# SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# LAND, WATER, & CONSERVATION DIVISION

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## **MISSION**

Provide scientific and reliable information to policy and decision makers and to the public in order to understand, sustain, and protect the State's natural resources for the benefit of all generations. This is achieved through

- planning
- research
- technical assistance
- public education
- development of a comprehensive natural resources database

# History of the Land, Water and Conservation Division

#### 1825

The earliest state-sponsored work of a geologic nature in South Carolina was a 1-year "Geological and Mineralogical Survey of South Carolina" made in 1825-1826 by Lardner Vanuxem by order of the Legislature.

#### 1843

Governor Hammond commissioned Michael Toumey to make a "Geological and Agricultural Survey of the State." Mr. Toumey submitted a Report on the Geology of South Carolina in 1846. The report was published in 1848 and presented the results for the first real study of geology of the State.

#### 1904

Earle Sloan begins service as State Geologist until 1910. His earlier work was instrumental in our understanding of the Charleston earthquake.

#### **1937**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt urged states to address soil erosion by creating local conservation districts. The Conservation Districts Law, Act 182, provided for the creation of South Carolina's 46 soil and water conservation districts and a state agency, the S.C. Soil and Water Conservation Committee, which later merged into the S.C. Land Resources Commission.

#### <u>1938</u>

The first conservation district farm plan in the nation was initiated in Oconee County.

#### <u>1967</u>

The S.C. Water Resources Planning and Coordination Act of 1967 established the S.C. Water Resources Committee. The act was amended in 1969 to change the Committee to the S.C. Water Resources Commission which subsequently merged into SCDNR.

#### <u>1972</u>

The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission was designated the State Land Resources Conservation Commission, which later merged into SCDNR.

#### <u>1980</u>

The Aquatic Plant Management Council was established to provide statewide coordination of aquatic plant management efforts in public waters. Management of nuisance aquatic plants was further strengthened by law in 1990 when the S.C. Aquatic Plant Management Program and Trust Fund were established.

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#### 1986

The Office of State Climatologist Act provided that the State Climatology Office will serve as the "climatological focal point for state government and its agencies."

The General Assembly designated revenue from a slight increase in the Real Estate Document Stamp Tax to support the Heritage Land Trust Fund which supports the protection of critical wildlife habitat.

#### 1994

As a result of the Restructuring Act of 1993, the S.C. Department of Natural Resources was formed, made up of the former S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, S.C. Water Resources Commission, S.C. Land Resources Conservation Commission, S.C. Geological Survey, and S.C. Migratory Waterfowl Committee.

#### 1997

The Water Resources Division, Land Resources Division, and Geological Survey were formally combined into one division—Land, Water and Conservation, by the appropriations act of 1998.

#### 1998

First Edition of the State Water Plan published, making recommendations for Water Resources Management in SC.

#### 2004

Second Edition of the State Water Plan, incorporating lessons learned from the severe drought of 1998-2002.

#### **2014**

Initiated the Surface Water Assessment project to consolidate hydrologic information and create computer models for the eight major river basins, the first step in updating the State Water Plan.

#### 2017

Completed the Surface Water Assessment project in support of updating the State Water Plan.



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- Surface-water quantity and water-allocation models were completed for each of the eight major river basins in the state.
- Work continued with the USGS on updating a groundwater flow model for the state, and with the USACE on developing water-demand forecasts for the Sayannah River basin.
- The SCDNR groundwater monitoring network (169 wells) was linked to the USGS National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN).
- Continued monitoring groundwater for aguifer levels and saltwater intrusion.
- New geologic mapping covering 372 square miles has been developed as digital map products using GIS. To date, more than 14,000 square miles (~45%) of the state have detailed geologic map information.
- Processing satellite data for EPA grant to study possible land subsidence related to groundwater withdrawal in Georgetown County.
- Completed the ACE Basin Coastal Vulnerability Project to demonstrate physical change on the shoreline www.dnr.sc.gov/geology/botanybaycoastal-erosion.
- More than 500,000 requests for Geological Survey webpages over the last four years.
- Work began on a grant from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to analyze both regional and state offshore sand resources.
- South Carolina Core Repository contains over 1,500 cores and 230,000 linear feet of core material from around the State including offshore.
- Provided GIS support for all LWC Programs.
- Enhanced and expanded the Weatheralert notification system (2,937 subscriptions).
- Collected, analyzed and consolidated data on rainfall, streamflow and damage from Hurricane Matthew. Developed an on-line interactive story journal for the event http://www.dnr.sc.gov/matthew2016.



- Collaborated with the Law Enforcement Division in development of flood inundation maps for search and rescue missions.
- Assisted state and federal agencies and the public in data acquisition and forecast interpretation before, during and after tropical events, severe weather, winter weather, droughts and special event planning.
- Chaired and staffed six meetings of the SC Drought Response Committee to take appropriate action on drought status designations.
- Released three preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps.
- Conducted five Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map Community Coordination meetings and seven public open houses.
- Assisted communities with substantial damage requirements post 2015 flood event and Hurricane Matthew.
- Community participation in the National Flood Insurance Program is 90% (236 communities).
- SCDNR has led the Light Imaging Detection and Range (LiDAR)
   Consortium since 2007, successfully establishing 28 financial and in kind partners for the statewide acquisition of LiDAR data. LiDAR data is
   important to South Carolina as it is used for many purposes, including but
   not limited to flood modeling, storm water management, transportation
   planning, natural resources management and economic development.
- Facilitated and cost shared with SCDNR wildlife biologists to restore or improve habitat on SCDNR properties and with USFWS and TNC to improve habitat in and around the ACE Basin.

- Worked cooperatively with Santee Cooper, USFWS and SC Waterfowl Association to improve habitat in the Santee Cooper Lakes.
- Worked with SCDNR biologists and private landowners to restore sensitive.
   Wood Stork habitat.
- Facilitated and/or cost shared with other local and private entities to improve habitat and recreational use by controlling numerous species in other public waters.
- Acquired and outfitted the newly renovated 9,000 square-foot Parker Annex (circa 1910). The Parker Annex Archaeology Center will house the agency's archaeological research program, artifact collections from across the state and offer teachers, students and the public the opportunity to participate in archaeological research projects conducted on SCDNR lands.
- Improved public safety at the Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve trail system.
- Removed Hurricane Matthew debris from six coastal Cultural Heritage Trust Preserves.
- Permitted two external archaeological research projects: Jocassee Gorges Pinnacle Mountain Petroglyph Survey and the Botany Bay Heritage Preserve Pockoy Island Shell Ring Investigation.
- Secured National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 clearance for the Sassafras Mountain Observation Tower project.
- The Flora Carolina project has compiled online over 211,000 herbarium records from eight of the state's larger herbaria with 77,000 specimens photographed at high resolution.
- Cooks Mountain, part of the 3674-acre Wateree River Heritage Preserve and WMA, was surveyed for ecological significance.



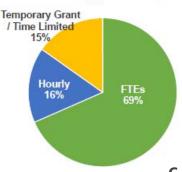
- Processed more than 300 requests for information from the Rare/ Threatened/Endangered Species Database.
- Supported four active river conservation projects in 2017 where local partners are working to protect and enhance important river resources.
- Partners and staff collaborated to develop three information products in 2017: 1) HowsMySCRiver.org – a website for recreational water quality of Saluda and Congaree Rivers; 2) GoPaddleSC.com - a website guide to the state's rivers; and 3) the Edisto River Basin Boating Guide.
- 4,750 volunteers participated in Beach Sweep River Sweep and worked to remove litter and debris from public waterways at 120 sites statewide.
- Program staff provided technical assistance to the public in conjunction with the 46 Conservation Districts and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Technical assistance includes producing conservation management plans. In FY 16-17, staff assisted with 876 conservation plans.
- Staff conducted 14 workshops and field days demonstrating the Rainfall Simulator unit which is an educational tool that illustrates water related soil erosion and runoff. The workshops are in cooperation with conservation districts, the National Grazing Land Coalition and the USDA-NRCS.

Expenses	Amount
General Fund Recurring	\$3,032,598
General Fund One Time	\$823,881
Earmarked	\$1,176,328
Restricted	\$1,224,829
Federal	2,351,793
Total Expenses	\$8,609,429

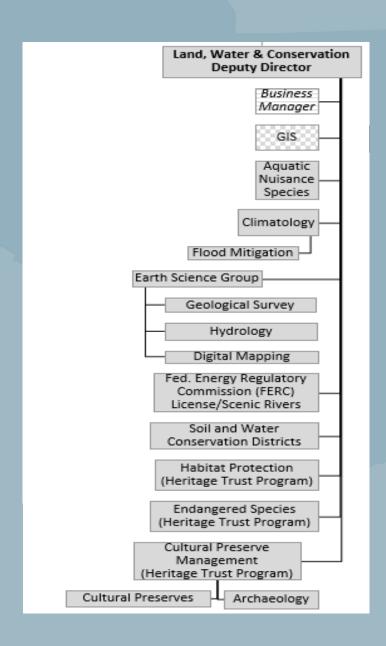
27% Rec	ral Fund urring 15%
Restricted 14%	General Fund
Earmarked	One Time
14%	10%

Employees	
FTEs	45
Temporary Grant/Time Limited	10.75
Hourly	10
Total	65.75

\*In addition, LWC averages approximately 10 hourly employees at any given time. This number varies throughout the year based on seasonal employment needs.



## LWC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# LWC Organization

Details:	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
What is the turnover rate?	2.94%	0.00%	5.40%
Is employee satisfaction evaluated?	No	No	No
Is anonymous employee feedback allowed?	No	No	No
Do any positions require a certification (e.g., teaching, medical, accounting, etc.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Did the agency pay for, or provide classes/instruction needed to maintain all, some, or none of required certifications?	All	All	All

### Revenue generated by LWC during FY 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Revenue Source	Recurring or one- time?	State, Federal, or Other?	Does revenue remain with the agency or go to General Fund?	Total revenue generated in 2015-16	Total revenue estimated to generate in 2016-17
Flood Training Registrations, weather certifications, printed products	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$38,462.53	\$81,484.87
Cash Transfer	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$488,425.83	\$493,367.87
Cash Transfers	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$71,811.00	\$219,339.60
Map data, Core Sample logs, mineral rock kits and GIS publications	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$12,440.47	\$(5,333.06)
Revenue passed to USGS for surface water, ground water, water quality station	Recurring	Other	US Geological Survey	\$508,436.00	\$494,656.00
Reimbursements for aquatic weed management	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$169,200.00	\$178,110.37
Heritage Trust Fund-Document Stamp	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$854,185.00	\$297,900.00
Heritage Trust Fund-Document Stamp	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$188,851.00	\$1,247,390.00
Document Stamp Tax portion	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$231,856.00	\$0.00
Document Stamp Tax portion-Bond Repayment	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$3,328,440.00	\$(830,095.85)
Donations	Recurring	Other	Agency	\$253.00	\$0.00
TOTAL				\$5,892,360.83	\$2,176,819.80

Trust Funds

<sup>[2]</sup> Trust Funds

<sup>[3]</sup> Trust Funds and Documentary Stamp Tax revenue resumed postings once HT Bond was called in December 2016

<sup>[4]</sup> Trust Funds and Bond called December 2016, fund closed

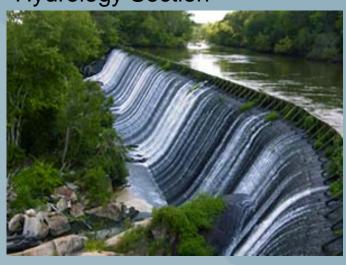
**<sup>[5]</sup>** Trust Funds

# Agency revenue sources utilized by LWC during FY 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Revenue Sources utilized	Recurring or one-time?	State, Federal, or Other?	Organization al Unit	2016-17 - Spent to Achieve Agency's Comprehensive Strategic Plan	2017-18 - Budgeted to spend to Achieve Agency's Comprehensive Strategic Plan
General Fund	Recurring	State	Agency	\$3,032,598	\$2,998,139
General Fund	One-Time	State	Agency	\$823,881	\$248,500
Federal Awards	Recurring	Federal	Agency	\$2,351,792	\$2,936,676
Flood Training Registrations, weather certifications, printed products	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$23,255	\$23,246
Cash Transfer	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$525,142	\$525,142
Cash Transfers	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$120,566	\$113,736
Map data, Core Sample logs, mineral rock kits and GIS publications	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$12,709	\$12,709
Revenue passed to USGS for surface water, ground water, water quality station	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$494,656	\$494,656
Reimbursements for aquatic weed mgmt	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$152,342	\$152,342
Heritage Trust Fund-Document Stamp	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$302,090	\$302,090
Heritage Trust Fund-Document Stamp	Recurring	Other	LWC	\$770,397	\$770,397
	<u>2016-17 Totals</u> (Percent of Total)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	- <u>18 Totals</u> nt of Total)	
Recurring General Fund	\$3,032,598 (35.22%)		\$2,998,139 (34.95%)		
One-Time General Fund	\$823,881 (9.57%)			\$248,500 (2.90%)	
Recurring Federal	\$2,351,792 (27.32%)		\$2	,936,676 (34.24%)	
Recurring Other	\$2,401	,157 (27.89%)	\$2	,394,318 (27.91%)	
GRAND TOTAL		\$8,609,428		\$8,577,633	

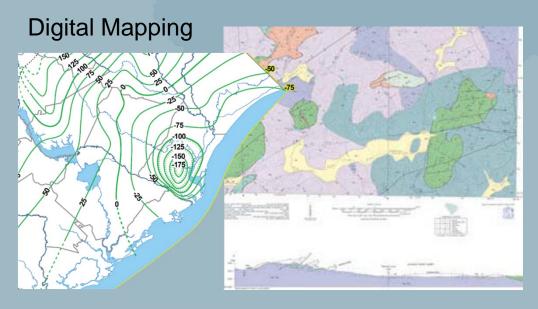
## **EARTH SCIENCE GROUP**

**Hydrology Section** 



**Geological Survey** 





The DNR Hydrology Section shall advise the Governor and General Assembly on formulating and establishing a comprehensive water resources policy to assure adequate supplies of surface and groundwaters of suitable quality are available.

				<u>CUSTOMERS</u>			<u>COSTS</u>		
Item#	Product/Service Components	Does law require, allow, or not address it?	Does agency know the annual number of potential customers?	Does agency know the annual number of customers served?	Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction?	Does the agency know the cost it incurs, per unit, to provide the product or service?	Does the law allow the agency to charge for it to cover the agency's costs?		
1A	Formulate and establish a comprehensive water resources policy.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
1B	Develop and establish policies and proposals designed to meet and resolve special problems of water resources use and control.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
1C	Review actions and policies of State agencies and US Army Corps of Engineers with water resource responsibilities to determine consistency with the comprehensive water policy.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
1D	Conduct/arrange for studies, inquires, surveys, or analyses relevant in the implementation of policy and in developing recommendations to the General Assembly.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
1E	Consult with other government agencies relating to the use and control of water resources of the State.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
1F	Authorized to appoint interdepartmental and public advisory boards to advise in developing policies.	Allow	No	No	No	No	No		
1G	Encourage, assist, and advise other State agencies responsible for water planning.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
1H	Determine if adequate supplies of surface and groundwaters of suitable quality for domestic, municipal, agricultural, and industrial uses are available.	Require	No	No	No	No	No		
11	Publish reports, including the results of studies, inquiries, surveys, and analyses.	Allow	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		

GOAL Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.1 Water Resource Management and Earth Science research, as well as review of proposed environmental impacts as published in the regulatory arena to provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public.

Objective 1.1.1 Conduct or arrange for studies, inquires, surveys, or analysis; prepare reports; review actions; and appoint advisory boards as may be relevant in implementation of water policy.

