Employee Association.*

**POSTER WINNERS**



Kindergarten Class-Montessori Community School



First Grade Class –Montessori Community School



Second Grade Class –Montessori Community School



Third Grade Class-Goodwin Elementary School



Third Grade Class-Hunley Park Elementary School



Fourth Grade Class-Montessori Community School



Fifth Grade Class –Charles Pinckney Elementary School

*Congratulations to Robin Danish and her 4th grade class (show above right) as 2010 Best Conservation Poster!*



## ESSAY WINNERS

### Essay Winners:

**Fifth Grade**—Cyatana Mendones, Hunley Park Elementary School, Teacher Margaret Eidson

**Sixth Grade**—Sabrina Vilarino, St. Paul’s Academy, Teacher June Lowry

**Seventh Grade**—Olivia Caya, Coastal Christian Preparatory School, Teacher Linda Lemacks

**Eight Grade**—Meredith Yuhas, Coastal Christian Preparatory School, Teacher Linda Lemacks

**Ninth Grade**—Garrett Lynch, Coastal Christian Preparatory School, Teacher Amanda Norris



THANKS TO  
ALL  
SCHOOLS  
WHO  
PARTICIPATED  
IN OUR  
CONTESTS  
THIS YEAR!



**Fifth Grade**—Cyatana Mendones,  
Hunley Park Elementary School  
Teacher, Margaret Eidson & Michael Ard,  
Principal shown receiving award.

**Seventh-Ninth Grade, Coastal Christian Preparatory School**

**L-R:** Ninth Grade—Garrett Lynch and Teacher Amanda Norris  
Seventh Grade—Olivia Caya Murk, Teacher Linda Lemacks  
Eighth Grade Winner—Meredith Yuhas, Teacher Linda Lemacks  
and Debbie Eckard, District Education Coordinator.



**Sixth Grade - Sabrina Vilarino**  
June Lowrey, Teacher  
St. Paul’s Academy



**2010 Best Conservation Essay**—Student Olivia Caya Murk shown receiving her award as Best Conservation Essay with her Teacher Linda Lemacks shown right. Chairman William Simpson and Debbie Eckard, Education Coordinator, shown left and center.

## OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL / EDUCATION AWARDS

### 2010 Conservation Teacher of the Year



Ann Marie Fairchild—Charleston County School of the Arts

### Lander Scholarship Recipients



Chaisson Dangerfield—Charleston County School of the Arts

**Ann-Marie Fairchild** was honored as **2010 Conservation Teacher of the Year**. Ms. Fairchild teaches math, algebra, pre-algebra and geometry at Charleston School of the Arts. Ann Marie has been very supportive in the recruitment of students for the Lander Institute Program in which the District is a proud sponsor. We honor her as teacher of the year!

**Both Maddi Phillips and Chaisson Dangerfield of Charleston School of the Arts** received scholarships from the **SC Institute of Natural Resources**. This sponsored program offers high school juniors and seniors from across the state the opportunity to study the environment and have the opportunity to receive scholarships and college credits for their week of study. We are so proud of these great accomplishments by both students!!

### “2010 Conservationist –of-the-Year”



*Daniel F. Kennerty and family accept 2010 Conservationist of the Year Award from Chairman William S. Simpson, III.*

**Dan Kennerty** was selected and honored as 2010 Conservationist of the Year at the District’s annual environmental awards recognition event. Dan has worked his own farm, “Kennerty Farms,” located on Wadmalaw Island for over 20 years with the help of his wife Karen, daughter Mariel and son Dan.

Together the Kennertys farm 16 acres of specialty crops including Purple Asparagus, Heirloom tomatoes, squash, baby eggplant, basil, arugula, baby lettuces and blackberries. These crops are sold to twenty local restaurants and at the Charleston and Mt. Pleasant Farmer’s markets. The Kennertys practice conservation by using crop rotation, wind strips, cover crops, plastic mulch, drip irrigation, and nutrient and pest management to improve soil and water quality. **Congratulations to the Kennertys on receiving the Conservationist of the Year Award!!**

# SEWEE/SANTEE GRANT

The Charleston Conservation District “The District” was busy during the first year of their three year grant. The District concentrated on a septic repair program to underserved homeowners in the project area with severe septic concerns during this first phase of the grant. Project partners, including municipal and county officials, non-profits, and state and federal staff, convened a Wastewater Committee to make decisions concerning the septic component of the grant and develop a plan to ensure proper long term management of the funded systems in low-lying areas with high water tables.

