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Blenheim Nature Center

The Pee Dee Resource Conservation and Development Council is providing assistance to the Blenheim, SC Primary/Elementary School Complex in the development of a Nature Center. This Project is funded by an Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the SC Forestry Commission with contributions from the Town of Blenheim, Marlboro Soil and Water Conservation District, Marlboro County Public Works, Evans Correctional Institute, and Willamette Industries. The *Nature Trail*, *Arboretum*, and *Boardwalks* are now completed. As more funding is obtained, these componets will be enhanced.



Top Left **Cleaning the Trail**

Top Right **Pavilion**

Bottom Left **Entrance Gate**

Bottom Right **Nature Pond**

We owe a special debt of gratitude to Marlboro County Public Works, directed by Sidney Wallace. Without their assistance, the scope of this project would have been greatly reduced. Our most recent efforts have resulted in the completion of a nature pond, also known as a *Green Tree Reservoir*, a *Pavilion/Shelter* to serve as an outdoor class setting, and an *Amphitheater*. Everyone is encouraged to visit the project website where numerous photos of the progress to date are available.

<http://pdrcd.tripod.com/BODClass.html>

Pee Dee Land Trust

The Pee Dee Resource Conservation and Development Council has sponsored the organization of the Pee Dee Land Trust which is a private nonprofit corporation with the purpose of conserving important lands for public benefit. This is accomplished by working cooperatively with landowners to accept donations of property, buying property or helping establish legal restrictions such as conservation easements. The Land Trust works to conserve lands with natural, historic, or recreational value. There are many options that can meet the specified needs of the landowner and offer income, estate, and property tax relief. <http://peedeelandtrust.tripod.com>



Top Left **Darlington/Chesterfield**

Top Right **Dillon**

Bottom Left **Marion**

Bottom Right **Ken Driggers**

The Pee Dee Land Trust recently conducted three additional public information seminars. Mr. Ken Driggers of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation provided each of the programs and a meal was sponsored at each session by the Pee Dee Farm Credit. The Darlington/Chesterfield session attracted 65 participants and the Dillon and Marion meetings were attended by 42 and 45 respectively. As reported by the previous edition of this newsletter, a similar session was conducted in Marlboro County. Thanks to the Pee Dee Farm Credit for making these public information opportunities available.

Thompson Creek TMDL Project

The first set of water samples from the five monitoring sites have been collected and are being analyzed for nitrates, phosphorus, fecal coliform, total suspended solids and fixed suspended solids. A TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) establishes the maximum allowable pollutant loading for a waterbody and provides a basis for taking actions needed to restore water quality. This Project will develop a TMDL for the Thompson Creek watershed above highway S-13-243 in Chesterfield County. Funding for this project is from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control through the US Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act Section 319.

Other Current Efforts

Learning Tree Child Development Center - Grant application submitted for grounds improvement - Pending
Pee Dee River Watershed Consortium Project – Grant application submitted to fund a *Watershed Coordinator* position - pending
Carolina Sandhills Wildlife Refuge - Grant application submitted for Unpaved Roads BMP Demo - Not Approved
Marlboro High School Nature Center - Grant application submitted for establishment - Approved \$10,000 from SC Forestry
Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. - Grant application submitted for ArcView software in SWCD offices - Approved
The Pee Dee Geographic Information System Project - Marlboro farm field and tax parcel data sets are nearing completion.
POWER for Wildlife - FY 2000 contracts being certified for payment and FY 2001 Applications being accepted.
Constructed Wetland Project - Sample Analysis Completed, Summary report of data now being developed.
International Paper - A grant request has been submitted requesting additional funding for the Blenheim School Nature Center.

The Pee Dee RC&D is grateful to the local Conservation Partnership; including the NRCS Field Staff, the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners and Staff, SC Department of Natural Resources Field Staff, and Citizen Volunteers. Without the support and efforts of the Partnership, many of these projects which we coordinate would not exist.

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