	FTE equivalents utilized	<u>Total spent / budgeted</u>
2016-17	11.75 FTE	\$1,725,645 (2.33%)
2017-18	11.75 FTE	\$1,663,833 (2.35%)

D. C	Type of Measure	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Performance Measures						
Use hydrology information to develop plans to ensure surface and groundwater of suitable quality is available for all uses  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: Texas	Outcome	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: Updated State Water Plan
Develop surface-water quantity models for each of the State's eight major river basins for regional water planning  Additional Notes: Models have been completed, will be used in the future for water planning and will be updated as new data becomes available.  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: CDM Smith, Inc.	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 2 models Actual: 0 models	Target: 4 models Actual: 4 models	Target: 4 models Actual: 4 models	Target: No longer tracked
Develop a groundwater-quantity model and a groundwater-recharge model of the Coastal Plain for regional water planning  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: USGS/SCDNR	Output	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: 3-year project with the USGS begins February 2016	Target: On schedule Actual: On schedule	Target: Both models scheduled to be completed by Feb. 2019
Develop water-demand forecasts for each of the State's eight major river basins for regional water planning  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: Private consultants	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: 1½-year project with the USACE begins May 2016 for one forecast (Savannah River basin)	Target: Final report due for the Savannah River basin
Meet and consult with agricultural, industrial, and municipal interest groups to propose policies for developing water-demand forecasts for regional water planning  Additional Notes: Meetings were used to gather input from stakeholders on how forecast water-demand, which will be included in the water plan.  Required by: State government Best in the Country: SCDNR	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: 5 meetings Actual: 5 meetings	<u>Target</u> : No longer tracked
Develop a groundwater-quantity model and a groundwater-recharge model for Aiken County to determine groundwater availability  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: USGS/SCDNR	Output	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: 4-year project with the USGS begins December 2014	<u>Target</u> : On schedule <u>Actual</u> : Delays in project due to funding	Target: On schedule Actual: Project extended 6 months to include 2016 water-use data	Target: Both models scheduled to be completed by June 2019
Meet and consult with stakeholders, government agencies, water utilities, and other water-user groups to discuss water plans, policies, programs, and projects <u>Additional Notes</u> : Some meetings were not relevant to the section. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR	Output	Target: % of Requested Actual: 85% (37 meetings)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 85% (82 meetings)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 85% (161 meetings)	<u>Target</u> : % of Requested <u>Actual</u> : 85% (148 meetings)	<u>Target</u> ; % of Requested
Add 105 stream gages to the State's surface water monitoring network as a result of recommendations made at the workshops  Additional Notes: New gages cost approximately \$16,000/year, the USGS has agreed to pay for installation if we maintain the gage for five years.  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: USGS	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: 105 gages Actual: 20 gages (SCDOT funded)	<u>Target</u> : 85 gages
Produce potentiometric maps of the three major aquifers in the State to determine changes in groundwater availability  Additional Notes: DNR typically makes one map per year, but last year made maps of all three aquifers as the information was needed to assist DNR in calibrating the groundwater model, which is used for water planning. DNR would like to add more wells to the network before making an additional map.  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR	Output	Target: 1 map Actual: 1 map	Target: 1 map Actual: 1 map	Target: 1 map Actual: 1 map	Target: 1 map Actual: 3 maps	<u>Target</u> : 0

Add 233 wells to the DNR groundwater monitoring network as required to produce accurate potentiometric maps  Additional Notes: Adding wells to the DNR groundwater network depends on the availability of the well (is the owner willing to turn it over to the state) and on its location, depth and condition. When DNR has funding available, we contract well drilling out to a company to drill new wells on DNR or state-owned properties. If there is not money for drilling new wells, we try to recruit wells that are being abandoned by their owners, which saves the state money.  Required by: State government Best in the Country: SCDNR  Visit sites of the statewide DNR groundwater monitoring network, currently 137 sites and 169 wells, to	<u>Output</u> Output		Target: 217 wells Actual: 28 wells  Target: 810 site visits		Target: 187 wells Actual: 6 wells  Target: 822 site visits	Target: 181 wells  Target: 822 site visits
measure groundwater levels and download water-level data from data recorders  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR		Actual: 660 site visits	Actual: 810 site visits	Actual: 792 site visits	Actual: 822 site visits	
Conduct geophysical surveys of water wells to determine groundwater availability <u>Additional Notes</u> : Determined by the number of requests. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR	Output	Target: % of Requested Actual: 100% (26 wells surveyed)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 100% (7 wells surveyed)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 100% (9 wells surveyed)	<u>Target</u> : % of Requested <u>Actual</u> : 100% (26 wells surveyed)	Target: % of Requested
Review water permits, policies, programs, plans and projects <u>Additional Notes</u> : Determined by the number of permits submitted. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR	Output	Target: % of Requested Actual: 100% (24 reviews)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 100% (28 reviews)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 100% (38 reviews)	Target:% of Requested Actual: 100% (55 reviews)	Target: :% of Requested
Add groundwater data and wells to the DNR groundwater database  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR	Output	Target:% of Available Actual: 100% (2634 wells)	Target:% of Available Actual: 100% (3117 wells)	Target: % of Available Actual: 100% (3202 wells)	Target: % of Available Actual: 100% (2912 wells added)	Target: % of Available
Provide water-related technical assistance and information to citizens, government entities, water managers, well drillers, engineers, and others <u>Additional Notes</u> : Determined by the number of requests. <u>Required by: State government</u> <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR	Output	Target: % of Requested Actual: 85% (198 requests)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 85% (199 requests)	Target: % of Requested Actual: 85% (227 requests)	<u>Target</u> : % of Requested <u>Actual</u> : 85% (213 requests)	Target: % of Requested
Develop a network of 25 wells along the coast to monitor for saltwater intrusion of coastal aquifers  Additional Notes: Determined by the number of well owners who are willing to participate and by the availability of funds needed to drill new wells.  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR	Output	Target: 25 Actual: 5	Target: 20 Actual: 3	Target: 17 Actual: 2	Target: 15 Actual: 0	Target: 15
Prepare technical/scientific reports that document results from water-related investigations <u>Additional Notes</u> : 2017-18 target is not an optimal target and is limited because of staff shortage. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR	Output	Target: 1 report Actual: 0 report	Target: 1 report Actual: 1 report	Target: 1 report Actual: 0 report	Target: 1 report Actual: 4 reports	Target: 1 report
Organize eight basin advisory councils to help develop regional water plans <u>Additional Notes</u> : Pilot-project in the Savannah River basin done in cooperation with Clemson and funded by Duke Energy Mitigation Funding from FERC relicensing. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : 1 council

#### State Water Plan Update

- Surface-water availability assessment
- Groundwater availability assessment
- Water-demand forecasts
- Regional water plans
- State Water Plan

#### Water Resources Monitoring and Mapping

- o Groundwater monitoring network
- Saltwater monitoring network
- o Water-level (potentiometric) mapping
- Aquifer delineation
- Surface water monitoring

#### Water Resources Data Collection

- o Coring/drilling
- Geophysical logging
- Well inventory/database

#### Water Resources Policy and Management Guidance

- Savannah River basin study
- o FERC relicensing
- Environmental reviews and drought assessments

#### WATER PLANNING



#### GROUNDWATER MONITORING

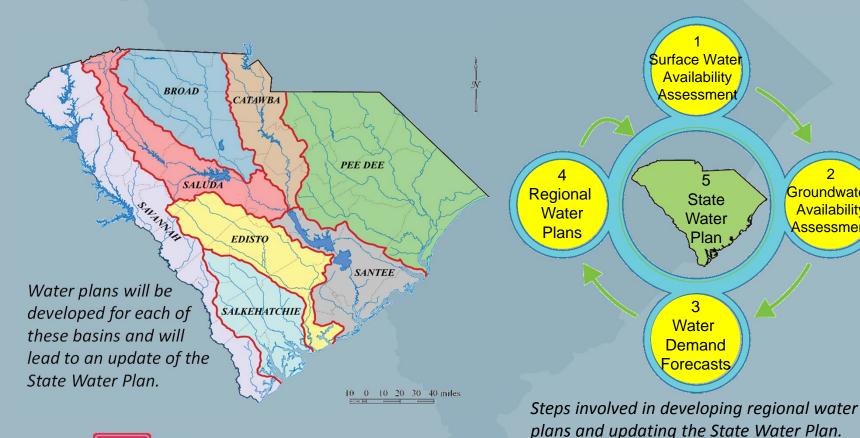


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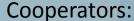


# State Water Plan Update

The goal of water planning is to develop a water-resources management plan that ensures that an adequate and reliable supply of clean water will be available to sustain all future uses.















Groundwate

Availability

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# Surface-Water Availability Assessment Stakeholder Meetings

Saluda	#1	Greenville	Apr. 2015
	#2	Greenville	Dec. 2015
Edisto	#1	Blackville	June 2015
	#2	Blackville	Dec. 2015
Broad	#1	Spartanburg	Aug. 2015
	#2	Spartanburg	May 2016
Pee Dee	#1	Florence	Nov. 2015
	#2	Florence	May 2016
Catawba	#1	Rock Hill	Nov. 2015
	#2	Rock Hill	Nov. 2016
Santee	#1	Moncks Corner	Mar. 2016
	#2	Moncks Corner	Dec. 2016
Salkehatchie	#1-2	Walterboro	Aug. 2016
Savannah	#1	North Augusta	Aug. 2016
	#2	North Augusta	Feb. 2017

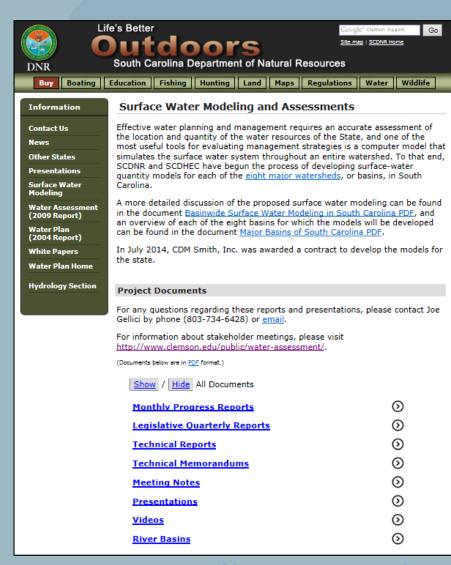






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# Surface-Water Availability Assessment DNR Webpage



**Monthly Progress Reports** 

**Legislative Quarterly Reports** 

**Technical Reports** 

**Technical Memorandums** 

**Meeting Notes** 

**Presentations** 

Videos

**River Basins** 

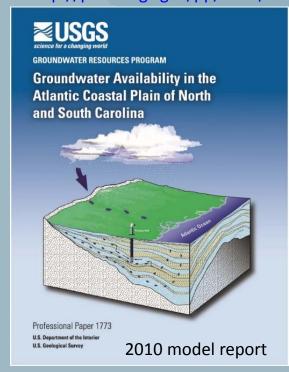
Broad Catawba
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# Groundwater Availability Assessment Groundwater Flow Model

Purpose: Update the 2010 groundwater flow model of the

Coastal Plain.

http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/1773/



Model update is scheduled to be completed by February 2019.

#### **USGS** webpage for the project:

https://www.usgs.gov/centers/sa-water/science/update-south-carolina-atlantic-coastal-plain-groundwater-availability-0?qt-science center objects=1#qt-science center objects







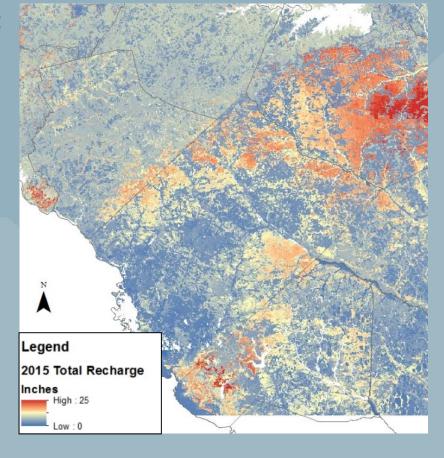
# Groundwater Availability Assessment Groundwater Recharge Model

Purpose: To develop maps showing groundwater recharge rates for the Coastal Plain. Recharge rates will be used as input for the groundwater flow models.

Includes many data sources:

- Geology Land Cover
- Soils
- Climate



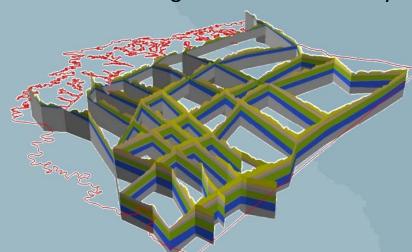


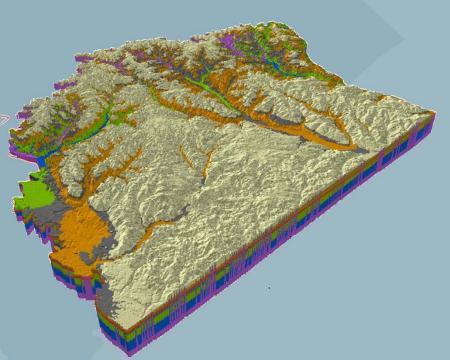


# Groundwater Availability Assessment Hydrogeologic Framework

Purpose: Update the hydrogeologic framework of the Coastal Plain

A fence diagram depicting aquifers and confining units in Aiken County.









A 3-D hydrogeologic framework generated from the fence diagram using ARC-Hydro software.

## Water-Demand Forecasts

Purpose: Develop water-demand forecasts for each of the 8 basins.

- SCDNR and USACE (Charleston) are currently (9/2017) developing methodologies and forecasts for the Savannah River basin.
- Methodologies will be applied to other basins.

Forecasts from 2013-2063 in 5- and 10-year intervals for:

- 1. Public supply
- 2. Domestic supply
- 3. Agriculture
- 4. Industry
- 5. Power
- 6. Golf Course



US Army Corps of Engineers

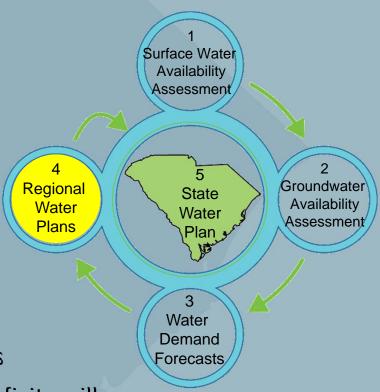


# Regional Water Plans

Using the models and forecasts, and with oversight from State agencies, stakeholders will begin the process of developing regional water plans for each basin.

#### This step includes:

- The formation of basin advisory councils
- An analysis to determine if any water deficits will occur
- An assessment of management strategies to meet the future demands
- Water conservation and drought management recommendations

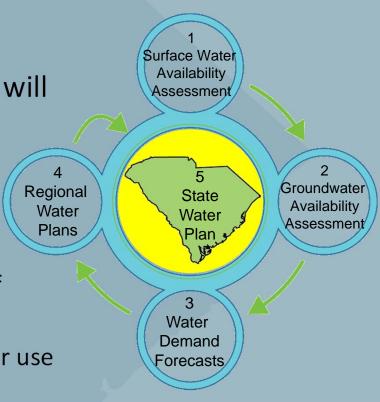


## State Water Plan

Upon completion of the regional water plans, the State water plan will be updated by DNR.

#### This step includes:

- Assessment of the overall condition of water resources in the State
- Evaluation of statewide trends in water use and availability
- Offering water-resource policy and program recommendations
- Introducing innovative practices



Two streamflow monitoring workshops were held in 2016 to highlight monitoring needs in the State and to solicit additional monitoring

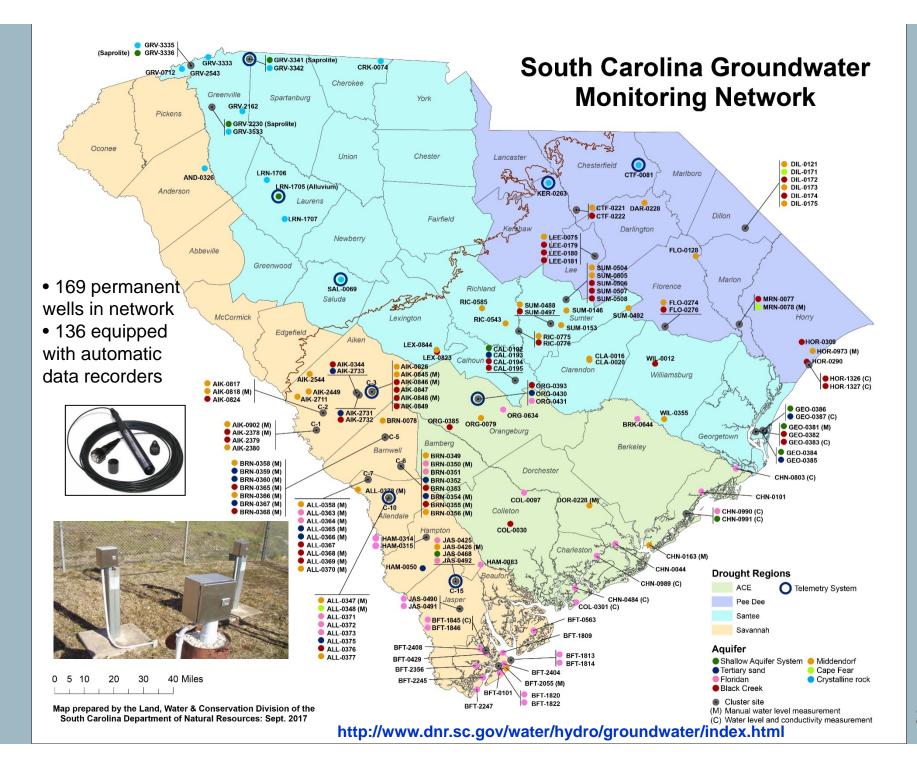
recommendations. Workshops were attended by a variety of stakeholders including local, state and federal agencies, water suppliers, power utilities and conservation groups. A total of 105 recommendations were made, mainly for flood forecasting, water planning, water quality, and ecological monitoring. DNR currently funds 16 USGS streamflow gages.

