



SIERRA CLUB



Lunz Letter

April 2021

Upcoming Program:

Lowcountry At High Tide: Flooding, Drainage, & Reclamation in Charleston

Christina Rae Butler, M.A.

April 1 | 7:00pm

Via Zoom

Christina Rae Butler will provide an illustrated synopsis of her recent book *Lowcountry At High Tide: Flooding, Drainage, and Reclamation in Charleston*, chronicling the means and motives for filling and reclamation in the city over time, and how the city government and its residents have dealt with flooding in the past and present.



[Click to Register](#) (Required)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Join this program on [Facebook](#) & [Meetup](#)



Watch Recording of March 4 Program:

Long-Distance Kayaking From North Carolina to Charleston

Outdoorsman Mike Sadler shared stories and lessons learned from his solo paddle down the coast.

[Click to Stream Recording](#)

Mike's presentation included several videos. [Click to watch these directly.](#)



Save the Date May Program:

Can it Happen Here? – The South Carolina Power Grid

May 6 | 7:00 pm

Can what happened in Texas happen here? To help us understand, Maggie Shober, the Director of Utility Reform for the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy will discuss South Carolina's system, its structure, its assets and its vulnerabilities.

Find recordings for all recent programs,
visit the [Lunz Group homepage](#).

Save Sullivan Island's Maritime Forest

The Town of Sullivan's Island voted to cut down part of the maritime forest that has grown up in recent decades on the southern end of the island. Though details of the clearing plan haven't been finalized, conservationists are concerned about the likely impact to native plant and bird populations. You can [read more on the Coastal](#)

[Conservation League's website.](#)

The League is encouraging people to contact the state and federal agencies responsible for issuing permits, urging them not to allow any cutting:

- Elizabeth Von Kolnitz, Chief, SC DHEC - Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management.
vonkoleb@dhec.sc.gov
- Travis Hughes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
travis.g.hughes@usace.army.mil



Stop Dominion From Strangling Solar

Proposal would levy hundreds of dollars in fees against homeowners with solar panels



In its latest move to discourage solar energy in South Carolina, Dominion Energy wants to impose \$50 million in fees on solar customers over the next ten years. The utility company is asking the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve a basic service charge for solar customers that is more than twice as much as the \$9/ month they charge regular customers. On top of this, Dominion wants to charge a new "solar subscription" fee that imposes \$500 or more in annual costs to households with solar panels plugged into the grid. And as if this weren't enough, they also want to slash the amount residential solar generators receive in credit for the excess electricity they supply to the grid.

Read more:

- [Post & Courier commentary](#)

- [Southern Environmental Law Center overview](#)

Don't let Dominion crush solar in South Carolina!

- Add your name to a [petition opposing the new fees](#)
- Submit a formal [Letter of Protest](#) to the PSC.
- [Sign up and comment](#) during March 23rd public hearing

Input Wanted for City of Charleston's Draft Climate Action Plan

CITY OF CHARLESTON
CLIMATE ACTION ENGAGEMENT

THE CITY IS SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE DRAFT **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**, A STRATEGY TO REDUCE CARBON POLLUTION.

ON MARCH 24, 6:00 - 7:30PM, JOIN A VIRTUAL
PUBLIC MEETING
TO LEARN MORE, ASK QUESTIONS, & PROVIDE COMMENTS

Sign up to participate online at:
CHARLESTON-SC.GOV/SUSTAINABILITY



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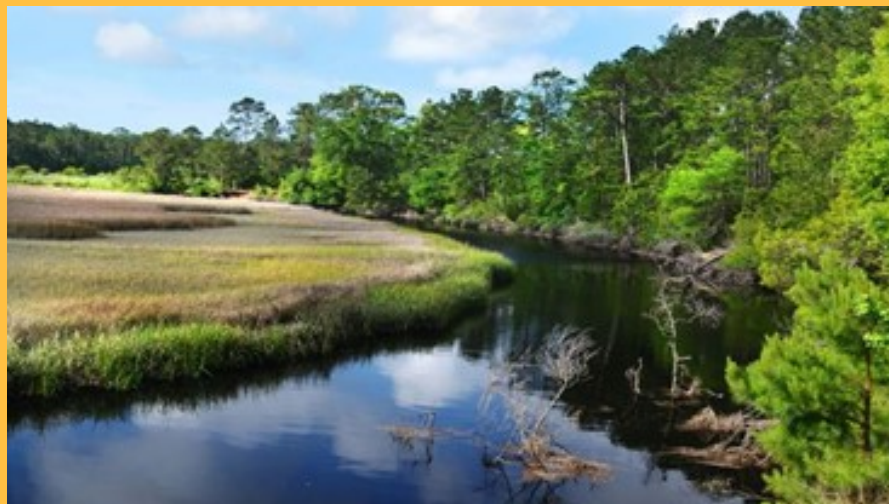
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COMMUNITY SURVEY #2
RESPONSES DUE BY MARCH 28, 2021

You can help inform the strategy!
CHARLESTON-SC.GOV/SUSTAINABILITY



Starr's Solo Outing Tips



Sierra Club outings will remain officially closed down through at least July 1. In the meantime, veteran outings leader Starr Hazard has assembled an overview of some of his favorite hiking and biking locations to inspire your own solo outings.

[Click to see Outing Ideas](#)

Additional Resources:

- [AllTrails list of trails statewide](#)
- [7 principles of Leave No Trace](#)
- [How to use Maps & Compass](#)

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