

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name

Name of Organization

Address

City and Zip Code

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Please check your preferred membership level:

- Individual \$15** – includes bumper sticker, vote, and e-newsletter
  - Partner(s) \$25** – includes t-shirt, bumper sticker, up to two votes, and e-newsletter
  - Neighbor(s) \$50** – includes discounted event tickets, t-shirt, bumper sticker, up to two votes, and e-newsletter
- If applicable, please indicate choice of T-Shirt size:
- S
  - M
  - L
  - XL

## GET INVOLVED

Please check all areas that interest you:

- Outreach and Education
- Fundraising
- Membership Recruitment
- Event Planning/Organizing
- Marketing (web design, photography, writing)
- Technical Committee
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**WELCOME TO THE GCWA!**  
Please detach flap of brochure, enclose a check and mail to:  
**GCWA, 712 Main Street, EWS 603, Columbia, SC 29208**  
This membership fee is tax-deductible. A receipt will be mailed to you.

## STAY INFORMED

Visit us on the web at:

[www.gillscreekwatershed.org](http://www.gillscreekwatershed.org)

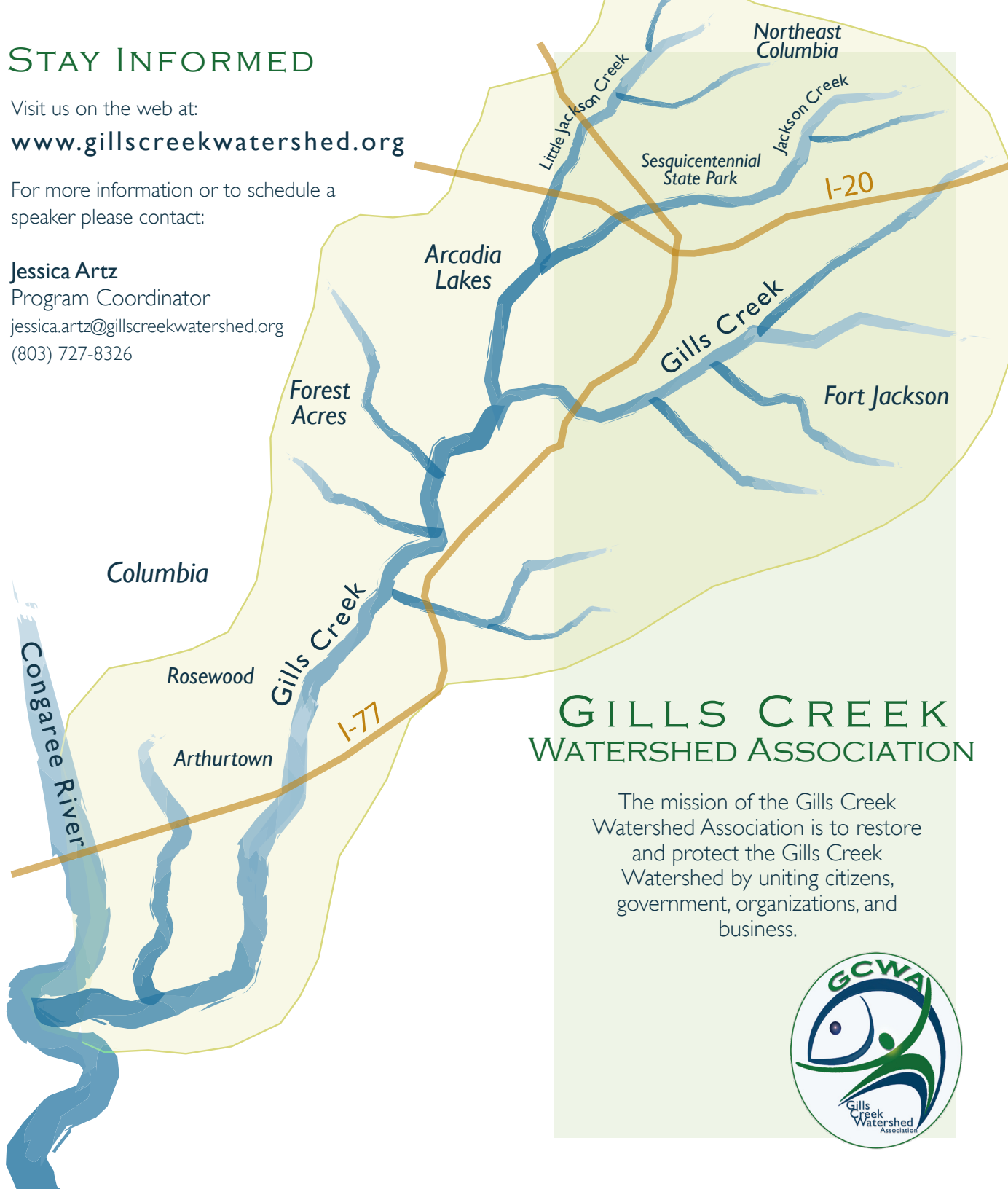
For more information or to schedule a speaker please contact:

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## GILLS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Gills Creek Watershed Association is to restore and protect the Gills Creek Watershed by uniting citizens, government, organizations, and business.