# New Streamflow Monitoring and Reactivation Sites | Company | Comp

# Surface Water Monitoring

http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/hydro/streamflow.html

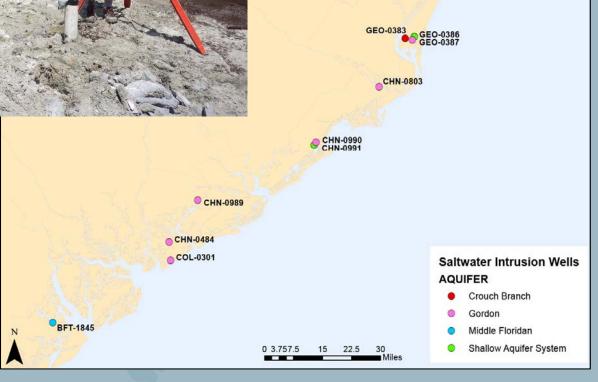




# Saltwater Monitoring Network

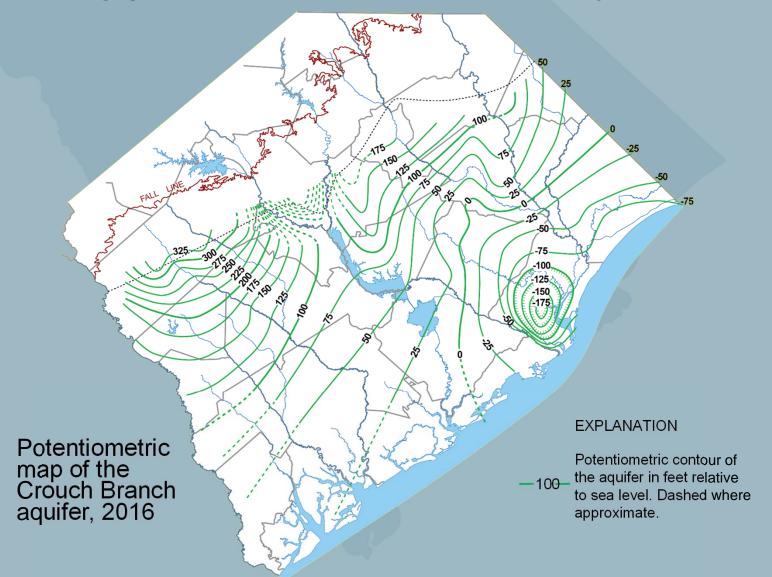


- Eleven wells are equipped with continuously logging conductivity probes to monitor for saltwater intrusion of our coastal aquifers.
- Long-term data will allow us to understand seasonal and annual trends and to evaluate the influence of pumping.



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# Potentiometric Mapping Maps showing groundwater elevations of the major aquifers.



# Coring and Well Drilling

Core samples, Chesterfield County.

Well drilling, Dillon County.

Well-cluster site, Sumter County.



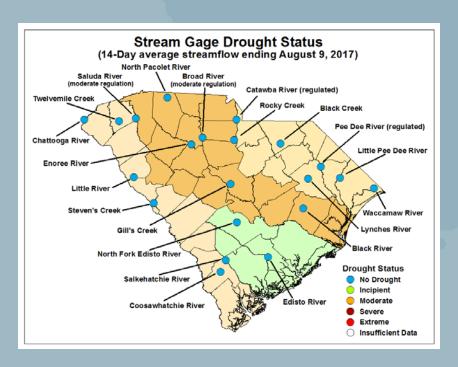
# Savannah River Basin Study

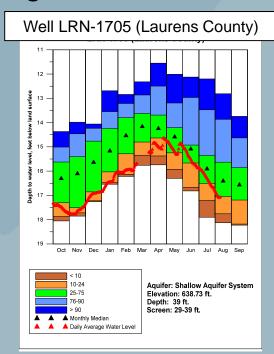
- Purpose is to develop a new Drought
   Management Plan for Lakes Hartwell,
   Russell, and Thurmond that benefits the entire Savannah basin
- Multiyear project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Georgia EPD, SC DNR, and The Nature Conservancy
- Eight different potential drought management plans are being evaluated
- Analysis involves computer model simulations of how proposed reservoir operations would impact lake levels, Savannah River flows, Harbor water quality, ecosystems and water uses throughout the basin



# FERC Relicensing, Environmental Reviews and Drought Assessments

The Hydrology Section assists in the review of FERC relicensing agreements, environmental projects, surface-water withdrawal permits, and assists the S.C. State Climatology Office with drought assessments.





# Hydrology Section Potential Harm

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

- Comprehensive water resources policy in the State is necessary to ensure that an adequate supply of clean water is available for all future off stream and instream uses, including public health, economic development, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.
- Intrastate and interstate problems must be addressed to protect our water resources from exploitation and misuse.
- Water policy would lack consistency and would thereby be ineffective, resulting in degradation and exploitation of our water resources.
- Technical and scientific studies are required to adequately address water resource issues and to provide reliable information to decision makers. Without this information, sound water policy cannot be developed causing degradation of our water.
- Consultation with other government agencies ensures that water policies are being enforced and that water is being protected and conserved.
- For water policies to be effective, stakeholders and the general public must have a say in how our water is managed. Lack of acceptance can lead to misuse of our water.
- The effective management of our water resources requires cooperation and shared responsibility among Federal, State and local agencies, without which the water resources of the state would be exploited and misused.
- Reports are published to provide reliable information and policy recommendations to decision makers, without which the water resources of the state would be exploited. Spatial information will not be in an electronic format for easy dissemination and efficient use, thereby limiting the value of the information.
- Over pumping of groundwater can result in saltwater intrusion and land subsidence. Over pumping of surface water can cause degradation of water quality and be harmful to fish and wildlife habitat.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

- Support recommendations in the State Water Plan.
- Make water resources a high-priority item.
- Support water-planning efforts in the State.
- Support interstate committees.
- Support Savannah River Advisory Council.
- Support Governor's Savannah River Committee.
- Support Catawba Wateree Working Group.

- Additional FTE's needed to accomplish mission.
- Support and encourage cutting-edge geospatial technology
- Support sharing of geospatial data, maps, reports, etc. between state agencies.
- Support information technology development services
- Support scientific inquires.
- Support technical and scientific studies.
- Continue to support legislative duty.

## **Geological Survey**

The Department is authorized through the Geological Survey to provide field and laboratory studies in Geology to provide advice and assistance to other state and local governmental agencies.

				<u>CUSTOMERS</u>		<u>COSTS</u>		
Item #	Product/Service Components	Does law require, allow, or not address it?	Does agency know the annual number of potential customers?	Does agency know the annual number of customers served?	Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction ?	Does the agency know the cost it incurs, per unit, to provide the product or service?	Does the law allow the agency to charge for it to cover the agency's costs?	
2A	Field and laboratory studies in Geology mapping and related gathering of surface and subsurface data.	Require	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2B	Advice and assistance on Geology.	Require	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
2C	Encourage economic development by disseminating published geologic information as bulletins, maps, economic reports, and openfile reports.	Require	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2D	Provide unsolicited advice, when appropriate, to Mining Council.	Require	No	No	Yes	No	No	
2E	Operate and maintain statewide repository for rock cores, well cutting, and related subsurface samples and all associated supplemental data.	Require	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
2F	Provide minerals research laboratory.	Require	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

#### **Geological Survey**

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.1 Water Resource Management and Earth Science research, as well as review of proposed environmental impacts as published in the regulatory arena to provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public.

Objective 1.1.2 Produce reliable geologic maps and information in support of economic development, environmental protection, and land-use planning.

	FTE equiv	alents utilized	Total spent / budgeted			
2016-17	5.85 FTE	1.00 TG	\$1,343,219	(1.82%)		
2017-18	5.85 FTE	1.00 TG	\$1,053,565	(1.49%)		

## **Geological Survey**

Performance Measures	Type of Measure	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Promote the extraction and conservation of South Carolina's earth raw materials and their manufacture to the economic improvement of the State by disseminating published geologic information to appropriate governmental agencies and private industry  Additional Note: Reliable geologic information of the 566 quadrangles covering the State in digital format Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR	Outcome	Target: 410 quadrangles Actual: 156 quadrangles	Target: 403 quadrangles Actual: 163 quadrangles	<u>Target</u> : 397 quadrangles <u>Actual</u> : 169 quadrangles	<u>Target</u> : 391 quadrangles <u>Actual</u> : 175 quadrangles	<u>Target</u> : 386
Map 1:24,000-scale quadrangles in the Coastal Plain region and make information available digitally to public in open-file report form  Required by: Federal government  Best in the Country: Delaware Geological Survey	Output	Target: 4 maps Actual: 7 maps	Target: 4 maps Actual: 6 maps	Target:4 maps <u>Actual</u> :6 maps	Target: 5 maps Actual: 5 maps	Target: 4 maps
Field check 1:24,000-scale quadrangles in Inner Piedmont (Spartanburg County) to verify mapped relations  Additional Note: 2017-18 target is not an optimal target and is limited because of staff shortage.  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: USGS	Output	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 2 quadrangles Actual: 2 quadrangles	Target: 2 quadrangles Actual: 1 quadrangles	<u>Target</u> : 1 quadrangles
Complete 10 per cent of regional compilation of Carolina terrane and field check relations to verify map reliability  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: USGS	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: 10% digitized Actual: 75% digitized	<u>Target</u> : 25% digitized
Compile available information to produce offshore map of South Carolina waters of Long Bay area (North Island to Little River)  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: Coastal Carolina University	Output	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: Compile map Actual: Map complied	<u>Target</u> : No longer tracked
Finish digitization of 6 sets of coastal aerial photographs from Capers Island to Murrells Inlet and start AMBUR (Analyzing Moving Boundaries Using R) analysis of physical change Required by: Agency selected Best in the Country: Georgia Southern	Output	<u>Target</u> : DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 6 sets digitized Actual: 3 sets digitized	Target: 3 sets digitized Actual: 1 set digitized	Target: 2 sets digitized
Finish digitization of pilot project in ACE (Ashepoo-Combahee-Edisto) Basin and do AMBUR program analysis of physical change  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Georgia Southern	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 5 shorelines Actual: 5 shorelines	Target: 100% analysis Actual: 100% analysis	Target: No longer tracked
Measure Surface Elevation Table network along Coast quarterly to determine occurrence of positive or negative vertical crustal movements  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: USGS	Output	Target: 4 times Actual: 4 times	Target: 4 times Actual: 4 times	Target: 4 times Actual: 4 times	Target: 4 times Actual: 3 times	Target: 4 times
Conduct multi-year BOEM project to evaluate offshore sand resources  Additional Note: This is a two-year project which will be completed this year.  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: SCDNR	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : 30% <u>Actual</u> : 30%	<u>Target</u> : 70%
Maintain Core Repository by obtaining core samples from private companies and institutions <u>Additional Note</u> : Target level beyond agency control. Depends on acquiring donations. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : Texas Geological Survey	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE <u>Actual</u> : DNE	Target: % of Amount donated accepted Actual: 100% (1616 Feet)	Target: % of Amount donated accepted



# **Geological Survey**

#### **GEOLOGIC DATA COLLECTION**

-Mapping (the cornerstone)

**Piedmont** 

**Coastal Plain** 

**Shoreline Change** 

SET

Offshore Mapping

- -Offshore Sand Studies
- -Hazard Studies
- -Broad River Project
- -Digital Information



### **STATEMAP**



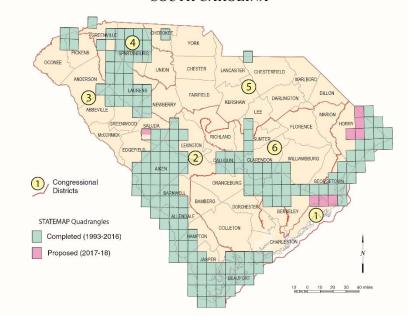




### National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program STATEMAP Component:

States compete for federal matching funds for geologic mapping

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

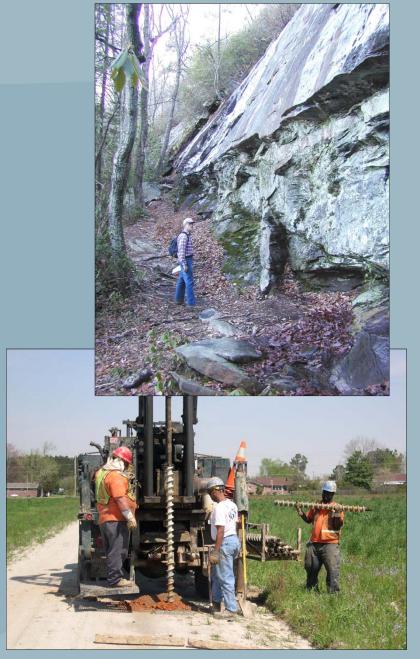


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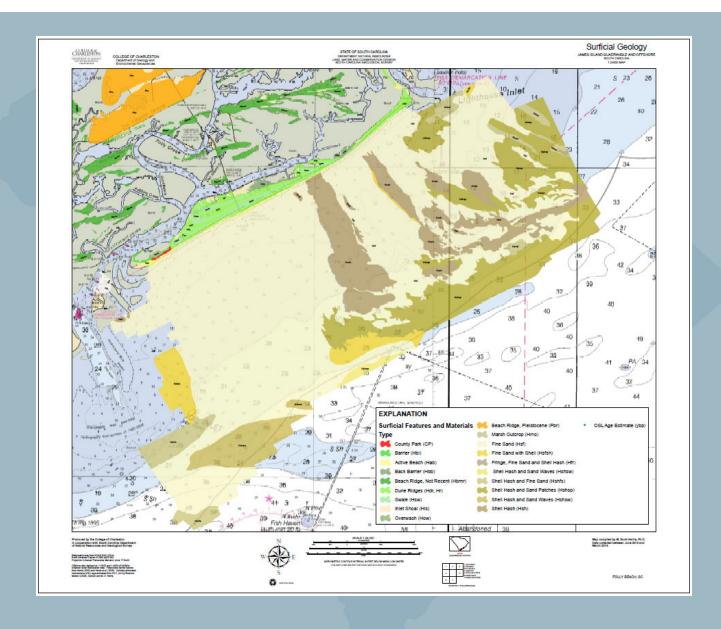


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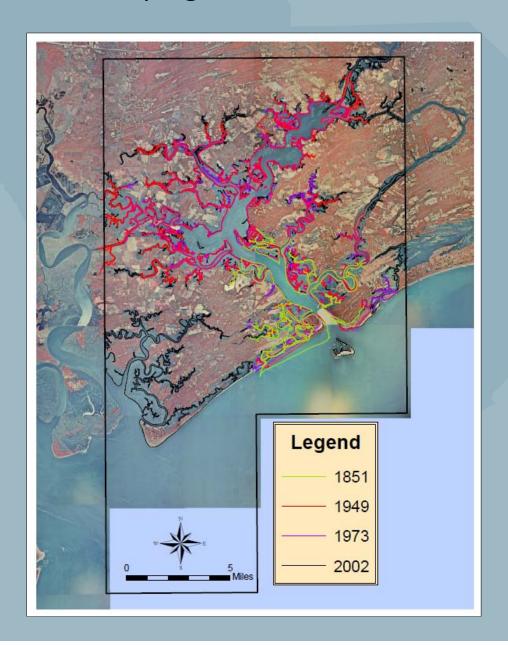


Digital Map Product



Offshore Mapping

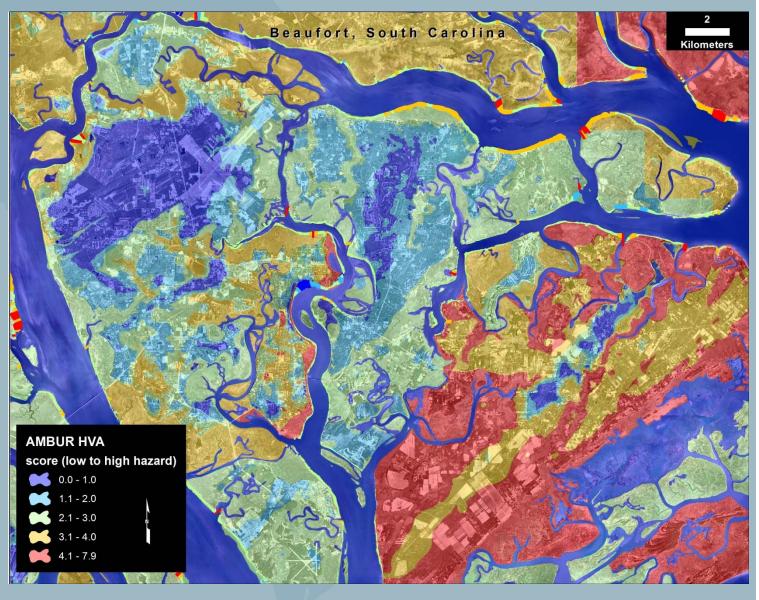
# **Developing Shoreline Data Sets**



### AMBUR-HVA Modeling potential hazard from physical change

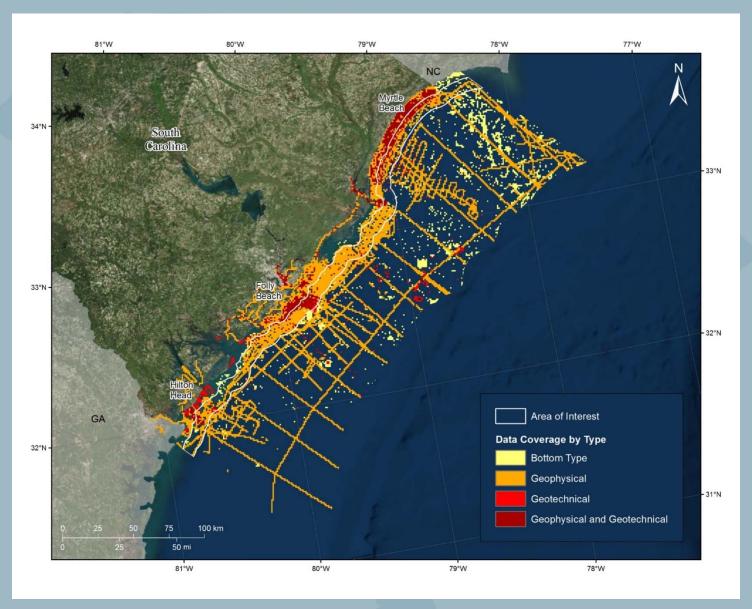
# Model Inputs

- Tide range and sea level rise projection
- Shoreline change rates (AMBUR)
- Social vulnerability index (USC)
- High-resolution elevation
- Mean wave height
- SLOSH model
- Areas prone to hurricane winds
- Coastal slope
- Geomorphology

