



# SIERRA CLUB



## Lunz Letter

September 2022

### Why Recycling & Waste Reduction Are More Important than Ever

**Alec Cooley,**  
Senior Advisor, Busch Systems  
Board member, National Recycling  
Coalition

Thursday, October 6  
7:00 PM



*In Person:*

Robert Scott Small, Rm 235 Auditorium,  
175 Calhoun Street,  
College of Charleston

*Online via Zoom:*

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

There's been a lot of negative media attention about recycling in recent years. News stories about China rejecting contaminated materials, recycling costing too much, and even stories saying recyclables were going to the landfill. All these have caused people to question, is recycling broken?

Recycling still faces challenges, but changes in just the last year and a half have proven recycling's resiliency. Former director of recycling for Keep America Beautiful, Alec Cooley will bring us up to speed, and explain how exactly recycling benefits the environment. He will also talk about how recycling is just one part of the effort each of us should

make to reduce waste and our impact on the environment.

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*Did you miss the last program?*

## Charleston County's GHG Inventory I

Arielle Gerstein, Charleston County's sustainability coordinator, spoke at our September meeting. Her presentation included an overview of the county's efforts to inventory sources of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as an opportunity for community members to get involved with developing the county's first-ever sustainability plan.



[Watch Recording](#)

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## Upcoming Outings

### Awendaw Passage of the Palmetto Trail

**Saturday, October 15**

Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This day trip will hike a section of the Palmetto Trail. Beginning at Buck Hall We will traverse the Awendaw Section of the Palmetto Trail.



[Learn More & Register](#)

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### Additional Outings on the Horizon:

- October 27: [Nemours Wildlife Plantation in the ACE Basin](#)
  - November 19: [Canoe / Kayak on Combahee River](#) *\*New Outing\**
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## Charleston Green Drinks

Tuesday, September 20

6:00 PM

Commonhouse Aleworks  
4831 O'Hear Ave (Park Circle area)  
North Charleston

Come out to network and socialize with other professionals and community-members working to advance sustainability in the Charleston area. This month's theme is *'Resilience & Flooding'*. We'll hear brief presentations from the South Carolina Aquarium, Roots Down Designs and Charleston County Floodplain Management Division.

[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](#)

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## **Get Involved With 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 the end of September.



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](mailto:vonkolnc1@gmail.com) to express interest.

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*Save the Date!*

**2023 Lunz Group Oyster Roast**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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