The septic Committee ranked over 120 applicants based on severity of problem. Working with the SC Dept. of Health local on-site wastewater team, the grantees are in process of installing nine above ground systems (mound), two ultra shallow systems, and four additional repairs. A second round of 17 homeowners for repair and/or replacement systems were selected and inspected. Also homeowners also attended one of three homeowner workshops designed to provide outreach and education on proper septic care.

The District agricultural partners, USDA/NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) also met this year for planning and outreach strategy to address the bacteria issue with area hobby farmers. Partners conducted field work to identify problem areas, and put on an agricultural workshop that featured information on cost-share opportunities and how and why to install best management practices on the land (BMPs).

Additionally, Project partners spent over 100 hours with volunteers installing shell at Tibwin Reef and in other project areas. The District conducted boater surveys to learn about attitudes and knowledge of marine sanitary waste and shellfish recycling. Project partners met and collaborated with local marina, boat landings, and water quality specialists to develop a targeted message for a water quality kiosk, designed by an artist. A partnership effort also met with representatives from a local marina and staff of The Clean Vessel Program to install a pumpout station. Estimates were drawn up and installation is forthcoming.



*First Year Site Visit held September 2010. Committee visits septic installation site. Project partners present:: EPA, SC DHEC, Dept. of Natural Resources, Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District, Charleston Resource Conservation and Development, and SC Coastal Conservation League.*



*Above, Water Quality outreach signage art design to be installed in a variety of kiosk displays in at least three and up to five boat landing locations in project area.*



*Left, Volunteers installing oyster shell at Tibwin Reef. Over 90 volunteer hours and 315 bags of shell have been used so far in restoring the reef. Photo courtesy of The Nature Conservancy. Photo taken by Keith and Sue McKeith.*

*Right, An Agricultural Workshop on Water Quality and Animal Waste Management for Small Operations was held at the Sewee Educational Center in Awendaw, October 28, 2010. Local Landowners were presented a power point presentation on conservation BMPs available from USDA/NRCS professionals such as Angel Sams, USDA/NRCS shown in the picture talking to the workshop attendees.*



## DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS

### Ashley Scenic River Event

The Fourth Annual Ashley River Event was held Thursday, October 21st at Charles Towne Landing, Founders Hall. The topic for this year's event was "Close Encounters of the Natural Kind." The event welcomed approximately 80 locals to a night of Nature and Community. This event was sponsored by Charleston & Dorchester Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the Ashley Scenic River Advisory Council, Charles Town landing, SC State Parks, and SC Dept. of Natural Resources. The Ashley Scenic River Advisory Council are citizens who provide a voice for the Ashley River. This locally-led conservation group pursues goals through partnerships, outreach, and river advocacy. Districts consists of three elected and two appointed commissioners who pursue and promote conservation in their home County. Conservation efforts are achieved through education, legislative efforts, collaboration, technical assistance, and partnerships. Charles Town Landing State Historic Site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Charles Town Landing is known as the birth place of South Carolina. This historically significant property is located on the banks of the Ashley River and home to a unique new venue, Founders Hall, where the event was held. Lindsay Fairchilds, SCDNR, Angel Sams, USDA/NRCS, along with the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners and Staff was proud to sponsor the Ashley River Event, a piece of history, culture, and natural beauty in our backyard!

A wonderful outdoor hotdog cookout was enjoyed by all who attended and booths with information on Tree Pruning, Plant Identification, Master Gardners, Community Supported Agriculture and more was displayed for locals to get some great information. Folks were able to purchase from a selection of local native plants and rain barrels.

**Speakers for the evening included: Local Foods, Green Grocer Farms, Celeste Albers; Nuisance Wildlife, SC Dept. Natural Resources, Sam Chappellear; Planting Natives for Wildlife Habitat, SC Dept. Natural Resources, Kim Counts; and Water Smart landscaping, Clemson Carolina Clear Program, Dave Joyner.** Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success!



**Left,** Charleston District Commissioners, Mickey Floyd and John Smoak show off their skills on the grill.

**Right,** seating was available both indoors and outside for a relaxing cookout.



**Left,** Native plant displays provided locals opportunity to purchase beautiful native plantings for their homes.

**Right,** the locals were given great information by our speakers.





## DISTRICT HOLDS EASEMENT

### CATR, Farms, Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

The Charleston Conservation District signed an easement agreement on the Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Inc. December 2009. This purpose of the easement is to protect and preserve the Conservation Values, To prevent any use or activity that will significantly impair the Conservation values, subject to the rights and privileges reserved, and To allow the continuation of historic and traditional uses and activities as well as limited new uses that would not significantly impair or degrade the Conservation Values. On November 2, 2010 Chairman William S. Simpson, Commissioner John Smoak, and District Manager Debbie Eckard visited CATR Farms. The staff of Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Murry S. Neale and Kimberly Anderson welcomed the District and graciously gave a fantastic tour of the property.