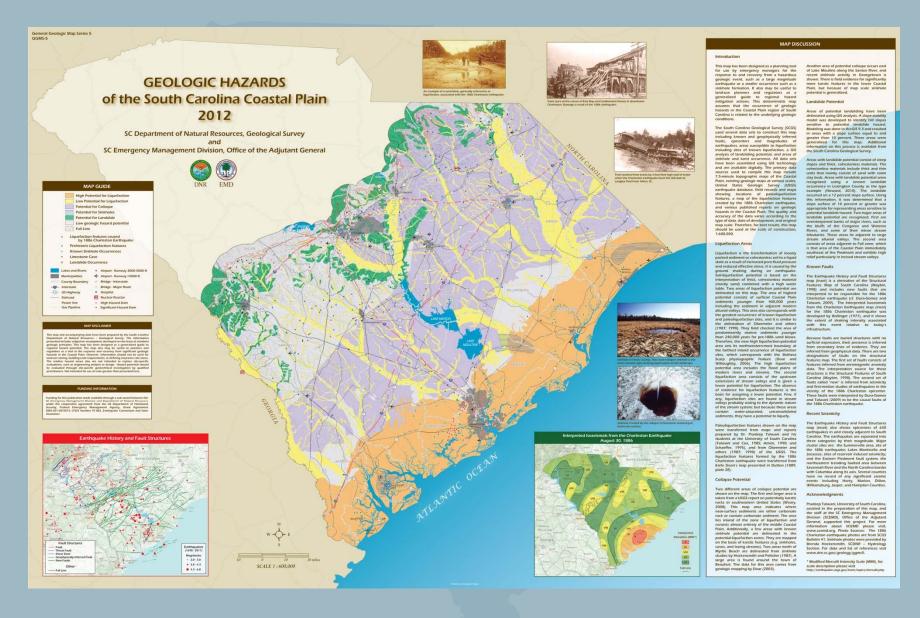




Surface Elevation Table Measurement for Physical Change



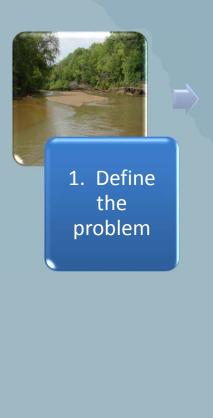
BOEM -Data Coverage in Offshore Sand Resource Database



**Hazard Studies** 

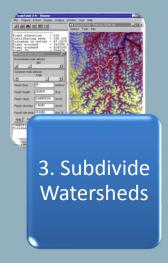
#### **Broad River Sediment Study**

Objective: Quantitatively define the major paths of sediment transport; identify the physical conditions responsible for eroding, mobilizing and depositing sediment; and evaluate methods to reduce sediment input.





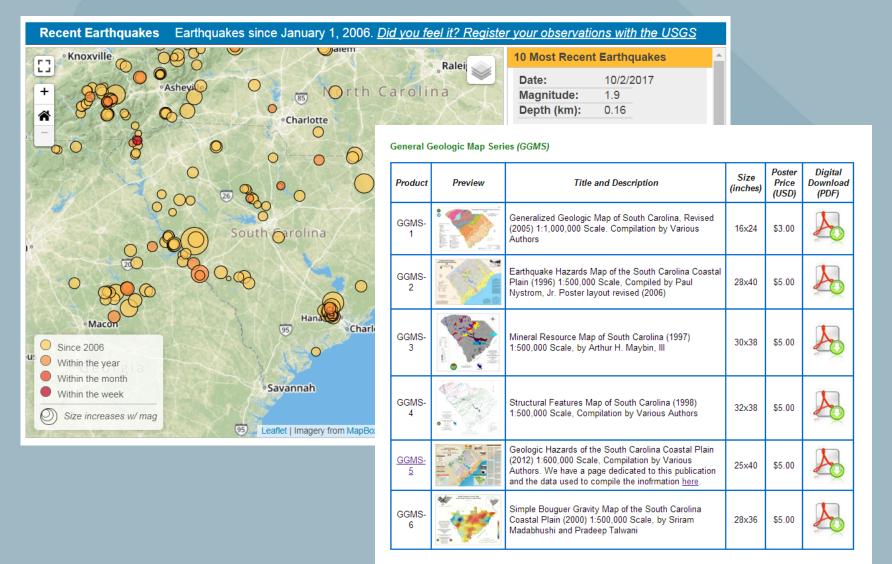








## **Disseminating Geologic Information**



#### **Geological Survey**

#### **Potential Harm**

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

- Lack of information available to provide assistance to other state agencies, private companies, and general public.
- Accurate and reliable geologic information not available to the public.
- Lack of geologic support for economic development. Spatial information will not be in an electronic format for easy dissemination and efficient use, thereby limiting the value of the information.
- Lack of reliable and accurate information to the Mining Council.
- Exploration companies are aware of the Core Repository and use it on a frequent basis.
- Limited services to the general public will be reduced even more.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

- Add FTE's needed to accomplish mission.
- Expand collaboration with other state agencies to disseminate geologic information, e.g. Dept Commerce, SCDOT.
- Support and encourage cutting-edge geospatial technology
- Continue legislated mission of the Geological
   Survey.

- Support information technology development services
- Support sharing of geospatial data, maps, reports and publications between state agencies.
- Cost of drilling new rock cores greatly exceeds cost to maintain Core Repository.
- Continue legislative duty.

Publish reports, including the results of studies, inquiries, surveys, and analyses. Encourage economic development by disseminating published geologic information as bulletins, maps, economic reports, and open-file reports.

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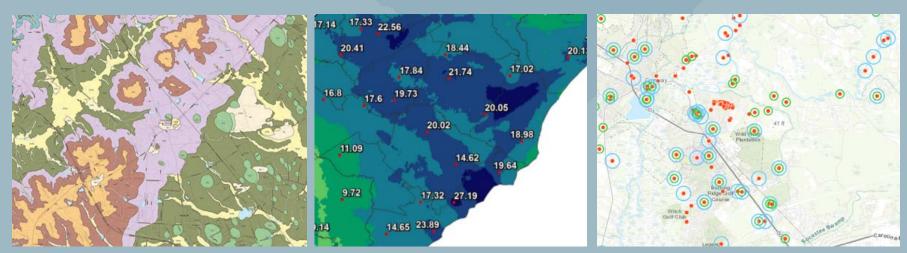
Strategy 1.1 Water Resource Management and Earth Science research, as well as review of proposed environmental impacts as published in the regulatory arena to provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public.

Objective 1.1.3 Expand digital capabilities and uses for the dissemination of information.

	FTE equivalents utilized	<u>Total spent / budgeted</u>
2016-17	1.25 FTE	\$109,911 (0.15%)
2017-18	1.25 FTE	\$105,154 (0.15%)

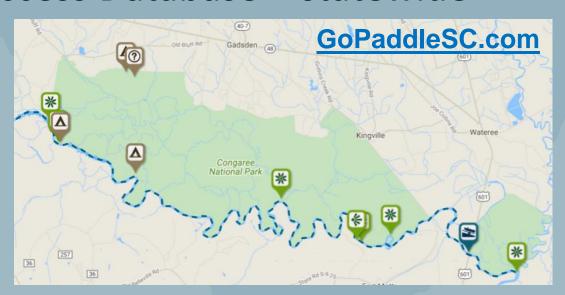
Performance Measures	<u>Type of</u> <u>Measure</u>	2013-14	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Expand use of digital-mapping in field work done by LWC Division  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Kentucky Geological Survey	Efficiency	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 1 in use Actual: 1 in use	Target :2in use Actual: 2 in use	Target: 3 in use
Improve the preservation and accessibility of spatial data from and for LWC programs with new and existing GIS databases  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Florida Geological Survey	Efficiency	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target:DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	<u>Target</u> : Improve existing or develop a new database for LWC program that benefits program operations. <u>Actual</u> : Database of river access, data used for new GoPaddleSC.com website.	Target: Improve SC Geological Survey databases of geologic map information.
Expand information available from LWC Division webpages with use of story maps to disseminate natural resource information  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Delaware Geological Survey	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 1 page Actual: 2 page	Target: 1 page
Increase use of digitally interactive maps to provide additional information to support aspects of natural resource information  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Texas Parks and Wildlife	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 1 map Actual: 1 map	Target: 1 map
Evaluate uses of drones to digitally collect natural resource information  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: College of Charleston	Input/Activity	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 25% evaluated Actual: 25% evaluated	<u>Target</u> : 25% evaluated
Begin to integrate available onshore maps with offshore information of Long Bay area to produce composite working map  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: New Jersey Geological Survey	Output	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target:DNE Actual: DNE	Target: DNE Actual: DNE	Target: 20% integration Actual: 15% integration	Target: 20% integration

- GIS Support for All LWC Sections
- GIS Databases and Data Collection
- Analysis
- Cartography
- Dissemination of Information



# **Database Development**

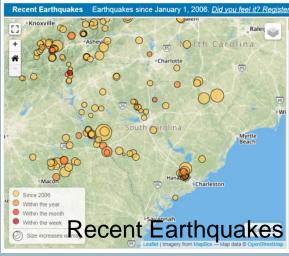
River Access Database – statewide



 Geologic Map Schema (GeMS) – implement national standard database for geologic maps

