



Spring Recap

Hey there, nature friends! Welcome to the Land Preservation Department's quarterly newsletter. Thank you all so much for your interest in our beautiful parks/preserves, as well as our environmental education program! We are so grateful to work with such a wonderful community of passionate and curious individuals who love the environment just as much as we do. Thank you again for sharing the love.

For this month's newsletter you can find the June schedule for our upcoming environmental education programs, a recap of our Spring happenings, and a bit about our Assistant Naturalist Internship. We hope you enjoy this read and feel inspiration to join us the next time we take it outside!

June Nature Programs

All programs are free and open to the public with no registration required. For outdoor programs, please bring comfortable walking shoes, a water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, and binoculars to ensure a safe and fun trip.



JUNE NATURE PROGRAMS

6.3	Birding at Crystal Lake	8am - 9:30am
6.10	Birding at Whitehall	8am - 9:30am
6.11	Gator Gander at Crystal Lake	9am - 10am
6.24	Birding at Fort Frederick	8am - 9:30am

All programs are **FREE** to the public, with no registration required. Please email any questions to the County Naturalist at destiney.rains@bcgov.net and be sure to follow the Land Preservation Department on Facebook and Instagram for future updates and more!

Keep an eye on the Land Preservation Department's new [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for important weekly updates regarding individual programs.

Programs in the Field

This Spring, the Land Preservation Department spent lots of time in the field attending public events, participating in multiple Earth Day programs around the County, and partnering with our local libraries to share some knowledge about the environment we all love so much. Check out some of the highlighted events below!



Wild Wonders

On March 28, members of the Beaufort Garden Club hosted the 1st Annual Wild Wonders for Kids: From the Woods to the Waves at Whitehall Park. This family-friendly nature event brought together 13 organizations dedicated to environmental education and conservation, including Beaufort County's Land Preservation Department. Our Naturalist and her intern engaged young learners with hands-on activities and fascinating facts about snakes, helping children discover the important role these often misunderstood reptiles play in our local ecosystems. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with nature and learn more about the plants and wildlife that make the Lowcountry such a special place.

Beaufort County Celebrates Earth Day

The Land Preservation Department got to celebrate Earth Day all over the County! We are so thankful to be included in community events that allow us to celebrate our beautiful planet. While attending the Port Royal Farmers Market, as well as the Parris Island Earth Day



Celebration, we were able to meet more of our community, share departmental goals, and inform others about our programs.

Our animal ambassadors also enjoyed getting to spend some time out of the office too!



County Litter Pickup

To celebrate Earth Day, Beaufort County employees worked together to clean up areas all across our beautiful land. We are so thankful to Beaufort County Public Works for organizing such a successful day!

We were able to do our part by spending the day cleaning up litter at Crystal Lake, Whitehall and Brewer Memorial Park.

Collectively, 1150 volunteers successfully traveled 136 miles to collect 36,828 pounds of trash!

Way to go Beaufort County!



Tales and Trails



The Land Preservation Department is excited to continue its partnership with the Beaufort County Library through the popular Tales and Trails program series! This Spring, families have explored fascinating topics including snakes, pollinators, fossils, and turtles while enjoying Beaufort County's beautiful, preserved properties. Upcoming program topics include birds on June 25 at Widgeon Point Preserve and the beach on July 30 at Fort Fremont Preserve. These free programs combine nature, learning, and outdoor adventure. Reservations are required through the Beaufort County Library.

Click the links below to sign up today!

[Widgeon Point Preserve](#)

[Fort Fremont Preserve](#)

Intern Insight

Did you know we offer internships? Our 15-week program works with college students to help them gain experience in environmental education and conservation. Meet Sabrina, our department's most recent Assistant Naturalist Intern!



Q: What did you learn from the Beaufort County Land Preservation Department's internship opportunity?

A: "I learned more about the local area and fauna, particularly birds. I was never the best with terrestrial identifications but now point out species to those around me!"

Q: Do you have a favorite experience?

A: "My favorite experience with the Land Preservation Department was the week of Earth Day. We had several events to attend, all of which allowed me to show our animal ambassadors off to the public. It was especially exciting to see the reactions to our corn snakes as they are native, and guests always have plenty of questions about them."

Q: Why should other students intern with the department?

A: "I have already recommended the internship to other because it is very flexible and rewarding work. The animals are always the highlight of my day and community event with or even without them make you feel like you're making a difference with good work."

Land Preservation Department's Public Properties



Are you interested in visiting any of the Land Preservation Department's passive parks and public preserves? Click on the story map image on the left to virtually explore properties both North and South of the Broad River.

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