



SIERRA CLUB



Lunz Letter

March 2024



Septic Conflicts in the Lowcountry

Leslie Lenhardt

Senior Managing Attorney,
South Carolina Environmental
Law Project (SCELP)

Thursday, March 7
7:00 PM

In person: ****Note the new location****

101 Auditorium, Rita Liddy Hollings
Science Center, College of Charleston
58 Coming Street

[View location on a Map](#)

Online via Zoom: [Register Here](#)

A link to join the live meeting will be sent by email.



As urban growth increasingly sprawls into rural areas, some

developers are seeking to avoid the cost of municipal sewer infrastructure by relying on septic tanks for new developments. But these systems, which rely ample space in the soil to drain and filter wastewater from homes and businesses, can fail and release harmful bacteria into nearby waterways if packed in too densely. SCELPA attorney Leslie Lenhardt will speak to some of the challenges and legal opportunities underway to ensure a future of safe and clean water infrastructure for safe and clean water bodies in the Lowcountry.

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Save the Date

Native Plants!

Sharleen Johnson
S.C. Native Plant Society

Thursday, April 4

Sharleen Johnson, habitat garden consultant, nursery owner and president of the Lowcountry chapter of the S.C. Native Plant Society will talk about ways to incorporate native plants into your yard.



View Recording

Building Better Backyards for Birds

University of Georgia Associate Professor of Ecology Dr. Richard Hall spoke about lessons learned from adapting his suburban yard into a pocket nature reserve, using native plants and other landscape features to attract a surprising diversity of birds

[Watch Recording](#)

Native Plant Sale!

Saturday, March 23
9:30 - 12:30pm
219 Fort Johnson Rd.
James Island



This will be a farmer's-market-style sale with several vendors offering a variety of natives. A vendor list will be posted closer to the date. Free admission. Bring a wagon or box to carry your plants to your car. Volunteers will be on hand to help.

[Learn More](#)



Upcoming Outings



This Saturday! **Day Hike at Donnelley Wildlife Management Area**

Saturday, February 17
Event Leader: Bill Turner

The diverse terrain and expansive wetlands of this state refuge in the heart of the ACE Basin usually offer great opportunities for spotting diverse wading birds and waterfowl. Approximately 7 miles.

[Learn More](#)



Bicycling the Santee National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, March 16
Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

This will be a roughly 20 mile ride on the mostly hard packed dirt and gravel roads of this refuge that border Lake Marion. An ancient Indian mound, extensive man-made wetlands, lake views, and pine and hardwood forest. Geared mountain bikes are recommended.

[Learn More](#)

Mark Your Calendars - Additional Outings on the Horizon

- March 22 - [Wire Oyster Reef Fabrication Workshop](#)
- March 23 - [Bike the Moultrie Passage](#)
- April 18 - [Buckfield Longleaf Sandhills Hike](#)
- April 21 - [Wagener Terrace Garden Tour of Native Plants](#)
- April 27 - [Canoe / Kayak on Wambaw Creek](#)
- May 4 - [Paddle on the Black River](#)

- May 17 - Oyster Reef Building Event



Call to Action: Regulate Nurdles!

Nurdles are pea-sized plastic pellets, the pre-manufacturing feedstock used to make plastic products. In recent years millions of them have spilled into the Charleston harbor because of sloppy procedures transferring them to and from ships. Once nurdles have spilled into the environment they're almost impossible to recover.



A bill ([S.596](#)) to regulate nurdles was passed by the state Senate but not the House during the 2021-22 session.

Action to take: Call your SC house and senator legislator and get them to re-introduce legislation regulating nurdles for the 2023-24 legislative session.

Tickets Available Now!

Lunz Group Oyster Roast

Sunday, February 25

2:00 to 5:00 pm

Bowen's Island Restaurant



Come out for oysters, live music and connecting with old and new friends alike. Ticket price includes oysters, veggie and meat chili, veggie dogs, and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Beer or wine available with donation. Open to members and the general public. Live music provided by Lime and the Coconuts. Bid on auction items like gift certificates, sailing classes, kayak tours, park passes, books, theater tickets, pottery, fine art and more!

The annual Oyster Roast is your opportunity to support the Robert Lunz Group and make their programs and outings available throughout the year.

Advance Tickets: \$40 (No fee on Eventbrite)

At the door (Adult): \$45

Students w/ ID: \$25

Children: \$5

[Purchase Tickets Now](#)

****Volunteers needed!** Sign up to bring chili, serve hot dogs, ice cream or beer, and / or to help set up and clean up. Email Amanda Voges at lunzgroup1970@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

To donate items for the silent auction, contact Laura Moses at lauramoses@yahoo.com or Nina Fair at ninafair@bellsouth.net.

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