# Disseminate LWC information on the web





# South Carolina Flooding 2015

The historic heavy rainfall event of October 1-5, 2015 produced record rainfall rates and rainfall totals in South Carolina. The rainfall amounts and distributions across the State were similar in pattern to those normally produced by hurricanes making landfall; however, although the moisture drawn over the State was from deep in the tropics, the synoptic features, or mechanism, that produced the heavy rainfall was of a mid-latitude nature rather than that of a tropical cyclone. Mid-latitude features include surface and upper level high and low pressure features, warm fronts and cold fronts, as well as ridges and troughs that exist due to differences in temperature and moisture content.

~~~ Evaloring the Stony Man ~~~



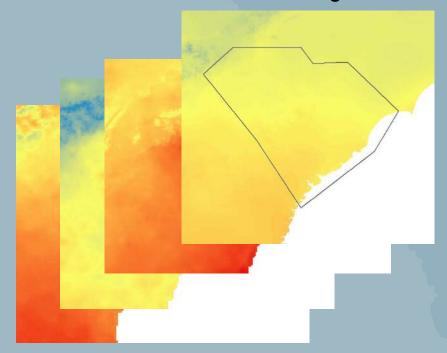


2015 Flood Story Map dnr.sc.gov/flood2015

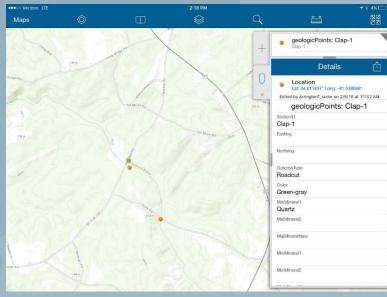


- Increase efficiency
  - GIS tools for analysis and data collection

Process climate data for recharge model



#### Geologic mapping with iPad



The Department must monitor for drought, create a drought plan and inform the public and require compliance with the law. Also, the Department must archive and disseminate climate information.

|       |                                                                                                                                   |                                                            | <u>CUSTOMERS</u>                                           |                                                         |                                                  | <u>COSTS</u>                                                                          |                                                                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item# | Product/Service Components                                                                                                        | Does law<br>require,<br>allow, or<br>not<br>address<br>it? | Does agency know the annual number of potential customers? | Does agency know the annual number of customers served? | Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction ? | Does the agency know the cost it incurs, per unit, to provide the product or service? | Does the law allow the agency to charge for it to cover the agency's costs? |
| 3     | Department must monitor for drought, create a drought plan and inform the public and require compliance with the law.             | Require                                                    | No                                                         | No                                                      | Yes                                              | Yes                                                                                   | Yes                                                                         |
| 4A    | Evaluate the significance of natural, manmade, deliberate and inadvertent changes in the climate and weather affecting the state. | Require                                                    | Yes                                                        | Yes                                                     | Yes                                              | Yes                                                                                   | Yes                                                                         |
| 4B    | State Climatologist may certify copies as being authentic reproductions of weather records held in the state.                     | Require                                                    | Yes                                                        | Yes                                                     | Yes                                              | Yes                                                                                   | Yes                                                                         |

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Strategy 1.2 State Climate Office/Flood Mitigation activities provide reliable information for the protection of lives and property.

Objective 1.2.1 Monitor, conduct and report on studies of climate and weather events of environmental and economic importance to the State.

|         | FTE equivalents utilized | Total spent / budgeted |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 3.05 FTE                 | \$305,498 (0.41%)      |
| 2017-18 | 3.05 FTE                 | \$292,258 (0.40%)      |

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Type of<br>Measure | <u>2013-14</u>                                                               | <u>2014-15</u>                                                                   | <u>2015-16</u>                                                                   | <u>2016-17</u>                                                                                                           | <u>2017-18</u>                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Continue soliciting CoCoRaHS volunteer observers: Recruit 3 observers in counties with minimal participation  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: North Carolina                                                                               |                    | Target: 92<br>Actual: 71                                                     | Target: 92<br>Actual: 98                                                         | Target: 92<br>Actual: 48                                                         | Target: 92<br>Actual: 55                                                                                                 | Target: 92                                                    |
| Retain CoCoRaHS observers  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: Kansas and Nebraska                                                                                                                                                             | Outcome            | Target: 20%<br>Actual:32%                                                    | Target: 20%<br>Actual:40%                                                        | <u>Target</u> : 20%<br><u>Actual</u> :48%                                        | Target: 20%<br>Actual:53%                                                                                                | <u>Target</u> : 20%                                           |
| Conduct drought and water shortage table-top exercise  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Washington Metropolitan Drought Exercises organized and conducted by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin                            | Output             | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                   | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                                               | Target: 1 table top<br>exercise (scheduled<br>September 2017) |
| Give presentations on climate  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                                                                                                        | Output             | Target: DNE<br>Actual: 40                                                    | Target: DNE<br>Actual: 40                                                        | Target: DNE<br>Actual: 45                                                        | <u>Target</u> : As requested<br><u>Actual</u> : 37                                                                       | Target: As requested                                          |
| Conduct pre-season and in-season Tropical, Severe, and Winter Weather Briefings to state and county officials  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                       | Output             | Target: Weather<br>Dependent<br>Actual: DNE                                  | Target: Weather Dependent Actual: 42 conference calls, 8-12 pre-season exercises | Target: Weather Dependent Actual: 34 conference calls, 8-12 pre-season exercises | Target: Weather Dependent<br>Actual: 18 conference calls, 8-12<br>pre-season exercises                                   | Target: Weather<br>Dependent                                  |
| Expand the Severe Weather Alert Listserve  Required by: State government Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                                                                                            | Output             | <u>Target</u> : 1,675<br><u>Actual</u> : 1,903                               | <u>Target</u> : 2,200<br><u>Actual</u> : 2,092                                   | <u>Target</u> :2,400<br><u>Actual</u> :2, 374                                    | <u>Target</u> :2,600<br><u>Actual</u> : 2,937                                                                            | <u>Target</u> : 3,137                                         |
| Complete weekly and Annual Report on Climatological data  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                                                                            | Output             | Target: 53<br>Actual: 53                                                     | Target: 53<br>Actual: 53                                                         | Target: 53<br>Actual: 53                                                         | Target: 53<br>Actual: 53                                                                                                 | Target: 53                                                    |
| Complete Special Weather Summaries about significant weather events  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                                                                 | Output             | Target: 20-25<br>Actual: 22                                                  | Target: 20-25<br>Actual: 19                                                      | <u>Target</u> : 20-25<br><u>Actual</u> : 17                                      | Target: 20-25<br>Actual: 17                                                                                              | <u>Target</u> : 20-25                                         |
| Staff assists SCDNR Law Enforcement, SC Highway Patrol, and County Solicitor's Offices with weather and climate information pertaining to watercraft, vehicle and criminal investigations  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR           | Output             | <u>Target</u> : As requested<br><u>Actual</u> : Approximately<br>40 requests | Target: As requested<br>Actual: Approximately 30<br>requests                     | Target: As requested Actual: Approximately 40 requests                           | <u>Target</u> : As requested<br><u>Actual</u> : Approximately 45 requests                                                | <u>Target</u> : As requested                                  |
| Conduct applied climatological research and produce decision-support products and tools important to the state  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: Unknown                                                                                    | Output             | Target: 2-3 reports and products Actual: 3 reports and products              | Target: 2-3 reports and products Actual: 3 reports and products                  | Target: 2-3 reports and products Actual: 4 reports and products                  | Target: 2-3 reports and products<br>Actual: 2 reports and products                                                       | Target: 2-3 reports and products                              |
| Provides weather and climate information as requested <u>Additional Notes</u> : Staff also participates in approximately 5-6 depositions a year, and provides certified weather data. <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR | Output             | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                   | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | <u>Target</u> : Not agency dependent,<br>depends on number of requests.<br><u>Actual</u> : Approximately 360<br>requests | Target: Not agency dependent, depends on number of requests.  |

# South Carolina State Climatology Office

The South Carolina State Climatology Program serves as the State's focal point for weather and climate information.

- Archive, process, and disseminate South Carolina weather and climate data
- Educate the people of South Carolina on current and emerging weather and climate issues
- Assist in forecast interpretation before, during, and after periods of severe weather and maintain an active research program.



# Gather and archive data on climate conditions in South Carolina

- •Collect climate observations from government and private observing stations. The office serves as **State Coordinator for the Community Collaborative, Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)**.
- •Archive and distribute recent and historic climate data and information that date back to the late 1800s. Under SC State Law the Office has the authority to certify weather observations for official use.
- •Cooperate with climate observers, National Climatic Data Center, National Weather Service and CoCoRaHS to assure that station continuity, station coverage and data accuracy are maintained throughout SC.







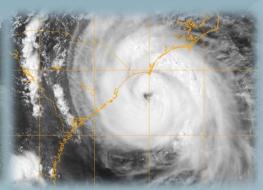


# Inform and educate the citizens of South Carolina on matters related to weather and climate

- •Assist in data acquisition and forecast interpretation before, during, and after periods of severe weather.
- •Promote weather and climate awareness by educating the public through email list serves, publications, personal contact, attendance at conferences, lectures and media interviews.
- •Administer the *South Carolina Drought Response Act*, which requires the office to execute a comprehensive state drought response program.



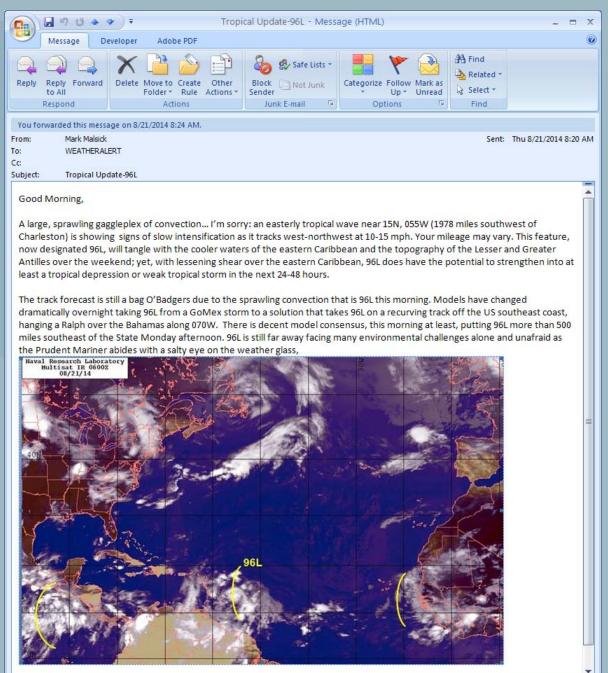






### Weather Alerts

Hazardous Weather
Updates from SCO Severe
Weather



#### **Potential Harm**

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

- Water shortages, economic loss, detrimental environmental impacts.
- Increased vulnerability to weather and climate disasters.
- There is no other state agency that has the authority to certify weather records for the state or citizens of SC. Customers would have to order certifications from the federal agency, National Centers for Environmental Information. Their minimum charge is \$124 up to \$588. <a href="https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/customer-support/certification-data">https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/customer-support/certification-data</a>. The SC State Climate Office does not charge to certify data for SC State Agencies. The charge to certify for other customers, especially those related to legal cases, ranges from \$20 to \$100.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

- Strengthen the Drought Response Act.
- Make water resources a high-priority item.
- Support water-planning efforts in the State.
- Continue legislated mission of SC State Climate Office

The Department is the designated state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program.

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                            |                                                                           | CUSTOMERS                                                              |                                                 | <u>COSTS</u>                                                                                      |                                                                                         |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item# | Product/Service Components                                                                                                                                                            | Does law<br>require,<br>allow, or<br>not<br>address<br>it? | Does agency<br>know the<br>annual<br>number of<br>potential<br>customers? | Does agency<br>know the<br>annual<br>number of<br>customers<br>served? | Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction? | Does the agency<br>know the cost it<br>incurs, per unit, to<br>provide the product<br>or service? | Does the law<br>allow the agency<br>to charge for it to<br>cover the<br>agency's costs? |
| 5A    | Enact, whenever necessary, legislation enabling counties and municipalities to regulate development within flood-prone areas.                                                         | Allow                                                      | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 5B    | Encourage and assist communities in qualifying for participation in the Program.                                                                                                      | Allow                                                      | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 5C    | Guide and assist county and municipal public bodies and agencies in developing, implementing, and maintaining local flood plain management regulations.                               | Allow                                                      | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 5D    | Provide local governments and the general public with Program information on the coordination of local activities with Federal and State requirements for managing flood-prone areas. | Allow                                                      | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 5E    | Assist communities in disseminating information on minimum elevation requirements for development within flood-prone areas.                                                           | Allow                                                      | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 5F    | Assist in the delineation of riverine and coastal flood-prone areas, whenever possible, and provide all relevant technical information to the Federal Insurance Administrator.        | Allow                                                      | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |

### Product/Service Components continued

| 5G | Recommend priorities for Federal flood plain management activities in relation to the needs of county and municipal localities within the State.                                                                                                                                                  | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| 5H | Provide notification to the Federal Insurance Administrator in the event of apparent irreconcilable differences between a community's local flood plain management program and the minimum requirements of the Program.                                                                           | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| 51 | Establish minimum State flood plain management regulatory standards consistent with those established in this part and in conformance with other Federal and State environmental and water pollution standards for the prevention of pollution during periods of flooding.                        | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| 5J | Assure coordination and consistency of flood plain management activities with other State, area wide, and local planning and enforcement agencies.                                                                                                                                                | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| 5K | Assist in the identification and implementation of flood hazard mitigation recommendations which are consistent with the minimum flood plain management criteria for the Program.                                                                                                                 | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| 5L | Participate in flood plain management training opportunities and other flood hazard preparedness programs whenever practicable.                                                                                                                                                                   | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| 5M | Other duties and responsibilities, which may be deemed appropriate by the State and which are to be officially designated as being conducted in the capacity of the State Coordinating Agency for the Program, may be carried out with prior notification of the Federal Insurance Administrator. | Allow | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.2 State Climate Office/Flood Mitigation activities provide reliable information for the protection of lives and property.

