

# Community Clean-Ups

Did you know that approximately 46.6 billion pieces of trash land on our nation's roads each year, which equals 6,729 pieces of trash per mile! This type of land-based litter is responsible for a majority of the trash found in our fresh and saltwater water bodies. Litter pollutes water resources, degrades animal habitat, and threatens human safety and health. Litter clean-ups in the Town of Mount Pleasant are beneficial because they remove trash from our roads and green spaces, prevent clogged storm drains and flooding, and help protect water quality.

**Throughout the year, Town of Mount Pleasant residents participate in several land and water based clean-ups in the community.**

## Adopt-A-Highway

Offered by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Adopt-A-Highway allows local individuals, businesses, churches, schools, civic organizations, and neighborhoods to "adopt" local, state-owned roadways. Groups adopt two miles or more of road and participate in four clean-ups per year. SCDOT staff will provide safety equipment and bagged trash pick-up. To find out more information on Adopt-A-Highway opportunities in Mount Pleasant, contact Clemson Extension's County Agent, Angela Crouch, at 843-722-5940.



## Beach Sweep / River Sweep



Organized by the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest, one-day clean-up. On the third Saturday of every September, thousands of South Carolina residents join together to pick up trash from miles of the State's creeks, rivers, marshes, and beaches. Trash is counted and data provided to the Ocean Conservancy to determine the amount and type of trash most common in our nation's waterways. This information is essential in coordinating education and outreach efforts that help prevent littering in communities nationwide. Several Beach Sweep/River

Sweep locations are offered in the Town of Mount Pleasant each year. Please contact our office to find out more information on this year's Beach Sweep/River Sweep date and clean-up locations in our Town.

## Mount Pleasant Land Conservancy Clean-Ups

The Mount Pleasant Land Conservancy, an independent, non-profit land trust located in Mount Pleasant, in conjunction with other local organizations, offer several clean-ups in Mount Pleasant. These clean-ups help to protect and maintain the open spaces and natural resources unique to our community. In April 2011, volunteers joined members of the Mount Pleasant Land Conservancy on a Shem Creek Clean-Up by kayak! Check our Water Quality calendar for upcoming events or contact the Mount Pleasant Land Conservancy at 843-224-1849.

**Please check out Water Quality calendar for upcoming clean-up events. For information on these opportunities, and more, please call our Water Quality division office at 843-849-2022 or email our NPDES Coordinator at [ggarrett@tompsc.com](mailto:ggarrett@tompsc.com).**