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Clemson University's New FACE to Help Sustain Natural Resources



Image Credit: Clemson University College of Agriculture Forestry and Life Sciences

By Clemson University

CLEMSON — With an economic impact of \$33.4 billion, natural resources are major contributors to South Carolina economy and quality of life. To train people to help sustain these resources, Clemson University is establishing

a Fisheries and Aquatic Center of Excellence.

The center, also known as FACE, will be located in the forestry and environmental conservation department. Troy Farmer and Brandon Peoples, assistant professors of fisheries ecology, are leading the center's establishment.

FACE will be a collaboration of Clemson and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, as well as others associated with the outdoor recreation industry. Farmer said FACE is being established because of the increasing demand for highly trained college graduates to work as fisheries scientists with

state and federal agencies and private consulting firms.

"The central goal of the center is to promote research that will enhance management and conservation of South Carolina's aquatic and fisheries resources," Farmer said. "We also want to provide the highest quality training and education for the next generation of fisheries biologists, managers, scientists and other professionals. In addition, we will have an outreach component that involves the delivery and dissemination of fisheries management and conservation information to private landowners, professionals, policymakers and the general public."

Academic programs will be provided through forestry and environmental conservation. Out-

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Bill Would Mean Millions for Wildlife Conservation, Recreation in South Carolina

By South Carolina Natural Resources

The South Carolina Natural Resources Board, the policy-making body for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), is one of the latest of hundreds of agencies and organizations nationwide to throw its support behind a piece of federal legislation designed to provide much-needed funding for wildlife of conservation concern at the state level. If passed, the bill would provide South Carolina with millions of dollars in new funding to support existing and new initiatives for wildlife conservation, research, management, habitat protection and education. The Board unanimously

passed a resolution affirming their and the agency's support for the federal legislative initiative at their March 23, 2018 meeting.

House Resolution 4647, known as the "Recovering America's Wildlife Act," (RAWA) was introduced in 2017 by Nebraska Rep. Jeff Fortenberry and Michigan Rep. Debbie Dingell and is co-sponsored by a growing list of Republican and Democratic lawmakers that includes South Carolina Rep. Jeff Duncan, a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. That broad bipartisan support has sparked optimism among groups such as the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the National Wildlife Federation, and

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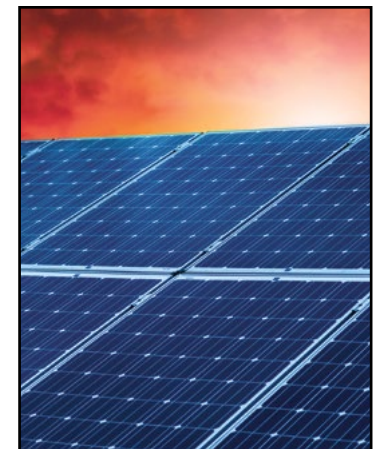
Southern Current Launching New Solar Projects in Anderson County

Company Investing \$30 Million in Solar Farm Development

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Southern Current, a leading developer in the residential, commercial and utility-scale solar markets, is expanding its solar farm portfolio with five new facilities throughout Anderson County. The company is investing \$30 million in these projects.

Southern Current is an owner and developer of utility-scale solar energy facilities across the southeastern United States. With an in-house team of development professionals, the company manages projects from site selection and origination through construction and operation.

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"Southern Current is excited to continue making investments

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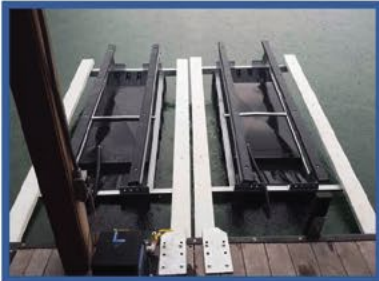
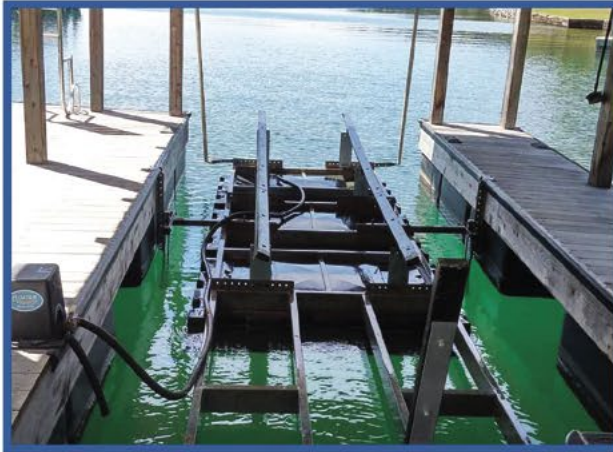


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Market Report

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\$380,000 Average Price

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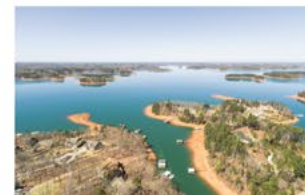
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Letters to the EDITOR

Dear HLN, my friends are always talking about they get "poison oak" in the summer months while doing yard work and camping. When I was growing up we got poison ivy. I never heard of poison oak. What is it and who is right?