Objective 1.2.2 Administer the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mitigation Assistance,
Cooperating Technical Partners, Community Assistance-State Support Services Element Programs.

|         | FTE equi | valents utilized | Total spent / bud | geted_  |
|---------|----------|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 2016-17 | 1.55 FTE | 3.00 TG          | \$1,747,965       | (2.36%) |
| 2017-18 | 1.55 FTE | 3.00 TG          | \$2,012,975       | (2.72%) |

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Type of<br>Measure | 2013-14                                                                          | <u>2014-15</u>                                                                   | 2015-16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>2016-17</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2017-18                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Continue to assist communities with Substantial Damage post-disaster for the next 6 months  Required by: Federal government  Best in the Country: Federal government                                                                                     |                    | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | Target: Continue to assist communities with Substantial Damage post-disaster for the next 6 months.  Actual: Assisting communities with Substantial Damage post-disaster for the next 6 months.                                                                                  | <u>Target</u> : Continue to assist communities with Substantial Damage post-disaster. <u>Actual</u> : Assisting communities with Substantial Damage post-disaster for the next 6 months.                                                                                                                                                                                      | Target: Continue to assist communities with Substantial Damage post-disaster for the next 6 months.                                                                                                      |
| Outreach to 235 communities with selection of projects and preparing Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) applications  Required by: Federal government (quarterly and annually)  Best in the Country: Federal government                                   | Outcome            | Target: Outreach to<br>231 communities<br>Actual: Outreach to<br>231 communities | Target: Outreach to<br>231 communities<br>Actual: Outreach to<br>231 communities | <u>Target</u> : Outreach to 231 communities with selection of projects and preparing Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) applications <u>Actual</u> : Provided outreach to 231 communities with selection of projects and preparing Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) applications | <u>Target</u> : Outreach to 233 communities with selection of projects and preparing Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) applications <u>Actual</u> : Provided outreach to 235 communities with selection of projects and preparing Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) applications                                                                                              | Target: Provide outreach to 235 communities with selection of projects and preparing Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) applications                                                                      |
| Conduct 20 Community Assistance Visits and Community Assistance Contacts  Required by: Federal government  Best in the Country: Federal government                                                                                                       | Output             | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | <u>Target</u> : Conduct 20 Community Assistance Visits and Community Assistance Contacts <u>Actual</u> : Renegotiated grant because of the flood event. Only 9 CAVs have to be conducted.                                                                                        | <u>Target</u> : 9 CAVs to be conducted <u>Actual</u> : Renegotiated grant because of the flood event. 9  CAVs have been conducted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Target: 9 CAVs to be conducted.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Conduct 5 workshops and field deploy 1 L273 Course<br>(Managing Floodplain Development Through the<br>National Flood Insurance Program)<br>Required by: Federal government<br>Best in the Country: Federal government                                    | Output             | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | <u>Target</u> : Conduct 5 workshops and field deploy 1 L273<br>Course (Managing Floodplain Development Through<br>the National Flood Insurance Program)<br><u>Actual</u> : Renegotiated grant and conducted 10<br>workshops                                                      | <u>Target</u> : Conduct 5 workshops and field deploy 1 L273 Course (Managing Floodplain Development Through the National Flood Insurance Program) <u>Actual</u> : Conducted 14 workshops and field deploy 1 L273 Course (Managing Floodplain Development Through the National Flood Insurance Program)                                                                        | Target: Conduct 5 workshops<br>and field deploy 1 L273 Course<br>(Managing Floodplain<br>Development Through the<br>National Flood Insurance<br>Program)                                                 |
| Provide ordinance assistance to communities in 7 watersheds and 5 counties where preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps are released  Required by: Federal government  Best in the Country: Federal government | Output             | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                       | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | 7 watersheds and 5 counties where preliminary<br>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood<br>Insurance Rate Maps are released<br><u>Actual</u> : Provided ordinance assistance to communities<br>in 7 watersheds and 5 counties where preliminary                        | Target: Provide ordinance assistance to communities in 4 watersheds and 3 counties where preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps are released Actual: Provide ordinance assistance to communities in 5 watersheds and 6 counties where preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps are released | Target: Provide ordinance<br>assistance to communities in 3<br>watersheds and 5 counties<br>where preliminary Federal<br>Emergency Management<br>Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance<br>Rate Maps are released |
| Conduct 2 Discovery Meetings for new Flood Insurance<br>Rate Map mapping projects<br><u>Required by</u> : Federal government<br><u>Best in the Country</u> : Federal government                                                                          | Output             | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                       | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                       | <u>Target</u> : Conduct 2 Discovery Meetings for new Flood Insurance Rate Map mapping projects <u>Actual</u> : Conducted 1 Discovery meeting for the Tyger Watershed. Postponed the Black Watershed to evaluate impacts of the flood event.                                      | Target: Conduct 3 Discovery Meetings for new Flood Insurance Rate Map mapping projects  Actual: Conducted 2 Discovery meeting for new Flood Insurance Rate Map mapping projects. Delay in funding from FEMA delayed other Discovery Meetings.                                                                                                                                 | Target: Conduct 2 Discovery<br>Meetings for new Flood<br>Insurance Rate Map mapping<br>projects                                                                                                          |
| Release preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps  Required by: Federal government  Best in the Country: Federal government                                                                                       | Output             | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                       | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                       | <u>Target</u> : Release 5 preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps <u>Actual</u> : Released 5 preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps                                                           | <u>Target</u> : Release 3 preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps <u>Actual</u> : Released 3 preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps                                                                                                                                                        | Target: Release 1 preliminary<br>Federal Emergency<br>Management Agency (FEMA)<br>Flood Insurance Rate Maps                                                                                              |
| Conduct 2 Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Community Coordination meetings, 4 open house meetings and 5 Resilience meetings  Required by: Federal government  Best in the Country: Federal government                                | Output             | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | Target: DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                               | Target: Conduct 8 Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Community Coordination meetings and 11 open house meetings.  Actual: Conduct 8 Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Community Coordination meetings and 11 open house meetings.           | Target: Conduct 6 Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Community Coordination meetings and 11 open house meetings.  Actual: Conduct 5 Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Community Coordination meetings and 7 open house meetings.                                                                                                         | Target: Conduct 2 Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Community Coordination meetings , 4 open house meetings and 5 Resilience meetings.                                                |

# Flood Mitigation Program

Protecting Lives, Protecting Property

#### Floodplain Management, Mapping, and Mitigation

The Flood Mitigation Program manages three programs pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program.

- Community Assistance Program
- Cooperating Technical Partners program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance program.





## **State Coordinators Office**

- Provides technical assistance to local floodplain managers regarding the NFIP
- Assist communities in the adoption and enforcement of their floodplain management ordinances
- Assist communities in joining the NFIP
- Audit communities to ensure compliance
- Outreach regarding the recent law changes to the NFIP
- Provide training for local floodplain managers



# Flood Mitigation Assistance

- Provides local governments grants to elevate, relocate, demolish or acquire insured properties in the floodplain
- Provide assistance to identify mitigation opportunities
- Oversees the grants awarded to communities

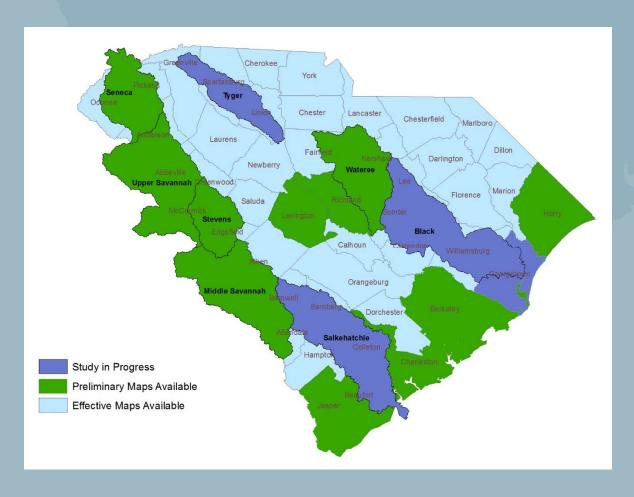






# Floodplain Mapping

In the past, FEMA Flood Insurance Studies were conducted on a county basis. Now studies are conducted on a **watershed basis**. The map below indicates the maps that are effective, currently preliminary and the studies that are underway, both at the county and watershed level.



#### **Potential Harm**

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

- The NFIP participating communities would not be provided technical assistance in regards to protecting life and property from flooding.
- Communities wishing to join the NFIP would not be provided technical assistance in regards to joining the program.
- The state would not be able to provide valuable knowledge in regards to known flooding. Flood prone areas and deficiencies in floodplain mapping resulting in citizens being at higher risk for flooding.
- SC would not be providing priorities that benefit the communities within the state.
- The state would not be able to provide information to FEMA in regards to compliance issues with communities.
- The state would not be receiving guidance pertaining to the federal regulations.
- State Agencies would not be provided technical assistance in regards to protecting life and property from flooding.
- Expertise that is provided to the NFIP participating communities would not be able to be obtained.
- State set priorities and duties for floodplain management would not be able to be conducted.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

- Allocate the \$1 per flood insurance policy fee to the SCDNR-Flood Mitigation Program
- Pass higher standards legislation regarding floodplain management.

# **Aquatic Nuisance Species**

Department must administer the Aquatic Plant Management program.

|       |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                            | <u>CUSTOMERS</u>                                           |                                                         |                                                  | <u>COSTS</u>                                                                          |                                                                             |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item# | Product/Service Components                                                                                                                                   | Does law<br>require,<br>allow, or<br>not<br>address<br>it? | Does agency know the annual number of potential customers? | Does agency know the annual number of customers served? | Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction ? | Does the agency know the cost it incurs, per unit, to provide the product or service? | Does the law allow the agency to charge for it to cover the agency's costs? |
| 6     | Identify, prioritize, and treat problem aquatic vegetation in SC public waters. *Note: Cost share is provided to municipal, state, and federal stakeholders. | Require                                                    | No                                                         | No                                                      | No                                               | Yes                                                                                   | Yes*                                                                        |

## **Aquatic Nuisance Species**

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.3 Aquatic Nuisance Species Control activities support healthy habitat for recreation, fish, wildlife and citizens.

Objective 1.3.1 Reduce the footprint of invasive species to provide high quality habitat for hunting, fishing, and recreational activities by utilizing prevention, new and existing technologies, biocontrol, and selective herbicides to improve habitat, provide navigability, and keep water supply sources accessible.

|         | FTE equivalents utilized | Total spent / budgeted |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 3.25 FTE                 | \$700,284 (0.95%)      |
| 2017-18 | 3.25 FTE                 | \$698,380 (0.94%)      |

# **Aquatic Nuisance Species**

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Type of<br>Measure | <u>2013-14</u>                                                   | <u>2014-15</u>                                                                  | <u>2015-16</u>                                               | <u>2016-17</u>                                                                 | 2017-18                              |
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| Create and submit to SCDHEC for approval a plan for nuisance species control on water supply lakes to limit herbicide use and budget by utilizing biocontrol and herbicides approved for use in drinking water supply waters  Required by: Required by State: SC Department of Health and Environmental Control requires prior written documentation of herbicides utilized in drinking water supply lakes  Best in the Country: SCDNR | Outcome            | <u>Target</u> : 1 per<br>year<br><u>Actual</u> : 1 per<br>year   | Target: 1 per year<br>Actual: 1 per year                                        | Target: 1 per year<br>Actual: 1 per year                     | Target: 1 per year<br>Actual: 1 per year                                       | Target: 1 per year                   |
| Control > 80% of nuisance, invasive species that impact public waters across the state  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCNDR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Outcome            | Target: 80%<br>Actual: 1,387<br>acres treated<br>(90 % efficacy) | Target: 2,000 acres<br>(80% efficacy)<br>Actual: 2,764 acres<br>(>95% efficacy) | Target: 2,000 acres<br>(80% efficacy)<br>Actual: 2,769 acres | Target: 2000 acres<br>(80% efficacy)<br>Actual: 3,656 acres<br>(>90% efficacy) | Target: 2000 acres<br>(80% efficacy) |
| Web site info is routinely updated with current educational information  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: USF&WS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Outcome            | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance         | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance                        | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance     | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance                       | Target: 100%<br>compliance           |
| Attend and distribute educational materials at the 2 largest wildlife oriented events in the state (Palmetto Sportsman's Classic and Southeastern Wildlife Expo)  Required by: Agency selected Best in the Country: SCNDR                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Outcome            | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance         | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance                        | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance     | Target: 100%<br>compliance<br>Actual: 100%<br>compliance                       | Target: 2                            |
| Attend Gulf & South Atlantic Regional Panel Meetings on Invasive Species and maintain open lines of communication with border states and Santee Cooper staff  Required by: Agency selected Best in the Country: SCNDR                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Outcome            | Target: 3<br>meetings/year<br>Actual: 3<br>meetings/year         | Target: 3<br>meetings/year<br>Actual: 3<br>meetings/year                        | Target: 3<br>meetings/year<br>Actual: 3<br>meetings/year     | Target: 3<br>meetings/year<br>Actual: 3<br>meetings/year                       | Target: 3<br>meetings/year           |
| Create annual South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCNDR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Outcome            | Target: 1 per<br>year<br>Actual: 1 per<br>year                   | Target: 1 per year<br>Actual: 1 per year                                        | Target: 1 per year<br>Actual: 1 per year                     | Target: 1 per year<br>Actual: 1 per year                                       | Target: 1 per year                   |
