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She says ...

Over the past year you have read about our May River Watershed Action Plan and if you are like many of our citizens you are probably asking yourself, "what is this and why does this affect me if I do not live on the May River?"

Before I begin, you can read about this plan on our new town Web site, www. townofbluffton. sc.gov

This is a plan that provides the framework to implement the many goals, objectives and visions for restoring the May River to a more natural system. The current initiatives are:

Sub-basin delineation — This consists of determining and outlining small drainage areas that make up the entire May River Watershed and seeing how stormwater flows between each area.

Impervious/pervious mapping — This will show us the impervious areas within our watershed and is a project that should be completed very soon and will be incorporated into a Geographical Information System.

S.C. DHEC Section 319 Grant Pilot Project — This is intended to design and construct structural Best Management Practices that will reduce fecal coliform flowing to the May River.

Social marketing campaign — This is also funded by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control and the town to inform and educate the public on issues related to water quality in the May River and create a May River "brand" to highlight the importance of our river.

License reminder

If you own a business in the town of Bluffton, please remember the due date is April 15.

New Web site

The Town of Bluffton has a new Web site, www.townofbluffton.sc.gov

This new site will give Bluffton a presence on the official Web site of South Carolina. At no cost to our town, it is being hosted by the state and went live on March 17.

You will see that this site is much easier to navigate than the old site and will continue to have our agendas, calendar for all town meetings and much more. There is a new "How do I?" section that includes quick links to frequently asked questions such as:

HOW DO I ... apply for a business license, submit a special events application, find a map, participate on a town board or commission.

If you ever have questions about our wonderful town, don't hesitate to contact Town Hall at 706-4500 or e-mail me at Isulka@townofbluffton.com

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