—Michelle K., Westminster

Well Michelle, poison oak is a real plant and can cause painful skin eruptions and itching, but it generally occurs along the West

in shady areas in cut-over woodlands. It has the characteristic three-leaves and can present as a climbing vine, or a short plant 8-10 inches in height with white berries. Birds love to eat the berries, which do them no harm, but help spread the plant around. Poison ivy vine is very hairy in appearance. In winter, when the leaves are absent, it can still cause irritation if disturbed. The irritation is caused by urushiol.

Coast and in Canada. It looks like a smaller version of an oak tree, thus the name. In the South, we generally have poison ivy, which is similar and can cause the same type of distress. Both plants are to be avoided.

Poison ivy is very common

This oily sap can cause burning, itching and painful blisters. If you know you have been exposed to poison ivy experts say wash the area immediately with rubbing alcohol and rinse with warm water. Avoid soap as this may spread the urushiol on the skin. Never burn poison ivy to get rid of it as urushiol in the smoke can cause irritation to eyes, skin and lungs. Use weed killers to control poison ivy and keep children and pets away from areas where the plant is found. ■

Editor's note: The Hartwell Lake News is interested in your comments and suggestions about the lake. We are starting a new feature LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. Please send your comments by email to: info@hartwelllakenews.com. Please include your name to any comments or your letter will not be accepted for publication.

Clemson University's New FACE to Help Sustain Natural Resources – continued from pg. 1

reach programs will be conducted through Clemson University Public Service and Agriculture.

FACE's establishment began after Greg Yarrow, professor and chair of forestry and environmental conservation, determined it would be an excellent way to train individuals to provide researched-based information to sustain the state resources. The center is in the process of securing funds it needs to ensure it can meet its goals.

"An investment in the center is an investment in educating and training future fisheries professionals," Yarrow said. "It also is an investment in ensuring South Carolina's fisheries resources will be around for generations to come."

Farmer said there was a lot of interest in the center during the Bass Master Classic

recently held on Hartwell Lake.

South Carolina's forests cover 13 million of the state's 20.5 million acres and water for 1.3 million acres. The state has 11,000 miles of rivers and streams and more than 1,600 lakes larger than 10 acres, including 19 reservoirs greater than 1,000 acres, and 2,876 miles of coastal shoreline.

Natural resources have the largest economic impact of any industry in the state. Fish and wildlife-related recreation contributes \$1.7 billion annually to the state's economy, with \$686 million spent annually on fishing alone. Fish and wildlife-related activities support more than 31,000 jobs in South Carolina, many of which are provided by local outdoor recreation companies based here.

Alvin Taylor, director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, said natural resources are an important part of the state's charm.

"South Carolina's natural resources are our most valuable economic asset," said Alvin Taylor. "Natural resources are the major contributor to our quality of life, which is why corporations want to locate here, why people want to move here and it is why people want to stay here."

To contribute to the Fisheries and Aquatic Center of Excellence, contact Margaret Owens, senior director of development, at 864-276-7245 or mr6@clemson.edu or Kim Arp, director of development, at 864-506-1488 or kimarp@clemson.edu. For more information about the center, visit <https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/face/>. ■



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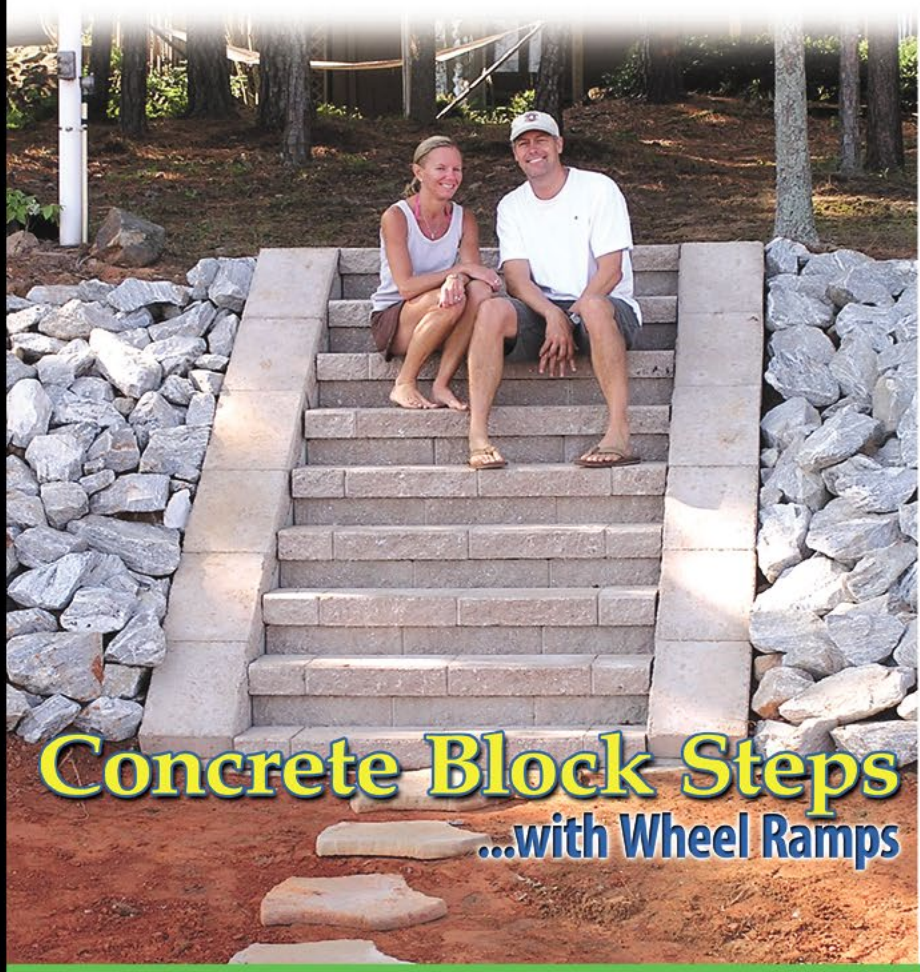