**The property**, which was once part of the historic Brickhouse Plantation, is currently used and maintained as pasture, and open fields for therapeutic horseback riding for Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, Inc. CATR is a non-profit organization with the mission to improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities. This use is entirely compatible with the land remaining in its current state of open green space. CATR's usage also preserves the historic purpose of the land which was agriculture and included equestrian activities. Members of the neighborhood and surrounding community also use the 30.5 acres for trail riding.

There is a 2.5 acre pond in the center of the property that is a unique and significant habitat to local wild life especially several species of water birds. This pond is registered in the Department of Natural Resources "Colonial Nesting and Wading Birds Rookery." The protection of this land through the use of Greenbelt Funds and an easement by Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District prevents a significant habitat for area water birds from being threatened, and land with historical and cultural significance to John's Island from being developed into private residences.

Mt. Zion Elementary, a Charleston County Elementary School, is approximately 1/2 mile down River Road and has a self contained special needs class that participates in Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding Program. This protected property contributes greatly to the scenic views along River, Hamilton and Bryan's Dairy Roads. Charleston Area therapeutic Riding's use of the 30.5 acres benefits citizens from every district of Charleston County. The programs offered by Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding affect not only children and adults with disabilities but also their families, friends, teachers, therapist, physicians, program volunteers, students from MUSC, the Citadel, the College of Charleston and in effect the whole community of Charleston County.



**L-R:** John Smoak, William Simpson, Murray Neale and Kimberly Anderson walk the property and discuss conservation values of he area.



*Above, a photo that shows the beauty of the pond and the wading birds that habitat there.*



*Children are shown riding horses at CATR Farms.*

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

### 2010 Program Information:

NRCS offers a variety of services to farmers and landowners that range from technical assistance to cost-share assistance. During this past year NRCS added two new programs, “**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) Longleaf Initiative.**” CSP offers annual payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. The WHIP Longleaf Initiative provides cost-share to landowners who are interested in restoring the longleaf pine ecosystem.

In 2010, USDA provided over **\$107,060** cost share farm bill funds to County landowners for conservation. In addition, USDA has provided technical assistance for Charleston County updating Soil Hydrologic Groupings to assist in storm water management design in the city of Isle of Palms.

2008 Farm Bill Programs administered in 2010—10 active contracts, 6046 acres in program

Technical Assistance, Best Management Practices—provided technical assistance that addressed resource concerns and recommendations to County landowners

### Upcoming Program Deadlines

NRCS is continuing to offer the EQIP Organic Initiative in FY2011. This program helps producers with financial or technical assistance to plan and implement conservation practices to allow their Organic or transitioning to organic operations to be environmentally sustainable. **Deadline is March 4, 2011 to apply.**

### Easements

***Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program***— must agree to not convert land to non-agricultural uses. Must have 50% prime or statewide important soils.

***Wetland Reserve Program***— *protects, restores and enhances wetlands.* Must have something affecting the hydrology that will be restored.

***Grassland Reserve Program***— protects and restores grassland and pastureland from conversion to other land uses. Available as a Permanent easement or as Rental and Restoration agreements.

**Please give Angel Sams a call if you are interested in or have questions about the above mentioned programs or services available at 843-727-4160, extension 3.**

### NRCS Employee Service Recognition



Two Charleston NRCS field office employees received service awards at a recent employee recognition event. NRCS State Conservationist, Ann English, presented Liz Colby, Civil Engineer, and Ann Bentley, Soil Conservation Technician, with their certificates for 5 and 20 years of service, respectively. Thanks for all of your conservation efforts ladies!

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

### Meet our new NRCS Staff!



**Angel Sams** joined the Charleston Team as the District Conservationist in July. Angel was born and raised in Travelers Rest, SC. She attended Clemson University and obtained a degree in Crop and Soil Environmental Science. Angel began her career in Lee County with USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist. She later worked with the Greenville Soil & Water Conservation District as a Stormwater Erosion Control Inspector. In 2006 Angel went back to work with NRCS as a Soil Conservationist in Sumter County where she worked for four years. This past July, Angel accepted the position as District Conservationist for both Charleston and Berkeley Counties. Angel is a great addition to the Charleston Team! We are happy to have Angel and her family with us in Charleston!

