



SIERRA CLUB



Lunz Letter

October 2022

The Changing Coast:

*Using SELC's Interactive Tool for
Climate Advocacy*

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Thursday, November 3
7:00 PM

Online Only (*No in-person this month*)

[Register Here](#) A link to join the live meeting will be sent by email.

The Southeastern coast is changing. Even as hurricanes, sea level rise and flooding caused by torrential rainfall increasingly jeopardize homes and businesses, development pressure is leading to more neighborhoods, roads and infrastructure in places that will be routinely underwater in the foreseeable future. The Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) has developed a website and mapping tool that shows, among other things how current and future development decisions will affect communities and natural resources as seas keep rising. Our November speaker, Jenny Brennan, will demonstrate how the public can use the *SELC Changing Coast* tool to understand projected future flooding patterns in the Charleston area and use this knowledge to advocate for better, climate-conscious land use decisions.

Get Involved With the Lunz Group Executive Committee

Who puts together the monthly meetings, organizes the annual oyster roast and picnic, and coordinates local hikes and other outings? The volunteer members of the Lunz Group Executive Committee.

Here's your opportunity to give back to the Charleston-area Sierra Club community. New executive committee members will be elected through a vote of the membership later this fall.

Nominations for people interested to serve will be accepted through November 9.

The Lunz Group executive committee members meet once a month in addition to the members meetings, and serve two year terms. The time commitment involved depends on the level of responsibilities that individual members choose to take on, but typically ranges from 3 to 5 hours a month.

Ready to become more active with the Lunz Group? Email Christine von Kolnitz at vonkolnc1@gmail.com to express interest.

Robert Lunz Group



Save the Date

Lunz Group Winter Potluck

Thursday, December 1

Join us for the Lunz Group Winter Potluck. We'll gather outdoors with a fire pit at the Cooper Estates Boat Landing on Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant. Details to come...



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Why Recycling & Waste Reduction are More Relevant Than Ever

Our October program focused on trends in the recycling industry including Charleston County's new recycling center, and explained the importance of reducing what we consume in the first place.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Don't Pay for Dominion's Business Mistakes!



As it seeks to raise energy rates in South Carolina by nearly 14%, now is the time to ask why rate payers should shoulder the cost of Dominion Energy's short-sighted bet on expensive and dirty fossil fuels. With their request to the SC Public Services Commission (PSC), the company says they're simply passing on the increased cost to purchase and transport coal and natural gas. But this argument glosses over the fact that they've repeatedly chosen to invest the bulk of their generation capacity in fossil fuel sources, that costs [40% more than renewables like wind and solar](#) by some estimates. According to Sierra Club's analysis, the company has current [plans to build an additional 3,400 megawatts of natural gas generation capacity](#) over the next decade. Why should ratepayers pay a premium for Dominion to invest in an even worse climate future?

Now is the time to make your voice heard. The PSC already approved a 5% increase earlier this year, and will consider the new request at a series of [hearings that begin on November 28](#). Tell the PSC that Dominion, and not the ratepayers, should have to absorb the costs of their own poor business decisions.

[Learn More & Speak Up!](#)

Upcoming Outings

Nemours Wildlife Plantation

Thursday, October 27
Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This outing is to a former plantation in the ACE basin owned by the Nemours Wildlife Foundation. It will include a walk along historic rice fields



and, time permitting, through a restored pine savanna.

****This Outing is Full****

Paddle on The Combahee River

Saturday, November 19

Trip Leader: Bill Turner

Level: Easy



The Combahee is one of the three rivers comprising the well-conserved ACE (Ashepoo - Edisto - Combahee) Basin south of Charleston. This ten-mile paddle will cover a stretch that begins in a bottomland hardwood swamp forest environment and gradually broadens out to historic 18th century rice fields bordering the river.

[Learn More](#)



Become an Outings Leader

Do you love the outdoors? Do you like people? Have you enjoyed past Sierra Club outings and want to help connect others to the beauty of the Lowcountry? Become a Sierra Club Outings leader.

Outings Leader Training

Poinsett State Park

November 4 - 6

Maximum 25 people

Food & campsite provided (first come, first serve)

Everyone who leads a Sierra Club outing goes through a training process to ensure they have the required knowledge and skills to lead a group on a safe and fun excursion. More outings leaders are needed.

This weekend training and camping excursion will extend from Friday night through Sunday afternoon. Participants will learn all aspects of becoming an official Sierra Club outings leader. There is no cost for this training.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Save the Date!

2023 Lunz Group Oyster Roast

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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