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Press Release

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Community Wetland Planting and Clean Water Event Scheduled in Bolivia, June 9

Wilmington, N.C. – The partnership of the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Brunswick County, the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service and the Brunswick Soil and Water Conservation District invite all area residents and visitors to a community wetland planting and clean water educational event. The event will take place at the Brunswick County Government Complex Cooperative Extension Offices (Building N) in Bolivia on Tuesday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the health of their local creeks and simple things they can do in their back yards to protect area water quality. Information on back yard rain gardens and rain barrels and other steps people can take to reduce stormwater runoff and nuisance flooding will be available. Visitors can visit a backyard rain-garden and a stormwater treatment wetland.

For those who want to get their hands dirty, there will be a volunteer wetland planting on-site at the Government Complex. Once complete, this created wetland will capture and treat polluted rainwater before it has a chance to become polluted runoff. It is the first of many stormwater retrofits that N.C. Coastal Federation, Brunswick County and Stantec Engineering will be constructing within the Lockwood Folly watershed as part of a water quality demonstration project. This project is an important component of the Lockwood Folly Watershed Strategy and builds upon the work of many volunteer hours spent monitoring the river.

Volunteer planters are welcome and needed, and the public is invited to attend the clean water event, and/or help to plant the wetland. Those interested in planting should contact Tracy Skrabal at the N.C. Coastal Federation at 910-790-3275 for more information and to sign up to plant.

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The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. Its headquarters and central regional office are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro. The federation also has a Northeast Regional Office in Manteo and a Southeast Regional Office in Wilmington. For more information or to join call 252-393-8185 or visit the federation's website at www.nccoast.org