



## Attend a Free Presentation: Green Infrastructure Planning at the Landscape Scale *by Karen Firehock*

**PURPOSE:** Catawba Regional Council of Governments, the South Carolina Forestry Commission and Trees SC invite you to attend a *free presentation* about our state's Green Infrastructure Planning Guide and Model initiative!

### WHAT IS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE?

Green infrastructure includes the interconnected natural systems in a landscape, such as intact forests, wetlands, dune systems, parks and rivers, or agricultural soils that provide clean water, air quality, wildlife habitat and food. They also provide a sustainable local economy. However, if we don't know where these systems are located or how best to protect them, we can lose them over time. *We can reap many benefits from our natural systems* if we identify, rank and map them as part of our communities "infrastructure." The Green Infrastructure Center is developing a modeling tool and a South Carolina Practitioner's Guide to help South Carolina localities do just that!

### WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Come learn about this new tool and how you can use it to plan for both conservation and better quality of life for South Carolinians. Karen Firehock of the Green Infrastructure Center (<http://www.gicinc.org>) will present an overview of the green infrastructure guide and computer modeling project, definitions and case studies, and explain how green infrastructure strategies can help localities and regions better conserve their environmental and cultural resources to address a host of issues. This 90 minute presentation and 30 minute discussion will give you all the details of this new project and opportunities for input!

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Planners, conservationists, developers, community members, elected and appointed officials and anyone concerned about better ways to develop that conserve our resources! RSVP today or contact your local COG for more information. See details right.

**Local Sponsor: Catawba Regional COG**

**Where: 215 Hampton Street, Rock Hill, SC**

**When: 10:00AM on Friday, September 5, 2014**

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