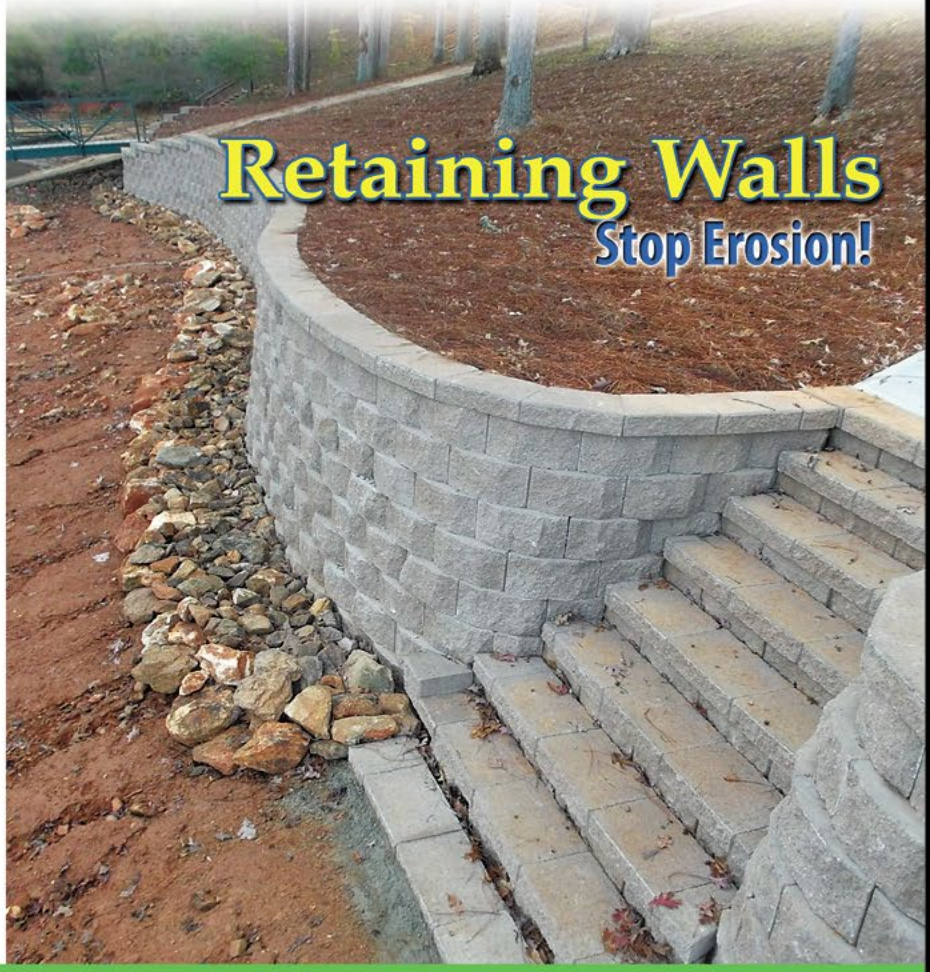
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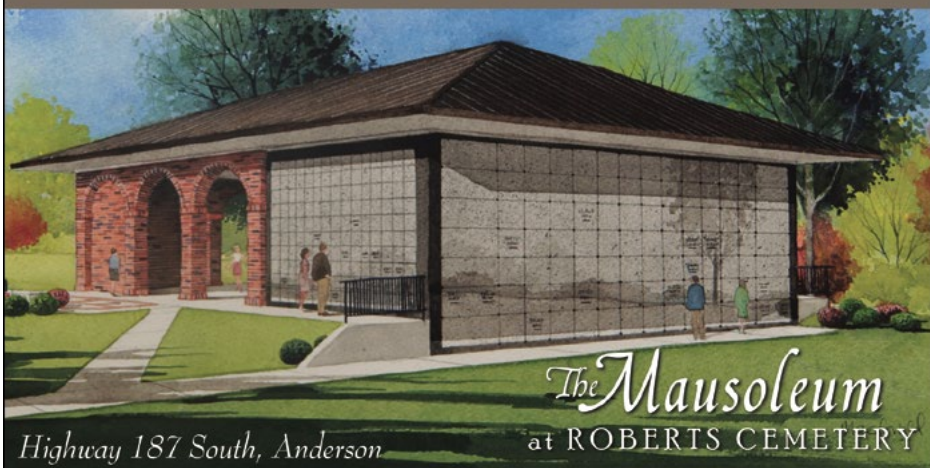


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Bill Would Mean Millions for Wildlife... – continued from pg. 1

many others that, with public support for the measure also growing, the bill could be on a fast track to becoming law. Since its introduction last December, RAWA has been making its way through the House subcommittee review process, steadily gaining support from co-sponsors along the way. Organizations tracking the legislation believe a companion bill could be introduced in the U.S. Senate soon, and that, if citizens demonstrate their support to lawmakers in large enough numbers, both bills could pass their respective chambers before the end of 2018.

