

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name _____

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

City and Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Please check your preferred membership level:

- Individual \$15** – includes bumper sticker, and e-newsletter
- Partner(s) \$25** – includes t-shirt or other thank-you gift, bumper sticker, and e-newsletter
- Neighbor(s) \$50** – includes discounted event tickets, t-shirt or other thank-you gift, bumper sticker, and e-newsletter

If applicable, please indicate choice of t-shirt size:

- S M L XL

GET INVOLVED

Please check all areas that interest you:

- Outreach and Education
- Fundraising
- Membership Recruitment
- Event Planning/Organizing
- Marketing (web design, photography, writing)
- Technical Committee
- Other: _____

WELCOME TO THE GCWA!

Please detach flap of brochure, enclose a check and mail to:
GCWA, 712 Main Street, EWS 603, Columbia, SC 29208
This membership fee is tax-deductible. A receipt will be mailed to you.

STAY INFORMED

Visit us on the web at:

www.gillscreekwatershed.org

For more information or to schedule a speaker please contact us at
info@gillscreekwatershed.org or
(803) 727-8326



GILLS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Gills Creek Watershed Association is to restore and protect the Gills Creek Watershed by uniting citizens, government, organizations, and business.



A CALL TO ACTION

To Improve and Protect Gills Creek Watershed

Richland County's Gills Creek Watershed is a wonderful and irreplaceable resource. Its lakes and creeks offer recreational opportunities, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, support agriculture, and provide drinking water for communities downstream. Unfortunately, our Watershed is in danger. Trash, sedimentation, and pollution have contaminated large areas within the Watershed. Restoration of the Watershed will require the united efforts of everyone—city, county, state, and federal entities, and most importantly—**you**—the citizens of Gills Creek!



What is the Vision of the GCWA?

- Citizens in Gills Creek Watershed enjoy hiking/biking trails, kayaking and canoeing, and other activities on the water.
- Building codes are in place that promote conservation, green development and best management practices.
- New development proposals are assessed to determine impacts on water quality.
- Water quality is greatly improved and our creeks are no longer impaired.
- Gills Creek Watershed is litter-free, and erosion and lake sedimentation are greatly reduced.

What can YOU do to Protect the Watershed?

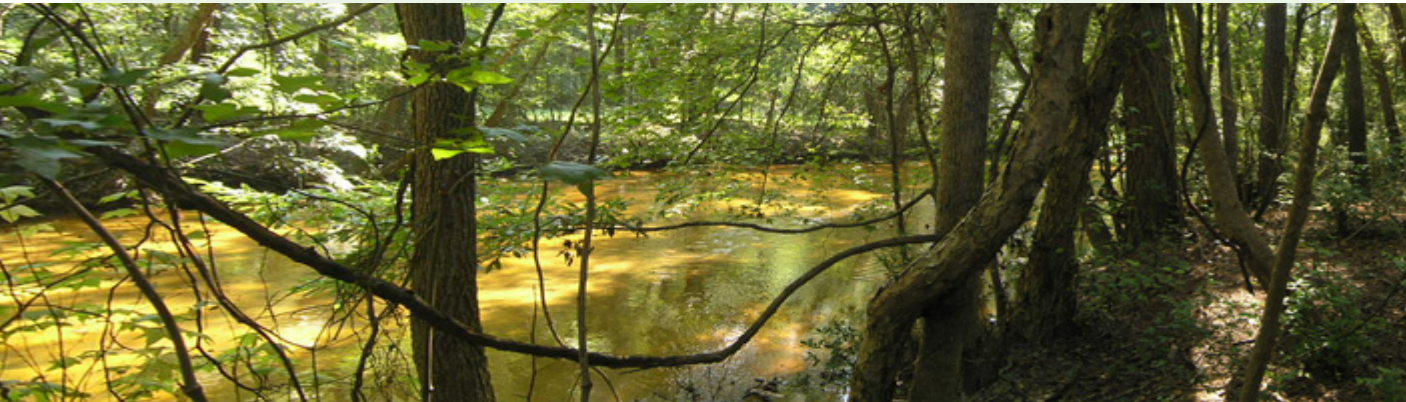
- Don't litter and pick up litter when you can.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- Don't pour oil, paints, grease, or other materials into storm drains.
- Avoid placing yard debris near storm drains.
- Use proper amounts of fertilizer and pesticides.
- Become a member of the GCWA!

See our web site for more info and ways to take action.

Facts about the Gills Creek Watershed:

- It's one of South Carolina's most impaired watersheds.
- The three major headwaters flow through Spring Valley, Sesquicentennial State Park, and Fort Jackson.
- It contains over 70 miles of streams.
- It covers over 47,000 acres of land.
- The population is about 140,000.
- It includes parts of Richland County, Columbia, Cayce, Forest Acres, Fort Jackson, and Arcadia Lakes.

What is a watershed? A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and drains or seeps into streams, rivers, lakes, or groundwater. No matter where you live, you're in a watershed.



What is Non-Point Source Pollution and how does it affect the Gills Creek Watershed?

During rain events, rainwater flows across surfaces like pavement, rooftops, and lawns. This rainwater picks up everything in its path, including oil, grease, fertilizer, herbicide, pet waste, sediment and trash. Many of these pollutants are found in the Gills Creek Watershed.

SPONSORSHIP

Please check your sponsorship level:

- Champion Sponsor - \$5,000
- Leadership Sponsor - \$1,000
- Sponsor - \$500
- Friend - \$250

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Gills Creek Watershed Association
712 Main Street, EWS 603
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

THANK YOU! This donation is tax-deductible. A receipt will be mailed to you.

Please refer to our website for descriptions of the various sponsorship levels.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

An organizational membership can be provided to an interested Neighborhood or Homeowner Association that would like all the members of their Association to become members of the Gills Creek Watershed Association. These members will have the same privileges as individual members. Additionally, the GCWA can act as advocates for your association as well as provide technical and organizational support to help your neighborhood improve water quality. The fee is \$15/person and can be paid in one lump sum by the organization.

There are three main conditions to this type of membership:

- A contact person is to be designated to relay information to the group from the GCWA;
- Members' names & addresses must be provided; additional contact information is optional;
- A representative of the GCWA will attend at least one organization meeting to present information about the Association and the Watershed.

If your organization is interested in this kind of membership, please contact us at info@gillscreekwatershed.org or call (803) 727-8326.

THE GCWA APPRECIATES YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!