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Community Clean Water Day at Morris Landing in Holly Ridge July 24, 2009

Wilmington, N.C. - The North Carolina Coastal Federation (NCCF) will be working with community volunteers to restore the shoreline, participate in education activities, and conduct a site clean-up at the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve on Stump Sound on Friday July 24. The volunteers will be planting grasses to restore the saltmarsh, maintaining an oyster restoration project, installing pet waste education and collection stations, and adding signage to the site. Volunteers will also be conducting a clean-up of the heavily used Clean Water Preserve on Stump Sound. Educational activities and updates on the projects at Morris Landing and the nearby Permuda Island Coastal Reserve will also be provided.

Funding and support for these projects comes from the Onslow Soil & Water Conservation District Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP), the N.C. Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Grant Program (EEG), and the NOAA-Restore America's Estuaries Partnership (NOAA-RAE).

Media and volunteers are invited to join NCCF at the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve near Holly Ridge on Friday July 24^{th} from 2 pm – 4 pm to participate in the restoration, education and maintenance activities. Please contact Ted Wilgis at NCCF's Southeast Region Office at (910) 790-3275 for more information.

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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