This unique bill has united Republicans, Democrats, hunters, anglers, hikers, bird watchers, outdoor industry executives, non-profit environmental groups and government agencies. This wide-ranging, bipartisan support comes from the common sense, business model approach the bill takes to funding:

- The proposed legislation dedicates \$1.3 billion in existing revenues from the fees paid for the development of energy and mineral resources on federally-owned public lands to existing Wildlife Conservation Restoration programs that distribute funding to state wildlife conservation agencies. The bill would NOT impose any new taxes or fees.
- South Carolina's share of that annual funding is estimated to be \$15 million annually.
- Currently, the "State Wildlife Action Plan"

that guides our state's efforts to manage 826 animal and plant species outlined in the plan receives around \$650,000 in annual federal funding.

- The critical research, management and habitat protection programs that could be funded through this initiative would not only help bolster recovery of federally listed species in South Carolina, they would also assist with closing data gaps for species of concern, many of which share habitats with popular game species.
- Programs that support outdoor education and recreation, critical to recruiting and retaining the next generation of hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts in South Carolina, could also benefit from increased federal funding.

The RAWA initiative is the result of a partnership — consisting of members representing the outdoor recreation, retail and manufacturing sector, the energy and automotive industries, private landowners, educational institutions, conservation organizations, sportsmen's groups and state and federal fish and wildlife agencies — created by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish & Wildlife Resources. Learn more about the history of the RAWA initiative and find out how you can take action to support the bill at the Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife website at <http://ournatureusa.com/>. ■

Southern Current Launching New Solar... – continued from pg. 1

into South Carolina's clean energy future, and there's no better place than Anderson County. We are thankful and appreciative of the support from the economic development team and county council for our projects, and we're excited to start construction in the near future." –Southern Current Chief Development Officer Paul Fleury

"Our approach to creating a business-friendly environment for all types of companies continues to pay off, and Southern Current's new investment in Anderson County is a testament to that. I look forward to seeing the impact that the renewable energy industry will continue to have in the region and across the state." –Gov. Henry McMaster

"The renewable energy market is increasingly a major driver of South Carolina's economy, and today's announcement in Anderson County is proof of that. I congratulate Southern Current on this latest \$30 million investment and wish them continued success." –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"We're very pleased to announce this capital investment in Anderson County. The county will see increased tax revenue for our citizens. We look forward to future solar project investments in Anderson County." –Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn

FIVE FAST FACTS

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- \$30 million of capital investment.
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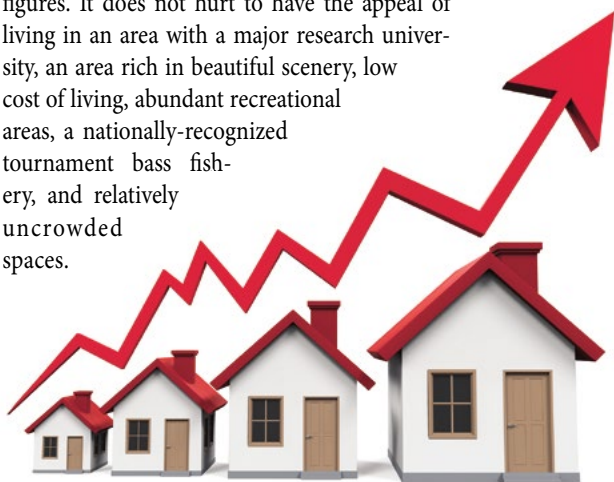
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Values Rise for Lake Properties as the Economy Improves

By Vince Jackson

“A rising tide lifts all boats,” said President Kennedy. All of us realize a lake full of water lifts all boats, too. Kennedy borrowed his phrase from the New England Chamber of Commerce in 1963 during a speech he made about an improving economy. Since then it has become a frequent reference for those looking to express good economic news.

Recent news reports indicate lake property values in our area have risen as much as 15 percent during the last year. Not surprisingly, Lake Keowee leads the way with a big share of South Carolina's lake real estate market, about 25 percent, and Hartwell Lake comes in with a stout 22 percent, according to recent industry figures. It does not hurt to have the appeal of living in an area with a major research university, an area rich in beautiful scenery, low cost of living, abundant recreational areas, a nationally-recognized tournament bass fishery, and relatively uncrowded spaces.



All of these things work together to favor of an improved real estate market for lake homes.

Jim Miller, Broker-in-charge for Hartwell Lake Properties, said he does not see a 15 percent increase across the board. “You may see that figure in some areas, but not in general from my experience,” he said. Miller says lake home sales have increased during the last year with some areas on Hartwell and Keowee being more active. Homes in the \$200,000 up to \$400,000 range can sell quickly, but above \$400,000 the market is tighter and takes longer to sell, Miller said.