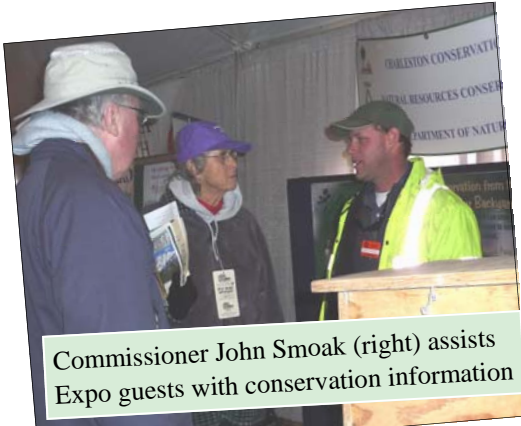
I would like to personally thank everyone for the warm welcome given to me since my arrival in Charleston! I really look forward to meeting and working with each and everyone of you! I would like to extend an invitation to those of you interested in participating in our NRCS programs to give me a call so I can schedule a day for me to come out to your farm and take a look around to see if there are any services NRCS can provide you. There are ongoing new updates and program changes that have been made to the 2008 Farm Bill. If you haven't contacted us lately, you could be missing out on new program information that could assist you. I look forward to hearing from you and assisting you with your conservation needs! If you have any questions, please give me a call at 843-727-4160 ext 3.

**Liz Colby** was born and raised in Akron, OH. She earned her bachelor's degree from Purdue University in Agricultural and Biological Engineering in 2005. She completed her master's degree from the University of California, Davis in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2009. Liz started working for NRCS in Petaluma, CA in 2005. She started her career in NRCS in the Career Intern Program (CIP). In Petaluma, she worked with dairies, livestock ranches, orchards and vineyards. Liz gained experience as the official government representative and project manager for 6 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) projects in Sonoma and Marin counties after the January 2006 floods. In 2007, Liz transitioned to a SCEP so she could continue to work at NRCS while going back to school full time. She worked on flood plain mapping and modeling the effects of invasive species on stream flooding for the Watershed Planning group based out of the State Office.



After graduation, Liz transitioned back to a field support position as the Dairy Team engineer for Northern California. The team completed trainings for TSPs and NRCS staff on writing CNMPS and helped field offices with complex planning and engineering/agronomy projects on the dairies, such as separation facilities, manure irrigation systems, and correctly timing manure applications to meet regulatory requirements. Liz and her husband, Jeff, pilot in the USAF, recently married in July and now reside in Charleston. We are happy to have Liz in our Charleston Field Office!

# THE YEAR



Commissioner John Smoak (right) assists Expo guests with conservation information



Ruthie's Last Board Meeting



Legislative Meeting



Commissioner William Kennerty discusses blue bird box design



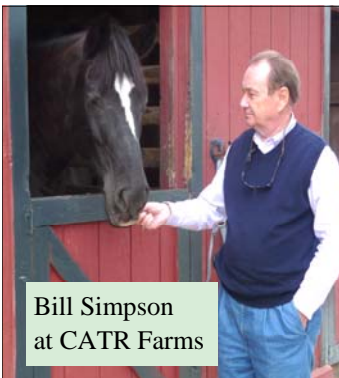
Septic Committee Meeting



Science Fair



Charleston Team at Ashley River Event!



Bill Simpson at CATR Farms



District inspects septic site



Angel Sams, NRCS conducts Grant Agriculture Workshop



Septic Homeowner Workshop

# IN PICTURES



Edisto-Savannah Area Meeting



Earth Day/Arbor Day  
Assoc. Comm. Bill Wilkes



Goodwin Elem. School  
Second Grade Student



Eckard presents agricultural "food" program to Burns Elementary School



District Board Meeting with DNR guests



Randy Fowler, NRCS Soil Scientist, gives Trident Tech Horticulture students hands-on class on soils



Dunes Restoration Project on Sullivan's Island.



Lindsay's Last District Board Meeting



Kentucky crowd at Cypress Gardens

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*The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank our County and State Partners and Affiliate Members for your ongoing financial support to our education outreach. THANK YOU!*

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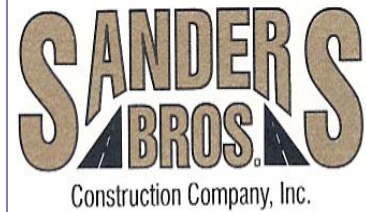


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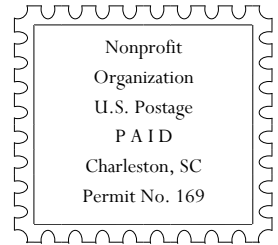
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