| Maintain 100% accuracy of record system for scheduled treatments and surveys utilizing GIS technology  Required by: State government Best in the Country: SCNDR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Outcome            | Target: 100%<br>Actual: 100%                                     | <u>Target</u> : 100%<br><u>Actual</u> : 100%                                    | <u>Target</u> : 100%<br><u>Actual</u> : 100%                 | <u>Target</u> : 100%<br><u>Actual</u> : 100%                                   | <u>Target</u> : 100%                 |

# Aquatic Nuisance Species Program

### **PURPOSE**

- Prevent and control the introduction, spread and impact of aquatic invasive species in South Carolina's public waters
- Improve habitat and minimize the problematic impacts to water use caused by invasive species through management and prevention efforts
- Develop SC Aquatic Plant Management Plan annually



# What We Do!

# Prevention









### Billboards

WARNING! You may be moving more than your gear!





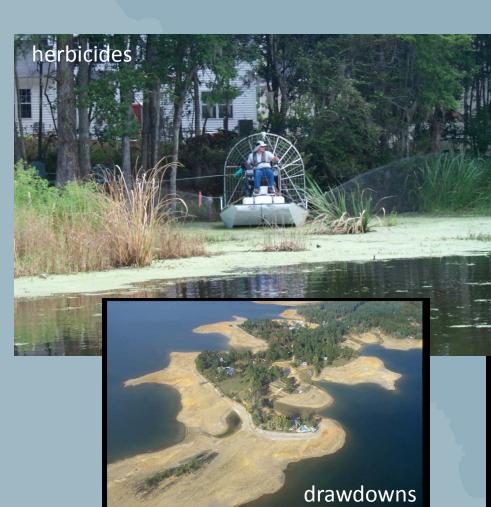
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# What We Do!

# Management







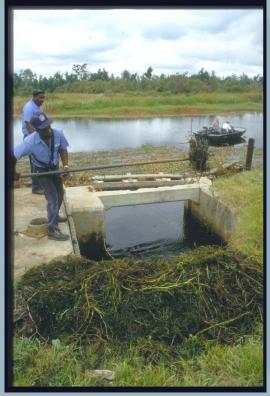






# Before

# After









### **Aquatic Nuisance Species**

### **Potential Harm**

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

 Economic and ecological repercussions include blocked water flow for municipal, industrial, agricultural and power-generation purposes; degraded water quality; boat damage; flooding because of restricted water flow; fish population declines; reduced waterfront property values; expanded mosquito breeding grounds; and impaired recreational outlets for swimming, hunting, fishing and boating.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the harm, other than money

- Strengthen laws for possession and spreading invasive or noxious species in SC waters.
- Coordinate legislation with neighboring states.

# Heritage Trust: Cultural Preserves and Endangered Species

• The Department shall manage Heritage Trust properties and the Heritage Trust Fund in accordance with the statute. Also, the Department shall conduct biological inventories of outstanding or unique natural areas, flora, and fauna.

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| Item# | Product/Service Components                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Does law<br>require,<br>allow, or<br>not<br>address<br>it? | Does agency know the annual number of potential customers? | Does agency know the annual number of customers served? | Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction ? | Does the agency<br>know the cost it<br>incurs, per unit, to<br>provide the<br>product or<br>service? | Does the law<br>allow the<br>agency to<br>charge for it to<br>cover the<br>agency's costs? |
| 8B    | Shall inventory, conduct research and asses properties for cultural resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Require                                                    | No                                                         | No                                                      | No                                               | No                                                                                                   | No                                                                                         |
| 8C    | Shall manage cultural heritage trust properties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Require                                                    | No                                                         | No                                                      | No                                               | No                                                                                                   | No                                                                                         |
| 8A    | Conducts biological inventories of outstanding or unique natural areas, flora, and fauna. Deputy Director receives ecological and habitat information concerning public and private parcels of property and recommends to the SC Heritage Trust Advisory Board conservation measures agreeable to all parties.  *Note: Data is made available without charge under the SC Freedom of Information Act. | Require                                                    | No                                                         | No                                                      | No                                               | No                                                                                                   | No*                                                                                        |

# Heritage Trust: Cultural Program

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.4 Heritage Trust Cultural Resources/Habitat Protection monitors and protects cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties, and provides culturally related recreational/educational opportunities.

Objective 1.4.1 Survey, research, outreach, education, and management activities for Cultural Heritage Trust Preserves and Programs as well as meeting with the Heritage Trust Advisory Board for board action as required by statute.

|         | FTE equivalents utilized | Total spent / budgeted |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 8.30 FTE                 | \$799,733 (1.08%)      |
| 2017-18 | 8.30 FTE                 | \$798,626 (1.08%)      |

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>Type of</u><br><u>Measure</u> | <u>2013-14</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>2014-15</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>2015-16</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>2016-17</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2017-18                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Conduct archaeological investigation on Heritage Trust Preserves (HTP) and Wild Life Management Areas (WMA). Investigation may be implemented for management purposes (MP), compliance with state or federal regulations (CO) (quantity varies depending on submissions), scientific research (SR) and or public outreach (PO)  Additional Notes: Measured by acreage, projects and/or by number of properties.  Required by: Federal government, state government, and agency selected Best in the Country: SCDNR and private | Outcome                          | Target: 1 HTP, 100% Cultural Resource Management (CRM), 1 SR/PO Actual: 1HTP (Bear Branch HP), 100% CO (Actual number DNE), 1 SR/PO (Johannes Kolb Archaeology and Public Education Project).                     | Target: Same as previous year Actual: 1HTP (Fort Frederick HP), 100% CO (Boating Infrastructure Grants, 1 boat landing), 1 SR/PO (Johannes Kolb Archaeology and Public Education Project).                                                                                        | Target: Same as previous year Actual: 0 HTP (Oct 2015 flood), 100% CO (Boating Infrastructure Grants), 1 SR/PO (Johannes Kolb Archaeology and Public Education Project).                                          | Target: Same as previous year Actual: O HTP, 100% CO (Boating Infrastructure Grant, 2 individual projects & 50 acres of Hail Gold Mine mitigation Tract Wateree River HP/WMA), O SR/PO (Acquisition of Archaeological Research Facility consumed year). | Target: Same as previous year Actual: 1HTP (planned Fort Lamar HP Dec 2017/Jan 2018), 100% CO (Continuing Hail Gold Mine mitigation Tract Wateree River HP/WMA), 1 SR/PO (Pockoy Island Shell Ring Investigation July 2017). |
| Conduct Public Outreach Archaeology Program  Additional Notes: Measured by programs and presentations given and attendance to public archaeological investigations.  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Outcome                          | Target: 1 Program (Johannes<br>Kolb Archaeology and Public<br>Education Project).<br>Actual: 1 Program<br>(Johannes Kolb Archaeology<br>and Public Education<br>Project), public attendance<br>approximately 300. | Target: 2 Programs (Johannes Kolb Archaeology and Public Education Project and Fort Frederick Archaeology Program). Actual: 2 Programs (Johannes Kolb Archaeology and Public Education Project and Fort Frederick Archaeology Program), attendance approximately 300 per program. | Target: 1 Program (Johannes<br>Kolb Archaeology and Public<br>Education Project).<br>Actual: 1 Program<br>(Johannes Kolb Archaeology<br>and Public Education<br>Project), public attendance<br>approximately 300. | Target: 0, Planning for new projects<br>Actual: 0                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Target: Develop new programs with Education interns, Boy Scouts Archaeology Merit Badge, Project Archaeology Teacher Recertification Program. Conduct public archaeological investigation.                                   |

# Heritage Trust: Cultural Program

### Cultural Program Performance Measures continued

| Manage Historic Structures and Ruins e.g. Poinsett Bridge (circa 1820), Fort Frederick (circa 1734)  Additional Notes: Measured by individual projects and request from other management staff with management responsibilities to other historic structures.  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                              | Outcome | <u>Target</u> : 2 Structures<br><u>Actual</u> : 2 Structures (Poinsett<br>Bridge and Fort Frederick)                      | <u>Target</u> : 2 Structures<br><u>Actual</u> : 2 Structures (Poinsett Bridge<br>and Fort Frederick) | Target: 2 Structures Actual: 2 Structures (Poinsett Bridge and Fort Frederick Tabby Preservation Project Completed, Poinsett Bridge Structural Analysis Report Updated) | Target: 2 Structures Actual: 3 Structures (Poinsett Bridge and Fort Frederick visually inspected for damage, Botany Bay Tabby Preservation Project completed)                                                                         | <u>Target</u> : 2 (Develop Poinsett<br>Bridge Preservation Plan and<br>inspect Fort Frederick)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Annually monitor 24 properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and report to SC Department of Archives and History per the programmatic agreement between the SCDNR and the SC Department of Archives and History regarding the management of state owned or leased national register listed properties  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR | Outcome | <u>Target</u> : 24 Properties<br><u>Actual</u> : 24 Properties                                                            | <u>Target</u> : 24 Properties<br><u>Actual</u> : 24 Properties                                       | Target: 24 Properties<br>Actual: 24 Properties                                                                                                                          | <u>Target</u> : 24 Properties<br><u>Actual</u> : 24 Properties                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Target</u> : 24 Properties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Maintain and inspect walking trails, parking lots and, property lines and grassed acres on 17 Cultural Heritage Preserves  Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Outcome | Target: 10 miles walking trails,<br>11 parking lots, 30 miles<br>property lines, 20 acres grass<br>Actual: Same as Target | <u>Target</u> : Same as previous year<br><u>Actual</u> : Same as previous year                       | Target: Same as previous year Actual: Same as previous year                                                                                                             | <u>Target</u> : Same as previous year<br><u>Actual</u> : Same as previous year                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Target</u> : Same as previous year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Manage forest resources on 17 Cultural Heritage Preserves to improve wildlife habitat  Additional Notes: Dependent upon completion of archaeological inventory of property, future desired condition and cruise and sale of timber Required by: State government  Best in the Country: SCDNR                                                                                          | Outcome | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                                                                | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                                           | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                                                                                              | <u>Target</u> : Harvest 40 acres at Bear<br>Branch HP<br><u>Actual</u> : 40 acres harvested                                                                                                                                           | Target: Cruise Congaree Creek HP<br>Timber, burn or spray 40 acre<br>harvest at Bear Branch HP, install<br>fire breaks at Bear Branch HP.<br>Eradicate 10 acres of kudzu at<br>Poinsett Bridge HP. Eradicate 5<br>acres of privet at Fort Lamar HP.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Develop new features on 17 Cultural Heritage Preserves (e.g. trails, interpretive panels, guard rails, etc.) <u>Required by</u> : State government <u>Best in the Country</u> : SCDNR                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Outcome | <u>Target</u> : DNE<br><u>Actual</u> : DNE                                                                                | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                           | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                                                                                              | Target: Develop interpretive materials for panels at Fort Frederick and Poinsett Bridge HPs. Design new trail markers for Congaree Creek HP Actual: materials 75% developed, Trail markers design and procured for Congaree Creek HP. | Target: Complete approval process for Fort Frederick HP Boat Landing. Install interpretive panels at Fort Frederick & Poinsett Bridge HPs, Construct new trail at Poinsett Bridge HP. Install new trail markers at Congaree Creek HP. Install guard rail on dock at Childsbury Towne HP. Install guardrail at Altamaha Towne HP. Install guardrail at Altamaha Towne HP. Install flag pole and split rail fence at Fort Lamar HP. |

# Heritage Trust: Endangered Species

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.4 Heritage Trust Cultural Resources/Habitat Protection monitors and protects cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties, and provides culturally related recreational/educational opportunities.

Objective 1.4.2 Update inventory of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species in SC.

|         | FTE equivalents utilized | Total spent / budgeted |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 4.30 FTE                 | \$331,426 (0.45%)      |
| 2017-18 | 4.30 FTE                 | \$330,318 (0.45%)      |

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Type of Measure | 2013-14                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2014-15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>2015-16</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2016-17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2017-18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Inventory significant tracts of SCDNR properties. In addition, inform public agencies, private land trusts, and the general public of the significance of their properties as areas of high or unique biodiversity or special habitats  **Required by:* Federal: USFWS tracks plants and animal species data collected by or managed by SCDNR, particularly on state and federal properties.  **Best in the Country:* Virginia Natural Heritage Program** | Outcome         | Target: Rare plant and animal records entered into database Actual: 17 plants, 1 animal entered into Heritage Database. Data reviews totaled 166 requests filled. Online herbarium voucher specimen queries totaled 917. | Target: Plant records were compiled for data entry that are housed at USC and Clemson Actual: 3 plants, 6 animals, 2 natural communities entered into Heritage Database. Data reviews totaled 225 data requests filled. Online herbarium specimen queries totaled 1045. | Target: Evaluate Peach Tree Rock, Wateree River, and Woodbury Heritage preserves for rare plant species. Enter into database rarest tracked species housed at academic institutions (USC and Clemson) Actual: 307 species occurrences for 27 different plant species considered most in need of conservation. | Target: Continue evaluation of Heritage Trust Preserves and future acquisitions. Collected 90% of voucher specimen information at Furman University and USC UpState Actual: 109 species added to the tracked list; 283 new/updated observations added to the occurrence database; 301 information requests answered. | Target: Continue evaluation of Heritage Trust Preserves and future acquisitions. Complete collection of voucher specimen information from Furman University and USC UpState. Begin collection of voucher specimen information from Francis Marion University, Newberry College, USC Salkahatchie, Winthrop University. |

# South Carolina Heritage Trust

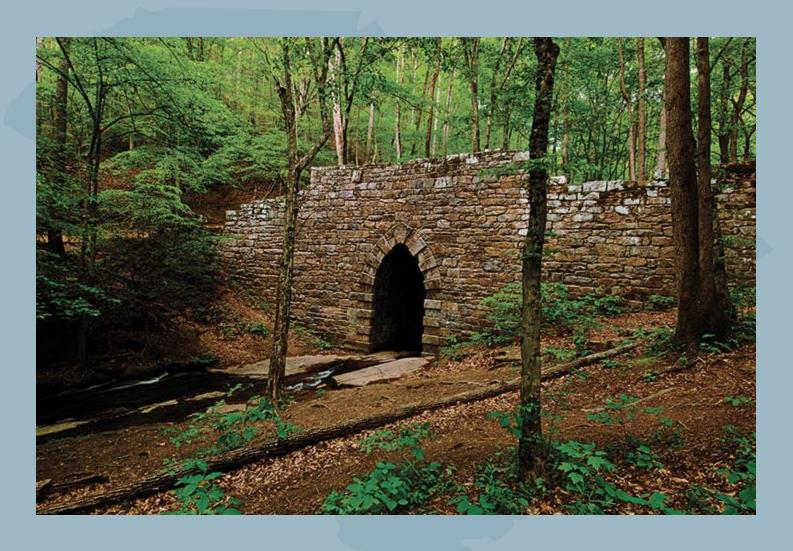








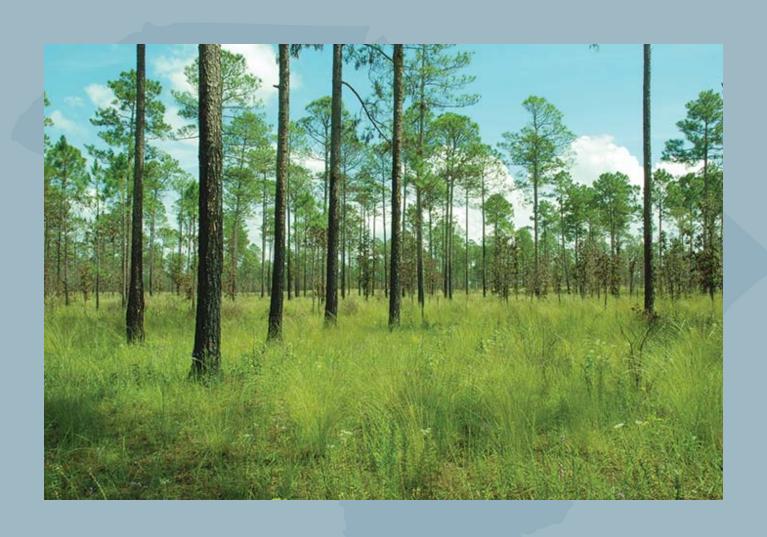
The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' Heritage Trust Program was created in 1976, the first such program in the nation, to help stem the tide of habitat loss by protecting critical natural habitats and significant cultural sites. Enabling legislation directed the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), in concert with other state agencies, to set aside a portion of the state's rich natural and cultural heritage in a system of heritage preserves to be protected for the benefit of present and future generations.



Poinsett Bridge circa 1820
Surrounding Oak-Hickory Woodlands



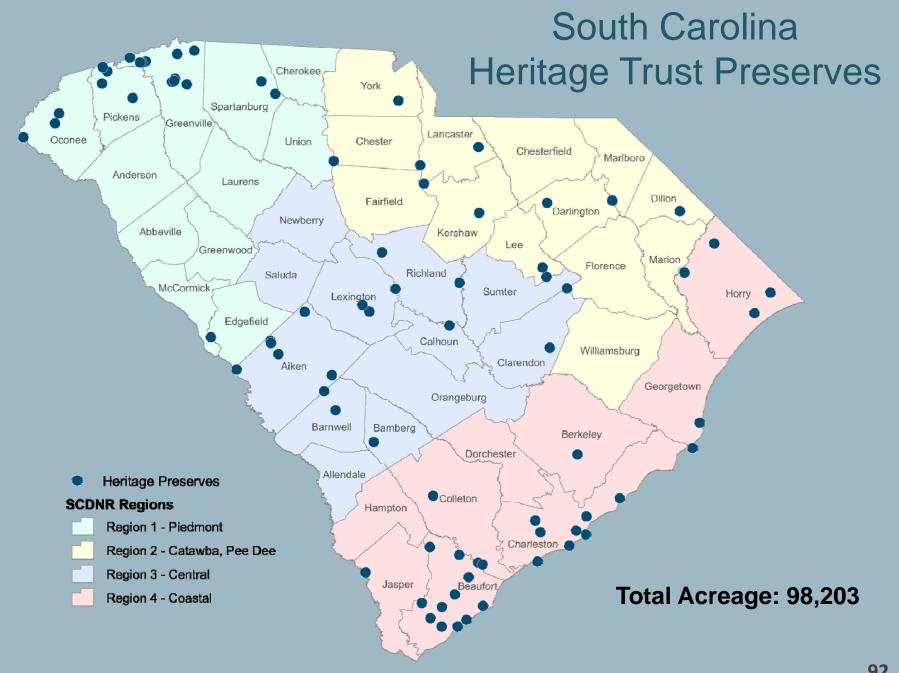
Forty Acre Rock
Ephemeral Pools



Tillman Sand Ridge Longleaf Pine Savanna



Capers Island
Maritime Forest

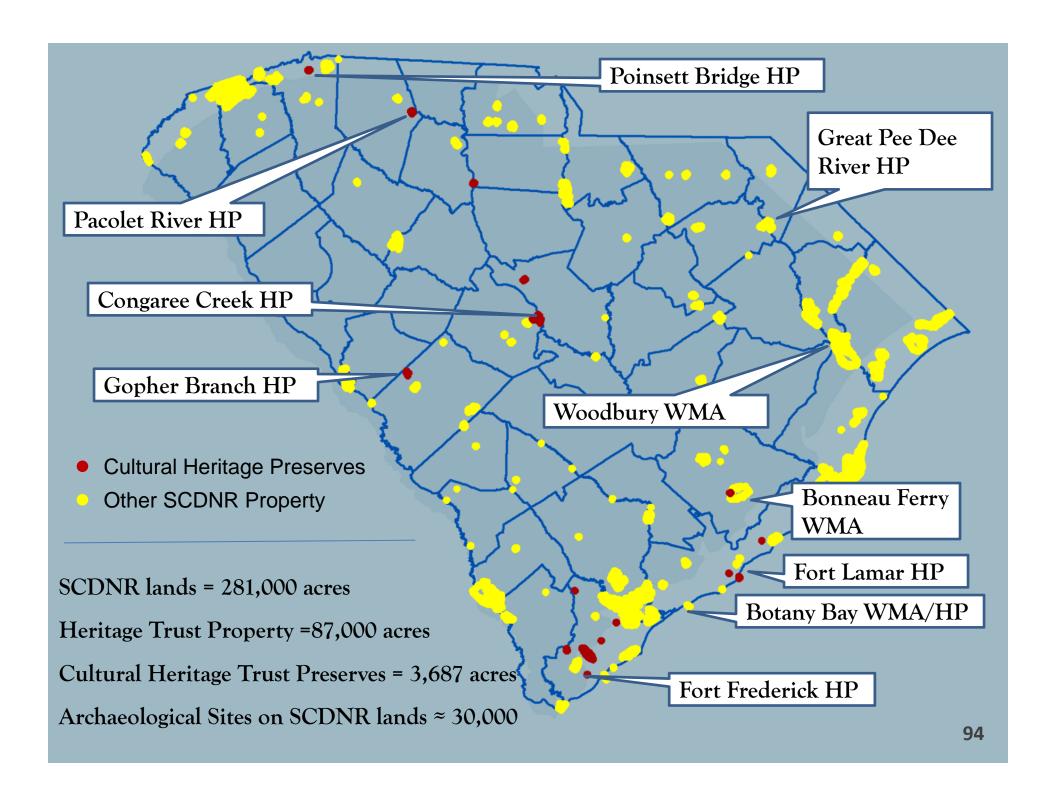


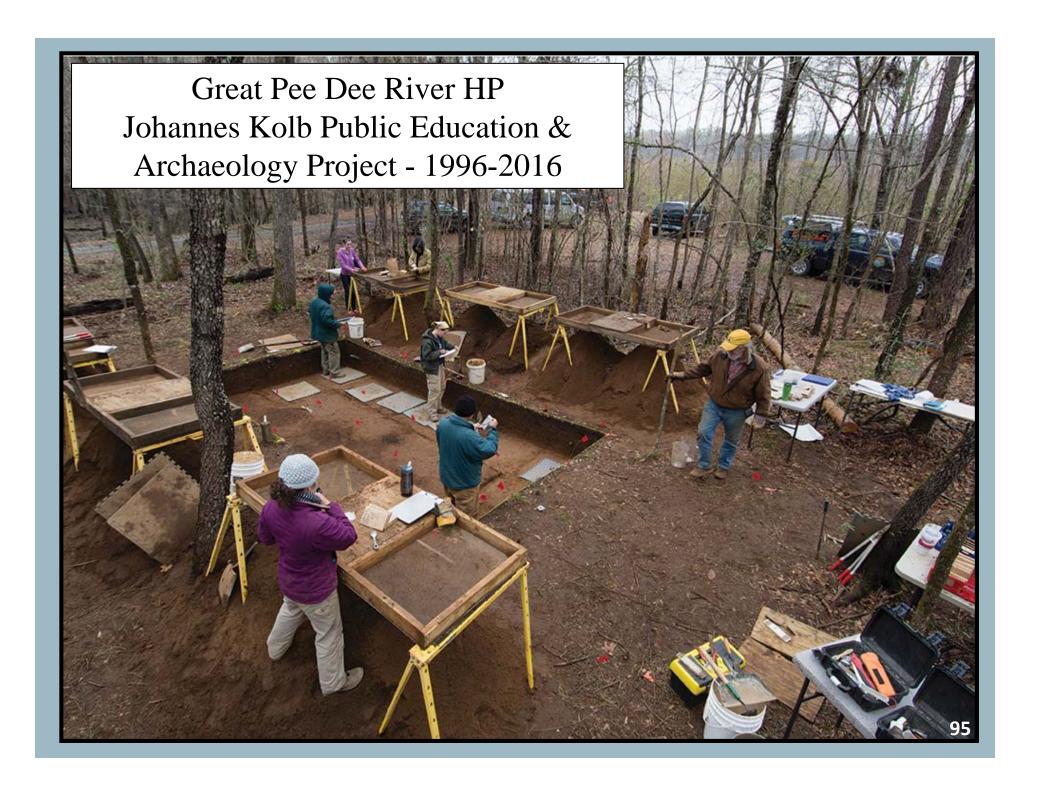
# Heritage Trust Cultural Program

Heritage Trust Cultural Program manages and protects cultural resources throughout the state on SCDNR & Heritage Trust properties.

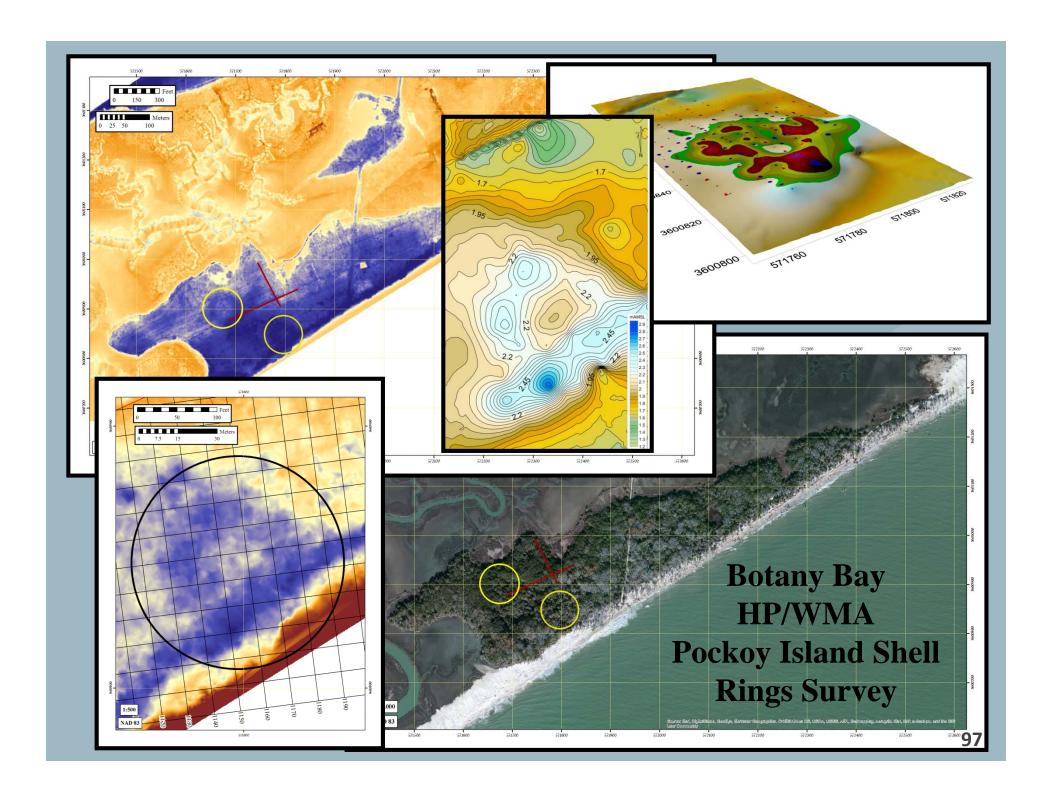
#### The Program:

- provides the public with archaeological educational & recreational opportunities
- conducts & supports scientific investigation of archaeological sites on SCDNR properties and beyond
- manages cultural and natural resources on 17 Cultural Heritage
   Preserves state wide
- insures compliance with the **National Historic Preservation Act of 1966** on federal funded and/or permitted projects and on federal land transfers
- insures compliance with the Protection of State Owned or Leased Historic Properties Act









# Internal Change #3: Facility to house a Cultural Resource Center which will include an Archaeology Laboratory and staff offices

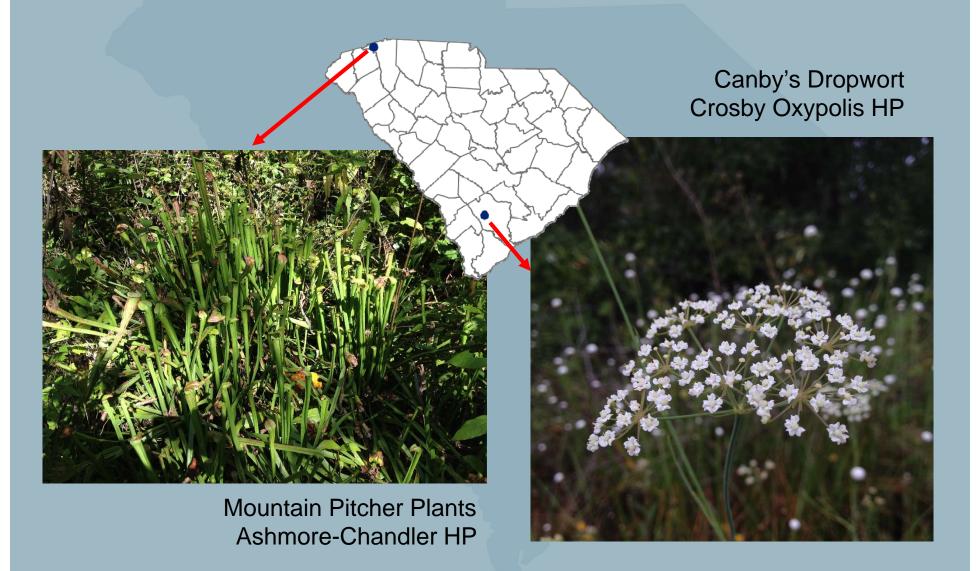
To provide a facility to house a Cultural Resource Center which will include an Archaeology Laboratory and staff offices. This facility will allow for the collection, cataloging, preservation, storage and display of artifacts from the Heritage Trust properties and other SCDNR properties. The facility will also be a center for educational outreach on these important Heritage Trust artifacts.

- a. Stage of analysis: Analysis complete.
- b. <u>Presented to and approved by Board/Commission</u>: Yes, both HTAB and SCDNR Board.
- c. <u>Performance measures impacted and predicted impact</u>: Predicted impact is improved care of important artifacts and greatly increased ability to educate the public and school groups on the archeological and historical resources of the State.
- d. Cost of Objective(s) that will be impacted and the anticipated impact: Non-recurring expenditures for office furniture, laboratory equipment, artifact and curation storage units, classroom and conference room furniture and equipment, Total \$196,000; Recurring costs: Building rent, security system, water, utilities, janitorial and maintenance, Internet/phones, Insurance, Total \$216,000 annually.
- e. <u>Anticipated implementation date</u>: This has already been implemented and the facility is in use, and is almost complete.





# **Endangered Species**



### Heritage Trust

### **Potential Harm**

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