Lake Hartwell Real Estate recently confirmed 69 homes and 14 vacant lots were sold on Hartwell Lake during the first quarter of 2018, pacing the number sold during the same period last year. The company reported the average lot price was down slightly to \$126,000, and the average home price was up slightly to \$383,000. Available inventory for lots and homes remains steady with many sellers electing to list properties to take advantage of an active spring season, according to the report. ■

Legislature Looking at How Much Homeowners Should Receive for Solar Power

By Vince Jackson

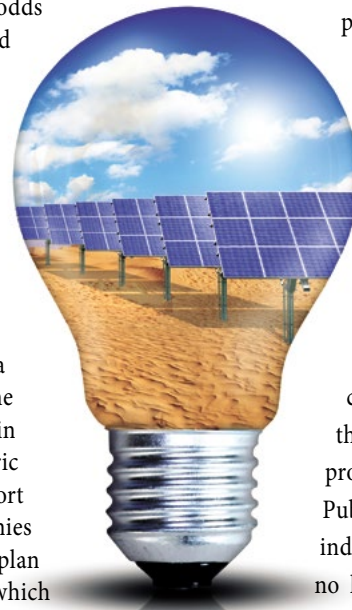
Charleston's Post and Courier newspaper recently reported companies installing residential solar panels are at odds with some state legislators and power companies over what is the correct amount of credit to offer for residential solar generated electricity.


At present, homeowners who install solar panels, get one kilowatt-hour of credit for every kilowatt-hour of electricity they produce; a rate established to help get the solar industry off the ground in its infancy, according to electric utility companies. The report states some energy companies feel continuing the current plan penalizes large solar farms, which are reimbursed at a lower rate. Fairness is the most common reason cited for changing the current rate structure. Two bills pending before the South Carolina Legislature follow different paths to resolve the developing situation. Legislators will have to make decisions soon due to the terms of legislation passed in 2014 that provides when two percent of electricity

in South Carolina is produced by solar panels from businesses and homes, the higher rate will expire. Experts in the solar industry say

the two percent mark will be surpassed soon. The state became one of the top twenty solar states during 2017, up nine positions, according to U.S. Solar Market Insight, a trade publication.


Not surprisingly, solar industry companies believe solar users should continue getting credit for their solar panel electrical production at the higher rate. Public utilities believe the solar industry is doing just fine and no longer needs encouragement from the higher reimbursement rates, and that those selling electricity back to the power grid should also help pay for costly transmission lines and power plant expenses when the sun is not shining. Stay tuned to news reports as the debate unfolds and both sides continue to lobby for their point of view. ■





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590 Fond Du Lac, Central, SC.

\$269,000

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570 Fond Du Lac, Central, SC.

\$245,000

Well maintained log home w/hardwood floors, rock surround fireplace w/gas log stove in place, tongue & groove vaulted ceiling, wood walls, open & screened porch. Oversized garage-plenty of room for that workshop. Dock in place & just minutes to Clemson. Spacious & light - move in ready. Home is located in at the end of a beautiful neighborhood. Home is also very conveniently located minutes from Central & Clemson University (GO TIGERS!). Rural living close to town. Seasonal lake front.



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Lot 1 Old Andersonville Rd., Hartwell, GA.

\$199,000

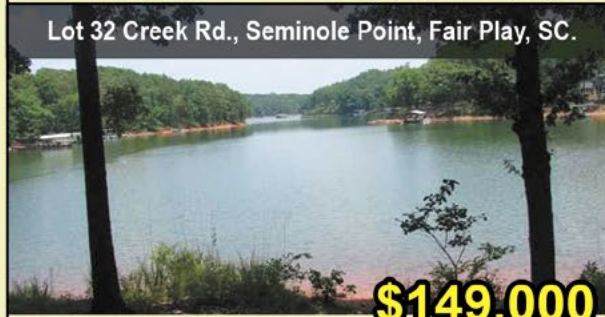
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Lot 32 Creek Rd., Seminole Point, Fair Play, SC.

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Seminole Point is a beautiful area of homes & lakefront. This lot is just under 1 acre (.90) with 137' of lake frontage. Nicely sloped lot - not steep but not flat w/close Corps line. Lot should afford a really nice view. Dock approval for 24x30 w/60' gangwalk. Creek Rd. has a private feel because there are just a few homes on this cul-de-sac road. Easy to walk.



Lot 5 Ridgemoor, Toccoa, GA.

\$150,000

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Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron Receives Proclamation from Seneca Mayor

Betty Snowden, Commander of Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron – America’s Boating Club®, received a Proclamation from Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander honoring Safe Boating Week, May 19-25. National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout

the year. On average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S. Approximately 80 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning. The vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors. A significant number of boaters who lose their lives would be alive today had they worn their life jackets. The Proclamation received



Betty Snowden, Commander of GCLSPS-ABC and Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander

from the Mayor is in support of the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign during National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. The Proclamation urges all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and to wear a life jacket at all times when boating.

For information about membership and activities of the Squadron, visit gclsaps.com. ■

Summer Dockside Dining by Boat on Lake Hartwell

You know the feeling. The family has been on the lake all day fishing and swimming and everyone is tired, but you still must feed everyone, including some family friends who tagged along. Wouldn't it be nice to pull your boat alongside a dock and just eat right there on Lake Hartwell? Well, you can, you know. Check-out these restaurants and eateries that serve the boating public:

