



## **Summer 2025**

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 quarter's newsletter you can find the September schedule for our upcoming environmental education programs, a recap of this year's happenings, a bit about our Assistant Naturalist Internship, and some information about this quarter's featured local. We hope you enjoy this read and feel inspiration to join us the next time we take it outside!

# September 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.



## SEPTEMBER NATURE PROGRAMS

9.10	Birding at Whitehall Park	8:30am - 10am
9.11	Trail Talk at Altamaha T.H.P.	10am - 12pm
9.17	Birding at Widgeon Point	8:30am - 10am
9.18	Gator Gander at Crystal Lake Park	10am - 11am
9.25	Birding at Crystal Lake Park	8:30am - 10:30am
9.27	Trail Talk at Widgeon Point	10am - 12pm

All programs are **FREE** to the public, with no registration required. Please email any questions to the County Naturalist at [destiney.rains@bcgov.net](mailto:destiney.rains@bcgov.net)

Keep an eye on the Beaufort County [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for important weekly updates regarding individual programs.



# So Far This Year

Over this past year, the Land Preservation Department spent lots of time in the field participating in multiple activities around the County, hosting fun nature programs, and conducting some land management activities on one of the many properties we're working hard to restore, preserve, and conserve. Check out some of the highlighted events below!



## Burn to Bloom

Our department conducts prescribed burns on non-public properties to promote ecological health, enhance wildlife habitats, and reduce wildfire risks. Additionally, prescribed fires support the growth of native vegetation, benefiting species and contributes to the overall

biodiversity and resilience of the region's natural landscapes.

To learn more about prescribed burning visit the [SCDNR](#) website!

# **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 volunteers successfully removed over 9,000lbs of litter from our roads and waterways.

Way to go Beaufort County!







## 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 Makayla, our first Assistant Naturalist Intern! She has worked the past few months alongside our Naturalist, Destiney.

"I am extremely thankful for not only this opportunity, but the Land Preservation team as well! I have learned so much over these past months and can't wait to see how this experience prepares me for the future!"

-Makayla Brown

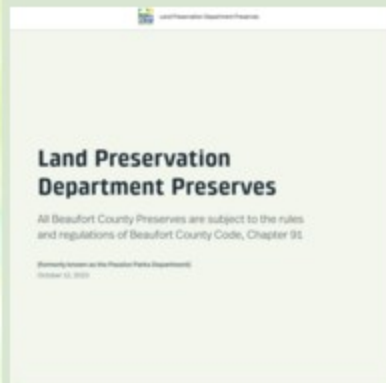
# Critter Spotlight



As summer winds down, Monarch butterflies begin an incredible journey south. These delicate pollinators travel thousands of miles from the U.S. and Canada to their overwintering grounds in Mexico. Along the way, they rely on nectar-rich flowers to fuel their migration. Keep an eye out this fall – you may spot Monarchs passing through our Lowcountry skies on their way to warmer places!

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## 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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