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Spartanburg Water's Lake Blalock Facility Receives W.A.I.T. Certification

Spartanburg Water recently received the Wildlife and Industries Together (W.A.I.T.) Certification. Sara Green, of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation (SCWF), presented the award at Spartanburg Water's Commission Meeting on March 23, 2010. Lake Warden Jon Morgan accepted the award on behalf of the company.

The W.A.I.T.[™] program recognizes industries who are dedicated to protecting the environment and who keep wildlife needs in mind when making their land management decisions. Spartanburg Water joins 21 other industries from around the state with this distinction.

Spartanburg Water is a public utility serving the residents of Spartanburg County in water treatment, wastewater treatment, and watershed management. Spartanburg Water has taken a leading role in environmental protection by:

- Providing technical assistance to environmental organizations
- Developing beneficial environmental programs
- Educating the public on watershed protection
- Implementing a comprehensive buffer management plan for Lake Blalock
- Hosting annual Lake Sweep events
- Installing wood duck nesting boxes
- Managing areas for the endangered species plant, *Hexastylis naniflora*
- Installing fish attractors on the lake bed.
- Designating areas on Lake Blalock as Wildlife Viewing Areas
- Protecting areas where Great Blue Heron are nesting.

This demonstration of environmental excellence makes obvious Spartanburg Water's merit in the industry and commitment to protecting the environment.

More information can be obtained about the South Carolina Wildlife Federation organization by visiting www.scwf.org or calling 803-256-0670. For more information about Spartanburg Water, visit www.Spartanburgwater.org or call 864-596-4904.

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