## A CALL TO ACTION

### To Improve and Protect Gills Creek Watershed

Richland County's Gills Creek Watershed is a wonderful and irreplaceable resource. Its lakes and creeks offer recreational opportunities, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, support agriculture, and provide drinking water for communities downstream. Unfortunately, our Watershed is in danger. Trash, sedimentation, and pollution have contaminated large areas within the Watershed. Restoration of the Watershed will require the united efforts of everyone—city, county, state, and federal entities, and most importantly—**you**—the citizens of Gills Creek!



### What is the Vision of the GCWA?

- Citizens in Gills Creek Watershed enjoy hiking/biking trails, kayaking and canoeing, and other activities on the water.
- Building codes are in place that promote conservation, green development and best management practices.
- New development proposals are assessed to determine impacts on water quality.
- Water quality is greatly improved and our creeks no longer impaired.
- Gills Creek Watershed is litter-free and erosion and lake sedimentation is greatly reduced.

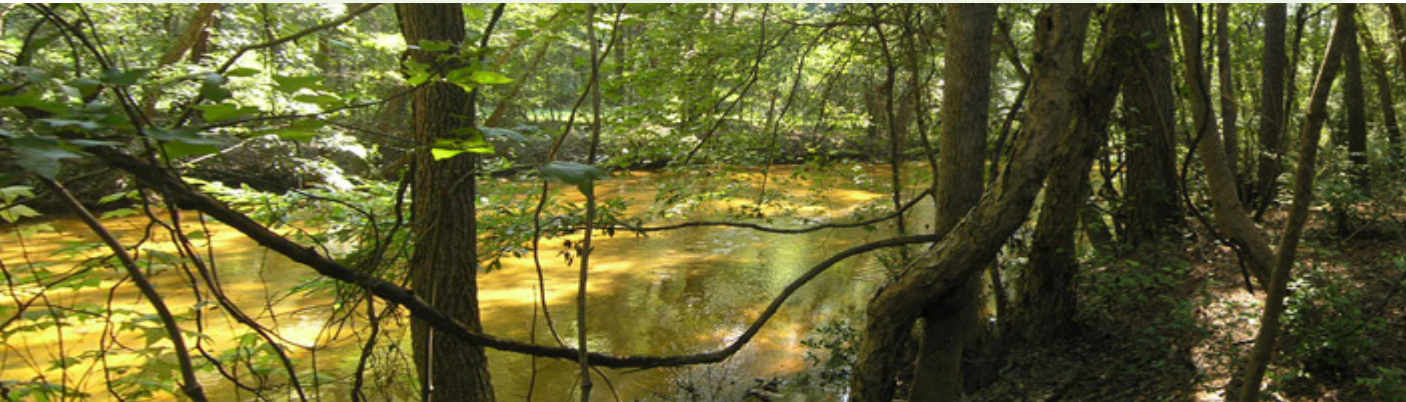
### Facts about the Gills Creek Watershed:

- It's one of South Carolina's most impaired watersheds.
- The three major headwaters flow through Spring Valley, Sesquicentennial State Park, and Fort Jackson.
- It contains over 70 miles of streams.
- It covers over 47,000 acres of land.
- The population is about 140,000.
- It includes parts of Richland County, Columbia, Cayce, Forest Acres, Fort Jackson, and Arcadia Lakes.

### What can YOU do to Protect the Gills Creek Watershed?

- Don't litter & pick up litter when you can.
- Pick up pet waste & dispose it of properly.
- Don't pour oil, paints, grease, or other materials into storm drains.
- Avoid placing yard debris near storm drains.
- Use proper amounts of fertilizer and pesticides.
- Become a member of the GCWA!

**What is a watershed?** A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and drains or seeps into streams, rivers, lakes, or groundwater. No matter where you live, you're in a watershed.



### What is Non-Point Source Pollution and how does it affect the Gills Creek Watershed?

During rain events, rainwater flows across surfaces like pavement, rooftops, and lawns. This rainwater picks up everything in its path, including oil, grease, fertilizer, herbicide, pet waste, sediment and trash. Many of these pollutants are found in the Gills Creek Watershed.

THE GCWA APPRECIATES YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

An organizational membership can be provided to an interested Neighborhood or Homeowner Association that would like all the members of their Association to become members of the Gills Creek Watershed Association. These members will have the same privileges as individual members. Additionally, the GCWA can act as advocates for your association as well as provide technical and organizational support to help your neighborhood improve water quality. The fee is \$15/person and can be paid in one lump sum by the organization.

There are three main conditions to this type of membership:

- A contact person is to be designated to relay information to the group from the GCWA;
- Members' names & addresses must be provided; additional contact information is optional;
- A representative of the GCWA will attend at least one organization meeting to present information about the Association and the Watershed.

If your organization is interested in this kind of membership, please contact Jessica Artz at [jessica.artz@gillscreekwatershed.org](mailto:jessica.artz@gillscreekwatershed.org) or (803)727-8326

## SPONSORSHIP

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- Leadership Sponsor - \$1,000
- Sponsor - \$500
- Friend - \$250

Please refer to our website for descriptions of the various sponsorship levels.

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Columbia, South Carolina 29208

THANK YOU! This donation is tax-deductible. A receipt will be mailed to you.

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