- The Grill, 150 Clemson Marina Drive, Seneca 864-653-6767, Buoy S89
- Pixie and Bill's, 1058 Tiger Boulevard, Clemson 864-654-1210, Buoy S95
- Tiger Cove Campground and Grill (private, \$10.00 membership), 4023 Whitehall Road, Anderson 864-255-5993, Buoy DC4
- The Swamp Bar and Grill, 1615 Reed Creek Highway, Hartwell 706-376-5105, Buoy LLC3
- Tilly's Tiki Bar and Grill, 1476 Harbor Lights Marina Road, Lavonia 706-356-0727.
- NAMI, 1629 Marina Road, Anderson 864-287-3219, Buoy S30-S31
- The Gallery, 1629 Marina Road, Anderson 864-287-3215, Buoy S30-S31
- The Local Pub and Eatery, 1500 Providence Church Road, Anderson 864-844-9244, Buoy S10

Be sure and check opening and closing times and whether the restaurants have a dress code. ■

“Celebrate Anderson” Welcomes Country Music Star Josh Turner September 2 at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center

Anderson County is proud to welcome residents, family, friends, and visitors to the 20th annual Celebrate Anderson festival on Sunday, September 2. This free Labor Day event will take place at the Anderson Sports

and Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Anderson. The free festival starts at 1:00 PM with family activities. Gates open at the William A. Floyd Amphitheater at 5:00 PM, where country

star Josh Turner performs at 8:30, followed by a fireworks show to close out the night.

Celebrate Anderson features multi-platinum MCA Nashville recording artist Josh Turner, one of country music's most recognizable hit-makers. With a rich, deep voice and distinctive style, Turner has sold more than 8 million units, is a disciple of traditional country music and one of the youngest members of the esteemed Grand Ole Opry. From his 2003 platinum-selling debut Long Black Train to his most recent 2017 Billboard No. 1 release, Deep South, Turner has garnered multiple GRAMMY, CMA and ACM nominations. Turner's hits include “Your Man,” “Why Don't We Just Dance,” “Firecracker” and “Time Is Love,” the most played country song of 2012. Turner released his sixth studio album Deep South in March featuring the #1 hit single “Hometown Girl.” The Hannah, SC native has created a scholarship fund to assist students interested in pursuing a future in arts and music.

The Celebrate-Fun-Zone on the front lawn of the Civic Center will be open from 1 PM to 5 PM to allow kids of all ages to play on large inflatables, along with other



festive family activities. Gates open at the William A. Floyd Amphitheater at 5 PM, when Anderson's very own TL Hanna Jazz Band takes the stage to kick off the concert. After the Josh Turner concert performance at 8:30, all guests are invited to enjoy a free holiday fireworks show at the Amphitheater.

Celebrate Anderson is presented by Michelin, Davis & Floyd, Anderson County, Blue Ridge Electric Co-op, Commercial Metals and GMC.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Concessions will be available for purchase. Guests may bring blankets and chairs for the concert. No coolers, tents or pets, please. ■

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INT League Amateur Watersports Competition Set for Singing Pines

Mark your calendar on July 21 and 22 for the return of wake and surf board competition on Hartwell Lake. Local watersports centers J C Watersports and Strickland Marine Center will once again help sponsor this exciting competition, which gets bigger and better each year, according to Shane Hammond, the South Carolina coordinator of the event.

Online application information is available at www.intleague.com/southcarolina. The entry fee for adults is \$35. Singing Pines Campground is located at 6001 U.S. Highway 29 South in Starr,

SC. The popular recreation area offers watersports, fishing, as well as camping and cookout activities along with the watersports competitions.

The INT League promotes wakeboarding, waterskiing, kneeboarding and wake-



skating by turning these fun activities into sport. From its early beginnings the INT League has grown to competitions in 27 states around the country hosting over 250 events each year. The League stresses that you do not have to be an expert to

enter the competition. There are divisions based on age and ability. The mission of the group is to organize and promote grass roots watersports events in a non-intimidating environment, in the manner of Little League baseball, say event organizers. All that is needed to participate is a completed application, a board or skis and a life jacket. There is no charge for spectators to watch the competition. Organizers ask that dogs be on a leash. For more information call Shane at 864-444-7128. ■

Wet 'n Wild Weekend Returns to Long Point Recreation Area

The Hart County Chamber of Commerce announced recently the return of Pro Watercross Racing at Hartwell Lake on August 11 and 12. The event represents the fifth phase of competition before the National Championship in



Charleston, WV a week later.

Racers can reach speeds of 90 mph as they maneuver to gain points that will put them in

position to become the champion. Competitors from all over the nation will be on hand for the August racing program and event organizers say racers will be available to fans for autographs and photos. Food, merchandise vendors and water activities for the children will also be provided. Admission is \$5 per person with kids six and under admitted free. Racing begins at 10:00 am and continues until about 4:00 pm both days.

Those interested in renting vendor booths should contact the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, 706-376-8590 or email hartchamber@hartcom.net for more information. Pro Watercross has become the largest and most popular



watercross series in the country, said event promoters. Positive economic impacts for hotels, restaurants and other businesses have resulted when watercross events, such as this one, happen during this time of year, say event officials. Long Point Recreation Area is in Hart County, Georgia near the city of Hartwell. From U.S. 29 turn on to Old Highway 29 and follow the road

until it ends at Hartwell Lake. The recreation area amenities include boat ramps, restrooms, picnic areas and playgrounds, which are handicap accessible. ■



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Win Big by Purchasing Your First License

By Georgia Wildlife Resources Divisions

Picture this - you are drifting down the river in your kayak, casually paddling along. Nice, right? Know what would make it better? Adding in a fishing license for a great day of action-packed angling! Need extra incentive? All new license customers between June 1 and July 31 will be entered to win one of two amazing guided fishing trips that include gear and accommodations!