- Heritage Trust Properties are acquired to protect significant resources for public benefit. Public knowledge of the significant resource can only be generated through inventory, research and assessments. Not conducting such activities denies the public knowledge of the resources that are acquired for their benefit.
- Once acquired land and resources must be managed in order to provide public access. Without access the public cannot gain knowledge or enjoyment of the property or its resources. The properties also protect important natural communities that require management to properly function.
- Biologically sensitive resources such as marshes, lakes, ponds, Carolina bays and other unique geological formations, indigenous fauna, and flora that are enjoyed by the public as outdoor recreational activities or as studied by scientific community could be lost. Important areas for eco-tourism and outdoor recreation, recharge of groundwater aquifers or surface water resources could diminished.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

- Continue legislated mission of the Heritage Trust Program.
- Consult with Heritage Trust program managers, the academic community, and the general public about unknown or under-appreciated unique or outstanding examples of biological and landscape resources.
- Promote appreciation of South Carolina's longtime historical and current involvement in natural history studies for both the lay public and those with specialized scientific training.
- Encourage both institutions of higher learning and primary to secondary to use Heritage Trust lands as areas of educational and research value.

# Soil and Water Conservation Districts

### Department must assist Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

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|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                            |                                                                           | CUSTOMERS                                                              |                                                 | COST                                                                                              | <u>rs</u>                                                                               |
| Item # | Product/Service Components                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Does law<br>require,<br>allow, or<br>not<br>address<br>it? | Does agency<br>know the<br>annual<br>number of<br>potential<br>customers? | Does agency<br>know the<br>annual<br>number of<br>customers<br>served? | Does the agency evaluate customer satisfaction? | Does the agency<br>know the cost it<br>incurs, per unit, to<br>provide the<br>product or service? | Does the law<br>allow the agency<br>to charge for it<br>to cover the<br>agency's costs? |
| 7A     | Offer such assistance as may be appropriate to the commissioners of soil and water conservation districts in the carrying out of any of their powers and programs and to coordinate the programs of districts organized under this chapter so far as this may be done by advice and consultation.                                                                                      | Require                                                    | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | Yes                                             | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 7В     | Keep the commissioners of each of the several districts organized under the provisions of this chapter informed of the activities and experience of all other districts; facilitate an interchange of advice and experience between such districts and cooperation between them; and disseminate information throughout the State concerning the activities and programs of districts. | Require                                                    | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | Yes                                             | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 7C     | Receive gifts, appropriations, materials, equipment, lands and facilities and manage, operate and disburse them for the benefit of the soil and water conservation districts; secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States and any of its agencies and of agencies and counties of this State, in the work of such districts.                                            | Require                                                    | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | Yes                                             | No                                                                                                | No                                                                                      |
| 7D     | Assist commissioners of conservation districts and directors of watershed districts with the organization and function of watershed conservation districts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Require                                                    | Yes                                                                       | Yes                                                                    | No                                              | Yes                                                                                               | No                                                                                      |

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.5 Conservation Districts Program assists farmers, ranchers and landowners with Conservation planning and facilitates access to Farm Bill programs through a partnership with the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Objective 1.5.1 Provide increased technical assistance and administrative support to Conservation District Commissioners, District staff and partner agencies.

|         | FTE equiva | lents utilized | Total spent / bud | geted   |
|---------|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------|
| 2016-17 | 4.30 FTE   | 4 .00 TG       | \$1,481,250       | (2.00%) |
| 2017-18 | 4.30 FTE   | 4 .00 TG       | \$1,566,392       | (2.12%) |

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Type of<br>Measure | 2013-14                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>2014-15</u>                                                                                 | 2015-16                                                                                                                                                   | <u>2016-17</u>                                                                       | 2017-18                                 |
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| Hire 3 new state-funded staff positions to assist conservation districts and watershed district boards  Required by: State Best in the Country: Missouri DNR - Soil and Water Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Outcome            | Target: Create 1 new state-funded staff position to assist conservation districts and watershed boards  Actual: Funds appropriated by Legislature; vetoed by the governor. | Target: Same as previous year Actual: Funds appropriated by Legislature, hired in August 2014. | Target: Create 3 new state-funded staff positions to assist conservation districts and watershed boards Actual: No funds appropriated for these positions | Target: Same as previous year Actual: No funds appropriated for these positions      | Target: Same as previous year           |
| Seek additional \$150,000 of federal grant funds to hire 2 new grant-funded positions to provide increased technical assistance  Required by: State  Best in the Country: Missouri DNR - Soil and Water Program                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Outcome            | Target: Obtain \$150,000<br>in federal grant<br>agreements<br>Actual: Received \$215,000                                                                                   | Target: Obtain<br>\$150,000 in federal<br>grant agreements<br>Actual: Received<br>\$173,540    | <u>Target</u> : Obtain \$150,000<br>in federal grant<br>agreements<br><u>Actual</u> : Received \$223,540                                                  | <u>Target</u> : \$200,000<br><u>Actual</u> : Received<br>\$276,082                   | <u>Target</u> : \$200,000               |
| Seek increase in state funding for Aid to Conservation Districts to \$1 million  Required by: State Best in the Country: Missouri DNR - Soil and Water Program Additional Notes: Currently, Aid to Districts is funded at \$690,000 with each of the 46 Districts receiving \$15,000. With the increase requested, each District would receive \$21,739.13 annually, which is for operating costs of the district offices. | Outcome            | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                                                                                                 | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                     | Target: \$1,000,000<br>Actual: No increase                                                                                                                | Target: \$1,000,000<br>Actual: No<br>increase                                        | <u>Target</u> :<br>\$1,000,000          |
| Increase participation by 20% by promoting Envirothon at schools and at statewide educational events  Required by: Agency selected  Best in the Country: Pennsylvania Envirothon.org                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Outcome            | Target: 144<br>Actual: 144 in attendance                                                                                                                                   | Target: 160 in<br>attendance<br>Actual: 156 in<br>attendance                                   | Target: 192 in attendance<br>Actual: 126 in attendance                                                                                                    | Target: 144 in<br>attendance<br>Actual: 126 in<br>attendance                         | Target: 144 in attendance               |
| Increase Conservation plans serviced by 50  Required by: State  Best in the Country: Missouri DNR - Soil and Water Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Output             | Target: 300<br>Actual: 400 plans                                                                                                                                           | Target: 450<br>Actual: 600                                                                     | Target: 600<br>Actual: 600                                                                                                                                | Target: 600<br>Actual: 876                                                           | Target: 850                             |
| Conduct 5 demonstration workshops using the rainfall simulator  Required by: State  Best in the Country: Iowa Learning Farms - Iowa State University  Additional Notes: The grant that supports this program will expire in December 2017.                                                                                                                                                                                 | Output             | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                                                                                                 | Target: DNE<br>Actual: DNE                                                                     | Target: 5 demonstration<br>workshops<br>Actual: 14 demonstration<br>workshops                                                                             | Target: 10<br>demonstration<br>workshops<br>Actual: 14<br>demonstration<br>workshops | Target: 8<br>demonstration<br>workshops |



- Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law § 48-9-10, et. Seq.
- 46 Conservation Districts in SC
- Subdivisions of state government
- 230 Commissioners: 138 Elected in General Election and 92 appointed by the DNR Board





# **Functions of Conservation Districts**

Coordinate technical, financial and educational resources to meet the needs of the public for conservation of soil, water and related resources.

Conservation Districts provide both urban and rural assistance, by providing conservation plans so that landowners can implement Best Management practices.

8.8 million acres under a conservation plan in SC



# Promote Federal Cost Share Programs

- Farm conservation plans
- Cost share assistance
- Urban and rural flood information
- Soils information
- Water quality programs
- Wildlife and forestry planning



# **Provide Educational Programs**

- SC Envirothon (high school teams)
- Land and Water Management Workshops
- Soil and Water Stewardship Programs
- Natural resource education workshops
- Outdoor education centers and nature trails
- Conservation contests and scholarships



# Conservation Districts Potential Harm

#### Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

- If this assistance is not provided, there will be no state agency coordination, support and guidance to the commissioners of the conservation districts, resulting in diminished, and in some cases terminated service in the local district office. Through the conservation districts, landowners and managers receive the technical and financial assistance needed to help apply complex conservation treatments to control erosion and improve the quality of our soil resources, improve water quality, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and manage woodlands and pasturelands.
- If this deliverable is not provided, the 46 Conservation Districts will be without a coordinating state agency. Conservation Districts are subdivisions of State Government and are responsible for directing millions of federal cost-share dollars in conservation efforts for specific programs and projects within their boundaries. The 230 Conservation District Commissioners are public officials, who serve without pay, and are charged by State law to appraise conservation needs, develop plans and implement programs to solve environmental problems.
- If the State appropriations to conservation districts for operating costs of the 46 district offices are not provided, the conservation districts ability to meet their obligations to the public and landowners/managers would be greatly diminished in many counties and quite possibly terminated in others. The same is true if there is not cooperation and assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, which annually provides over \$25 million of assistance which goes directly to landowners who install conservation practices. A Districts' inability to meet their obligations increases the risks to the public in regard to soil erosion, water quality and habitat destruction.
- By not providing this assistance, the public could be impacted by flooding hazards in the watershed area, due to the inactivity of the watershed district directors.

#### How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

• Continue to support the Conservation Program budget line item in the DNR-Land, Water and Conservation Division.

# Scenic Rivers / Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License

The Department must designate and administer the Scenic Rivers Program

|           |                                                                                                    |                                                            | <u>CUSTOMERS</u>                                           |                                                         |                                                  | <u>COSTS</u>                                                                                         |                                                                             |
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| 9         | Inventory rivers and administer the program.  *Note: No charge for services and thus no customers. | Require                                                    | No*                                                        | No*                                                     | No                                               | No                                                                                                   | No                                                                          |

## Scenic Rivers / FERC

GOAL 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's Land and Water Resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Strategy 1.6 Conservation of SC's river heritage and protection of the unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic and cultural values of selected rivers and river segments of the state.

Objective 1.6.1 Conservation of SC's river heritage and protection of the unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic and cultural values of selected rivers and river segments of the state.

|         | FTE equivalents utilized | Total spent / budgeted |  |  |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 2016-17 | 1.25 FTE                 | \$64,498 (0.09%)       |  |  |
| 2017-18 | 1.25 FTE                 | \$56,132 (0.08%)       |  |  |

| Performance Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Type of<br>Measure | <u>2013-14</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>2014-15</u>                                                                                                                         | <u>2015-16</u>                                                                                                                         | 2016-17                                                                                                           | <u>2017-18</u>                                                                                                  |
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| Manage the State Scenic Rivers Program, and provide related technical assistance and support to project partners and the public statewide.  Required by: Agency selected Best in the Country: Virginia Scenic Rivers Program | Outcome            | Target: Provide 3 active river projects, 1 information product, 100 consultations, and 3,000 Beach Sweep River Sweep (BSRS) participants per year. Note, this is not an optimal Target and is limited because of staff shortage.  Actual: 3 active projects; 5,253 participants in Beach Sweep River Sweep statewide. | Target: Same as<br>previous year<br>Actual: 3 active<br>projects; 3,910<br>participants in<br>Beech Sweep<br>River Sweep<br>statewide. | Target: Same as<br>previous year<br>Actual: 3 active<br>projects; 4,500<br>participants in<br>Beach Sweep<br>River Sweep<br>statewide. | Target: Same as previous year Actual: 3 active projects; 4,750 participants in Beach Sweep River Sweep statewide. | Target: Same as previous year.  **Note, this is not an optimal Target and is limited because of staff shortage. |

# River Conservation Program

# Enabled by the S.C. Scenic Rivers Act

### Purpose:

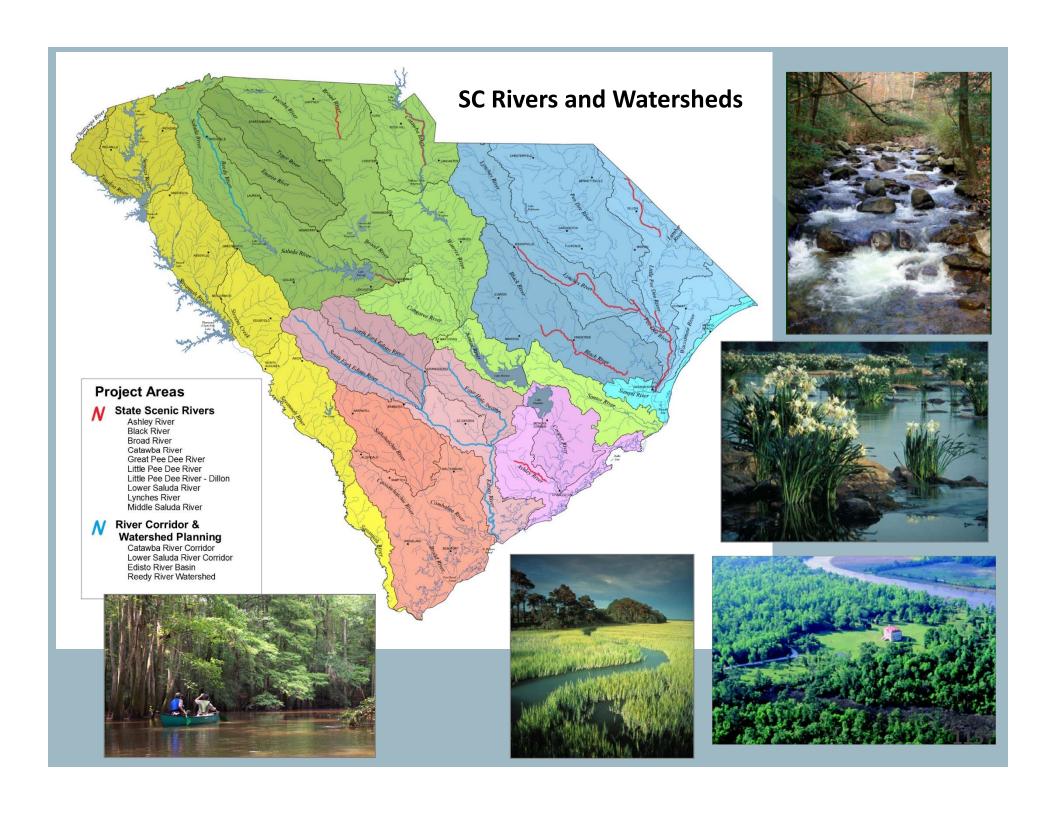
Protect rivers with unique, outstanding resource values ... scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic, or cultural values.

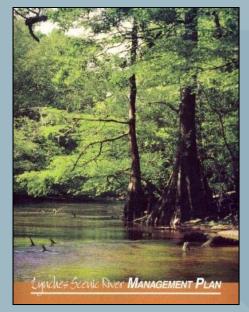
### Approach:

Non-regulatory. We target river conservation goals in partnership with local stakeholders.

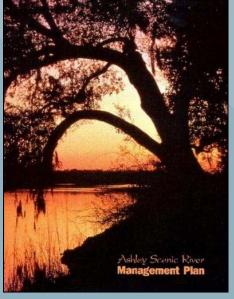
### Project areas...

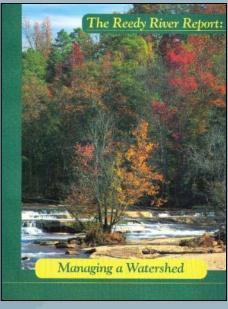
- Designated State Scenic Rivers
- River Corridor & Watershed Planning areas

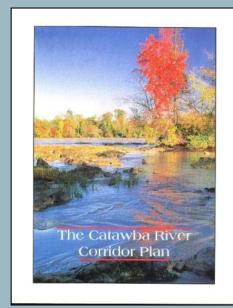


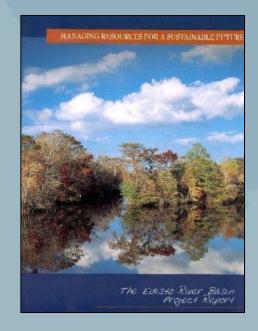


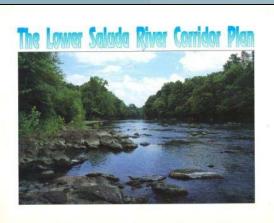












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### **Potential Harm**

Greatest potential harms to the public if deliverables are not provided

• Loss of unique or outstanding river resources of the State to development projects or resource extraction.

How the General Assembly can help avoid the greatest potential harm, other than money

- Provide greater incentives for landowners to put conservation easements on river-bordering lands
- Strengthen water-use laws to be more protective of instream flows needed to sustain fish and wildlife resources
- Strengthen pollution-control laws to be more protective of rivers and aquatic wildlife resources.

