



What's New at Storm Water Systems

As we start the new year with our first newsletter of 2013, all of us at Storm Water Systems would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2013! We would also like to thank you for your continued support and interest as we push forward with our goal of keeping our waterways clean.

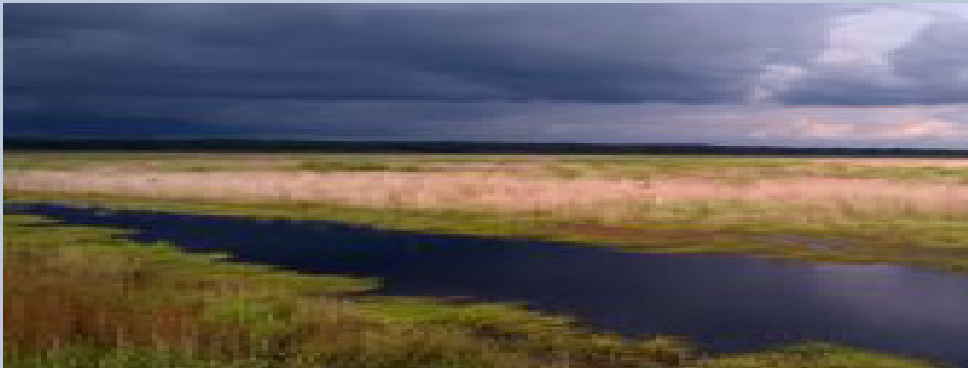
As always, since our last newsletter, a lot has happened. 2013 is off to a great start for us and we are excited to share the news of

two new Bandalong installations scheduled for this year! Additionally, in this issue, you will read about Rich Hall, the latest addition to the Storm Water Systems team, an exciting environmental children's book featuring the Bandalong Litter Trap, and the 2013 River Rally we will be attending in May. Thanks for reading and as always, we invite you to visit our website at www.stormwatersystems.com



Green Team Members remove trash and debris from the Bandalong Litter Trap in Marvin Gaye Park in Washington DC

Two New Bandalong Litter Trap Installations Planned for 2013



A New Bandalong Will Be Installed in Gainesville, Florida

The newest Bandalong Litter Trap is set to be installed in Gainesville, Florida as part of the Paynes Prairie Sheetflow Restoration project. Gainesville Regional Utilities is working with the City of Gainesville Public Works Department to improve water quality in the Alachua Sink and to restore more than 1,300 acres of wetlands in the Paynes Prairie State Park.

Paynes Prairie, a large freshwater marsh located in southern Alachua County, Florida supports a wide diversity of wildlife including wading birds, alligators, snakes, frogs, small mammals and even wild horses and bison.

Part of the project requires the removal of a 2-mile long canal that currently

runs through the prairie. Removing the canal will facilitate the restoration of 1,300 acres of wetlands by allowing the water to return to its original sheetflow pattern of dispersion, which will filter naturally as it moves through the prairie. Additionally, this will create nearly 125 acres of high quality wetland habitat.

The project provides a unique method of achieving water quality improvements, while providing additional benefits to the public. The project provides recreation and environmental education opportunities, which is why the Bandalong Litter Trap was chosen.

The current stormwater situation in the area causes all of the trash, debris

and spilled waste within the urban watershed to be washed into Paynes Prairie. In addition, the stormwater surges greatly increase the sediment load of the stream. In places within the basin over four feet of sediment has accumulated on top of what was once a twenty-foot deep canal.

The Paynes Prairie project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The second Bandalong Litter Trap scheduled for a 2013 installation will be installed in Long Island, New York in the Village of Valley Stream. The installation is part of a greater stormwater upgrade plan for Nassau County. The Bandalong Litter Trap will be installed on Hendrickson Pond in the Arthur J. Hendrickson Park and will be easily viewed by visitors. Much like the Gainesville, FL installation, education and public awareness play a large part in this project as well. Because of the Bandalong's high visibility and educational component, the Village of Valley Stream found the Bandalong Litter Trap to be the perfect fit for their project of stormwater upgrades.

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Storm Water Systems at River Rally 2013



We are looking forward to meeting many new friends and seeing many old ones, all who protect our rivers at the 2013 River

Rally in St. Louis. Come by and talk with us about how we can work together to rid our waterways of human generated trash and debris and give your organization and efforts more visibility!

When: May 17-20, 2013

Where: St. Louis Union Station
Doubletree Hotel

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New Book Features Bandalong Litter Trap



When it comes to litter and our environment, it's a global problem, but it might seem the best place to start is with young minds. Educating young children before they are able to develop bad habits could be the long-term answer to the problem of litter in our environment.

A new hardback environmental children's book titled *Kase for the Environment* by environment/photography enthusiast Wayne Morgan and well-known author Dink Nesmith is taking that stance.

Wayne Morgan, a Brantley County, Georgia artist is known best for his beautiful nature photography. He has previously released *Satilla Solitude*, a compilation of 175 beautiful photographs of the Satilla River in Southeast Georgia and the wildlife captured in their natural environment. For those familiar with the area and its natural beauty, Wayne Morgan's photos illustrate the moments they thought they could only hope to

capture. His photos are owned by famed Georgia residents President Jimmy Carter and Governor Sonny Perdue.

After several years on the river with his camera, the idea of writing a children's book struck him. While he was bouncing the idea around his head, he mentioned it to his good friend, Dink Nesmith. The pair decided to move forward utilizing Morgan's talent for the photos and Nesmith's knack for storytelling. The main inspiration for *Kase for the Environment* was Morgan's young grandson, Kase.

The reality of the situation was that, much like his grandfather, along with the beautiful nature and wildlife, Kase would surely witness the ugly part of our environment: the trash. With that, the pair decided the book would be about three things that were very important to Morgan: his grandson, Kase, keeping the trash out of the water and the Satilla River.

As fans of Wayne Morgan's breathtaking photographs, Storm Water Systems is honored to see photos of the Bandalong Litter Trap included in both of his books. At Storm Water Systems, we are ardent about the importance of public education, social outreach and community involvement in solving the problem of litter in our water. That's why we are so thrilled to be included in this educational and inspiring book.

To learn more about Wayne Morgan and *Kase for the Environment*, [click here](#).

WELCOME



Storm Water Systems is excited to welcome Rich Hall as their new sales representative for the state of California. By joining Storm Water Systems on their mission to rid waterways of trash and debris, Rich aims to make every major California Flood Control District and Public Works Department aware of the efficient and high quality products made by Storm Water Systems.

As the owner of the United States Business Development Associates, Rich has combined his sales and marketing experience with industrial and high technology companies to sell solutions to government agencies and corporate clients. He has experience working for organizations such as Parker Hannifin, Cooper Industries and TRW, where he has represented products such as valves, fittings, hydraulics and fluid power products.

Much like the rest of the Storm Water Systems team, he has a deep love for the water. As a young boy growing up in Southern California, Rich remembers sailing around Alamitos Bay in Long Beach and making a game out of picking up trash. Now a father of two Eagle Scouts, he continues to take part in clean-up efforts, picking up trash along the beaches at San Clemente and Dana Point.

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