"There is no shortage of great outdoor resources to visit in Georgia," says Rusty Garrison, Director for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division. "From our amazing North Georgia mountains with cold trout streams, to middle Georgia's mighty rivers, to the coast with saltwater species waiting on you to throw out a line, you are sure to only better enhance your outdoor experience by adding in a fishing license!"

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- WALLEYE: gear, accommodations, and a guide with boat on the North Georgia reservoir of your choice (such as Lanier, Carters, etc.)
- TARPON: gear, accommodations, and a guide with boat for saltwater fishing

The opportunity to win the Fishing Trip Giveaway is open to anyone that creates a new customer account and purchases any license (fishing, 1-day combo, hunting, Lands Pass, etc.). Account creation and license purchase must occur between midnight June 1 and midnight July 31. There will be drawings for two winners, one at the end of June, and the other at the end of July. Winners will be announced via the Georgia WRD social media channels, and contacted directly.

"One great way to grab an entry into this contest is to purchase a youth sportsman's license for your child. Starting their customer account and purchasing this \$15 license gives your 12-15 year old sportsman's license privileges through their 17th birthday - a \$70 value - providing a fantastic advantage to your kid and a chance at winning an awesome trip as a terrific bonus!" said Garrison.

For more information about how to win, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/fishing-trip-giveaway>. ■

Waterfowl Hunters: Dates and Season Regulations Approved for 2018-19

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Waterfowl hunters can begin making season plans now that the 2018-2019 migratory bird season hunting dates and regulations were recently approved by the Board of Natural Resources.

"The 2018-19 migratory bird hunting season will remain similar to previous years, including an early teal hunting season and special youth hunting days," said Greg Balkcom, state waterfowl biologist for the Wildlife Resources Division. "There is one small change this year, and it affects the pintail bag limit. The daily bag limit for pintails has been increased to two this year, up from one last year."

Some need-to-know dates and details for waterfowl season are the September Canada goose season (Sept. 1-30) and the September teal season (Sept. 8-23). Canada goose hunting has three additional seasons: Oct. 13-27, Nov. 17-25 and Dec. 8 - Jan. 27. Hunting season for ducks is Nov. 17-25 and Dec. 8-Jan. 27. A complete summary of migratory bird hunting season dates and bag limits is online at www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations.

Youth Waterfowl Days are Nov. 10-11, 2018. On these two days, youth age 17 or younger may hunt specific migratory birds, such as ducks, Canada geese and mergansers, as long as they are accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age (only the youth may hunt).

State license fees help support wildlife conservation in Georgia. The state receives federal funds from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program, based on a number of factors, including the number of paid sporting licenses. In Georgia, these funds are



approximately \$14 million a year and have helped restore habitat and improve wildlife populations, among other conservation efforts. Hunters may purchase licenses online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com by phone at 1-800-366-2661 or at more than 800 license agent locations.

For more information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations. ■

Savannah District's New Commander

Reprint from the US Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Col. Daniel H. Hibner will take command of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, from Col. Marvin L. Griffin, in a formal ceremony at 10 a.m., June 8.

Brig. Gen. Diana M. Holland, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' South Atlantic Division, will officiate at the formal change-of-command ceremony in the Oglethorpe Auditorium of the International Trade and Convention Center on Hutchinson Island.

Hibner comes to the Savannah District from U.S. Central Command Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, in Tampa, Florida. There he served as the Levant Branch Chief in the Plans and Policy Directorate working on issues covering portions of Syria and Iraq.

Hibner has served multiple deployments to Iraq as a company commander, brigade combat team operations officer and as a battalion commander. He has also served in various assignments at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Carson, Colorado; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He recently attended the Joint Advanced Warfighting School Senior Service College, Norfolk, Virginia. Hibner holds a Bachelor of Sci-

ence in Construction Management from Purdue University, a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, a Master of Military Arts and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies, a Master of Science in Campaign Planning and Strategy from the National Defense University, and is a Project Management Professional.

Griffin took command of the Savannah District in June 2015. Later this summer he will deploy to Afghanistan as the Chief Engineer for Resolute Support operations.

During his tenure in command of the Savannah District, he oversaw the deepening of the outer half of the Savannah Harbor and the removal of the Back River tide gate, both part of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

Also during this period the District removed the Civil War ironclad CSS Georgia from the shipping channel. Other aspects of the harbor deepening took significant strides toward completion. His previous assignments include deployments to Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo.

The Savannah District maintains the deep water harbors in Savannah and Brunswick, Georgia, and it leads the effort to deepen the Savannah harbor. The District manages a multi-

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Hartwell Lake Fishing Forecast Summer to Fall 2018

By Preston Harden

The Lake is full, the weather is hot and the fish are going deeper. Hybrids and stripers are migrating from the upper Lake to the lower Lake. Good electronics are key to locating schools of fish. The thermocline pushes them toward the lower Lake where there is no thermocline and the water quality is better. Locating fish is the hard part as they are always moving. Blue back Herring lowered to the depth of the schools should produce quickly. Artificial such as big spoons and jigs with soft plastics will work but require more work. As the water



gets hotter in late summer working the bait or artificial up and down through the schools will get bit. Largemouth and spotted bass mi-

grate to the deeper water as it gets hotter. Look for them around brush piles and 15 to 30 feet deep. Throw top water plugs over the brush piles from a distance. If you do not get hit, go over the brush with your sonar. If you see fish on your sonar, drop something in their living room. A drop shot or a shaky head fished vertically is a good option to get bit. Other game fish like catfish and crappie also move to deeper water until the water starts to cool in the fall. Then the migration reverses towards shallow water. ■

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million dollar military construction program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina, and oversees water resources and development activities in Georgia and portions of South Carolina.

