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Gills Creek Watershed Association hires new Executive Director

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Ms. Fran Varacalli has recently been hired as the new Executive Director of the Gills Creek Watershed Association. Ms. Varacalli has a broad range of conservation-related experience spanning 20 years. This includes positions as Executive Director of the South Branch Watershed Association and as Conservation Project Manager for the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, both in New Jersey. Her work in both watershed and non-profit management has provided extensive expertise and experience with program management, strategic planning, volunteer activities, fundraising, and community and local government partnerships. Ms. Varacalli is quoted as saying “I’m excited to champion issues that improve and enhance the Gills Creek Watershed and to work with the many dedicated volunteers that support the Gills Creek Watershed Association”.

Come out and support the Gills Creek Watershed Association and meet Ms. Varacalli at the 8th Annual Wine for Water event this Wednesday, April 18 6:30-8:00pm at Senate’s End. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-for-water-2018-tickets-43766333281>. Information for the event can be found at www.wineforwater2018.org

About Gills Creek Watershed Association: Founded in 1998, the GCWA, is a 501(c) (3) non-profit membership supported organization. For twenty years, the GCWA, a partnership of citizens, government, organizations, and businesses, has been working to restore and protect the Gills Creek Watershed. The Gills Creek Watershed is among the largest impaired urban watersheds in South Carolina, and contains over 70 miles of streams and lakes, and 47,000 acres of land. The watershed includes portions of Richland County, the City of Columbia, the City of Cayce, Forest Acres, Arcadia Lakes, and a portion of the US Army's Fort Jackson. Neighborhoods include Wildewood, Spring Valley, Sesquicentennial Park, most of Shandon, Rosewood, Hamptons, South Beltline, Shop and Bluff Roads, and the floodplain where I-77 meets the Congaree River. The goal is to return the Gills Creek Watershed to a healthy, living resource providing recreational opportunities for the users of the watershed, habitat for native wildlife and plants, and a national model for watershed planning and management.

For more information on Gills Creek Watershed Association, contact Dr. Madilyn Fletcher, President, at 803.727.8326 or visit www.gillscreekwatershed.org.