

Gills Creek Flood 2015 What To Do Now



Monday, October 12, 2015

Conditions in Gills Creek Watershed continue to improve. Spring Lake Dam and Beaver Dam are still stable and the lake levels are dropping. Gills Creek came up a couple of feet during Saturday's rain but no new flooding or dam failures were reported.

As we begin to pick up the pieces and move forward there are some important things to keep in mind. If you've experienced any type of a loss related to the storm you need to file a claim with FEMA at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 . You can find more information on filing a claim [here](#). There are certain restrictions if you are repairing your home and you live in a floodplain. **Contact the City or County in which you live before starting work if you live in a 100 year floodplain.**

There are many great resources and articles being published relating to the flooding we experienced which are listed below.

- [Flood inundation aerial imagery](#)
- [USGS stream gage on Gills Creek at Devine Street](#)

- [Richland County Road and Dam Status Map](#)
- [Article in The State about the dam failures](#)
- [Article in The State about how Nashville dealt with their flood in 2010](#)
- [Donate or volunteer through the United Way](#)
- [Free legal assistance for SC flood victims](#)

Follow us on [Facebook](#) for more updates and articles as they become available.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, October 13, 6pm: Senator Joel Lourie and Representative Beth Bernstein are hosting a public meeting at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church (6500 N Trenholm Rd). Representatives from the governor's office, SCDOT, and FEMA will be present to answer questions.
- Tuesday, October 13, 6-8pm: City of Columbia holding a [public open house](#) at CR Neal Dream Center (2430 Atlas Rd) to answer questions about the flood repair and rebuilding process.
- Wednesday, October 14, 5:30pm: Senator Lindsey Graham is hosting a disaster assistance forum at the Columbia Convention Center (1101

Lincoln St). Presenters include FEMA, SC Department of Insurance, Small Business Admin, SC Emergency Management Division.

- Thursday, October 15, 6-8pm: City of Columbia holding a [public open house](#) at Kilbourne Park Baptist Church (4205 Kilbourne Rd) to answer questions about the flood repair and rebuilding process.

Other News

- The City has mandated that all irrigation systems that are hooked up to City water need to be shut off at the base. This will help conserve drinking water until the Columbia Canal is stabilized.
- Portions of the City's boil water advisory have been lifted although most of the Gills Creek Watershed remains under a boil water advisory. Click [here](#) to see which neighborhoods have been removed from the advisory.

If you would like to sign up for this mailing list [email Erich Miarka](#). We will continue to send out pertinent information about the condition of Gills Creek Watershed and the recovery effort. You can also become a member of the Gills Creek Watershed Association [online](#).