



## Getting to Know Wetlands and the Rules That Govern Them: A Primer for Local Governments and Professionals



*A Seminar for Elected and  
Appointed City and County  
Officials and Staff, Developers,  
Planners, Realtors, Consultants*

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Wetlands provide many free services to our communities, from flood storage to protecting water quality. They also inspire debate and confusion among developers and local governments regarding how and where land development can occur. Without understanding the link between land uses and their cumulative effects on wetlands, individual land use decisions often complicate wetlands management and land development processes and limit the important functions that wetlands provide to us free-of-charge.

This event is designed to help local elected and appointed officials, government staff, and local professionals understand why wetlands issues are important, understand the laws and rules governing them, as well as understand how well-informed decision making can yield more efficient results that adequately protect our coastal resources while continuing to meet land use and development needs.

The seminar will feature experts from regulatory agencies and those versed in the legal issues that arise over wetlands. Our speakers work hand in hand with officials, staff, and professionals and are able to address the complex processes of local government decision-making and permitting for land development. They will provide an open forum for discussing solutions and actions that ensure more efficient and comprehensive planning for wetlands and development. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience some local wetlands first-hand through a field trip guided by wetland specialists.



This event is brought to you by the North Inlet-Winyah Bay Coastal Training Program (CTP), in partnership with Coastal Carolina University's Waccamaw Watershed Academy and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.



A draft agenda and registration form are included with this flyer. Certificates will be available at the end of the day for CEU credits. For additional details, to register online, or to learn more about the event partners, please visit the CTP website at [www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/training\\_events.htm](http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/training/training_events.htm) or contact Nicole Saladin at [nicole@belle.baruch.sc.edu](mailto:nicole@belle.baruch.sc.edu) or at 843-546-6219 ext 241. This event is free of charge.

# Getting to Know Wetlands: Draft Agenda

- 8:00** Registration and Sign In (coffee, tea and light breakfast will be provided)
- 8:30** Welcome and Introductions  
*Nicole Saladin, North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR Coastal Training Program*  
Wetlands – What are they good for? Overview of function and importance  
*Dave Fuss, Waccamaw Watershed Academy*
- 9:00** Mapping Exercise: Wetlands in Our Local Landscape  
*Dave Fuss, Waccamaw Watershed Academy*
- 9:30** Depart for Field Trip (Sites TBA, Transportation Provided)  
Wetland Ecology and Function  
*Billy McCord, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources*  
Innovative Development Approaches for Wetland Protection  
*Steve Strickland, The EARTHWORKS Group*
- 11:45** Return to Waccamaw Center for Lunch (sub sandwich platters or bring your own)
- 12:45** Guide to the OCRM Permitting Process, Opportunities for Local Governments  
*Jeff Thompson, S.C. Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management*
- 1:15** Guide to the ACOE Permitting Process, Opportunities for Local Governments  
*Debra King, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division*
- 1:45** Panel Discussion
- 2:15** Break
- 2:30** Regulatory Restrictions and Addressing Legal Issues  
*Amy Armstrong and Jimmy Chandler, S. Carolina Environmental Law Project*
- 3:00** Strengthening Wetlands Protection by Strengthening Local Regulations  
*Kim Diana Connolly, University of South Carolina School of Law*
- 3:30** Panel Discussion
- 4:00** Wrap up Discussion, Next Steps and Evaluations

The workshop will be held at Coastal Carolina University's Center for Marine and Wetland Studies, Room 100. Headed Northbound on Highway 501, turn right at the large sign for the Atlantic Center onto Atlantic Avenue right after you pass Coastal Carolina's main campus on your left. Follow the road around past the Channel 15 News building, and CMWS will be the next building on your right. To park, continue past the CMWS parking lot, take the next right to turn into the large dirt parking area beside the center. Coming on 501 South, turn left onto Atlantic Avenue. Visit the CMWS website for more information at <http://www.coastal.edu/cmws/directions.html>

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## Getting to Know Wetlands: Registration Form

January 17, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend the *Getting to Know Wetlands* Seminar on January 17

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to eat lunch provided by the workshop sponsors \_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian Lunch?**

\_\_\_\_\_ No thanks, I will plan to bring my own lunch

Please return to: Jan Blakely, PO Box 1630, Georgetown, SC 29442; Fax: 843.546.1632 by **January 10**