The District also oversees civil projects including dams and lakes Hartwell, Russell and Thurmond on the Georgia-South Caroli-

na border; and environmental and regulatory permits for Georgia.

The Savannah District supports worldwide missions related to real estate, master planning, and construction of barracks and other facilities to enhance overseas contingency operations. The District traces its heritage in Savannah to 1829. ■

Recent Rains Bring an Abundance of Frogs

By Vince Jackson

Hartwell Lake is at finally full pond. Along with this abundance of water comes a much-needed refreshing of wetlands, creeks and damp places. Water triggers a breeding response in the frog population, especially the tree frogs. You may have noticed frog sounds being more common this year.

There are numerous tree frogs present along Hartwell Lake, the most common being the southern cricket frog, green tree frog, spring peeper, gray tree frog and a variety of chorus frogs. Their singing can be heard from early evening, throughout the nighttime, and until dawn.

Listen for the "beep" sound of the green tree frog after a rainstorm, or the dog-like bark of a barking tree frog late at night. The gray tree frog has a loud "trilling" sound that can be very distracting at close range. I had one just outside my window last summer. It attracted a mate and spawned in my goldfish pond, producing hundreds of swimming tadpoles in a very short

time. What was interesting was after emerging the young frogs dispersed never to be seen again.

Spring peepers crank-up their singing in early spring and are frequently present in great numbers, calling in unison, loud and long, into the night. Cold weather does not deter these hardy amphibians from their appointed duties as they sometimes continue to sing even during near-freezing temperatures.

Seeing tree frogs can be difficult, but a good flashlight is a must. Approach singing frogs slowly and look among the leaves and limbs until you spot one, then watch as they inflate their throat and belt out almost unbelievable sounds. During the day gray tree frogs may be found in the crotch of trees close to the ground, but you really must look closely because they look just like the bark.

Bull frogs, leopard frogs and other the larger varieties are also more common this year. Enjoy their sounds and search for frog calls online to help identify what you are hearing. ■

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428 BROYLES POINT
3 Bedrooms / 2.5 Bathrooms **\$339,000**
2200 sq ft
0.93 acres
214 ft water frontage
Covered dock
Hardwood floors
Fireplace
Detached boat garage
New roof & deck



406 ROWLAND RD
3 Bedrooms / 2.5 Bathrooms **\$289,000**
2251 sq ft
0.94 acres
176 ft water frontage
Covered dock
Formal dining room
Basement rec room
Detached 2 car garage
15 mins from Clemson



119 SUNSET HILLS
3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms **\$299,900**
1724 sq ft
0.36 acres
Custom covered dock
Great water depth
Sailboat water
New roof summer 2017
New appliances & tile
Furnishings included



337 FOREST COVE
3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms **\$327,000**
1814 sq ft
1.03 acres
232 ft water frontage
Covered dock in place
Detached workshop
Wood burning fireplace
Pine flooring
Large sun room



519 ISLAND POINT
5 Bedrooms / 3 Bathrooms **\$399,000**
2622 sq ft
92 ft water frontage
Level lot
Covered dock in place
Screened porch
Finished basement
Rec room
Low maintenance exterior



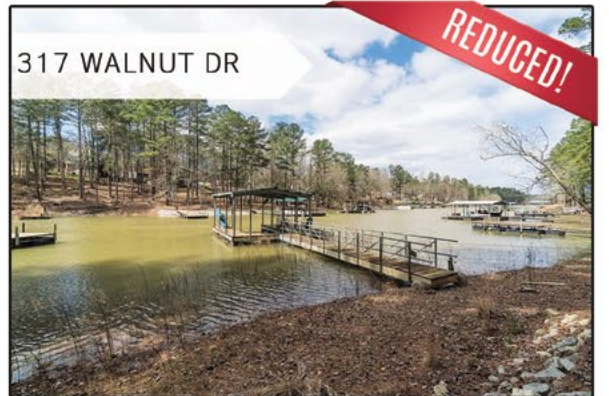
LOT 2 LAUREL LN
0.55 ACRES **\$193,500**
Point lot on Seneca River
180 ft of water frontage
Covered dock in place
Restricted subdivision | Exit 11 off I-85



LOT 18 SANDY LN
0.67 ACRES **\$120,000**
111 ft of water frontage
Platform dock | Picnic shelter
Septic tank in place
Nearby public boat ramp



LOTS 21-24 PINE LAKE
4 LOTS - TOTAL 0.78 ACRES **\$119,000**
4 unrestricted lakefront lots
Platform dock
2 miles of I-85 at Exit 11



317 WALNUT DR
2 Bedrooms / 1 Bathrooms **\$120,000**
0.38 acres
Covered dock in place
Detached carport
Sold furnished!
Gentle slope to water
Large screened porch
Convenient to Clemson & Seneca

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