



## 2020 Press Round Up

### January

As new EPA rule redefines protected waterways, some fear Lowcountry impact

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/01/26/new-epa-rule-redefines-protected-waterways-some-fear-lowcountry-impacts/>

Rollback of federal waterways protections poses risk in SC (mention and photo)

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/rollback-of-federal-waterway-protections-poses-risk-in-sc/article\\_79ec9d1e-3dff-11ea-9cd1-4b8a657ef6b9.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/rollback-of-federal-waterway-protections-poses-risk-in-sc/article_79ec9d1e-3dff-11ea-9cd1-4b8a657ef6b9.html)

James Island residents ask for federal help after concerns over James Island Creek (mention)

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/01/22/james-island-residents-ask-federal-help-after-concerns-over-james-island-creek/>

Municipalities agree to work together to improve water quality at James Island Creek

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/01/30/municipalities-agree-work-together-improve-water-quality-james-island-creek/>

Editorial: Cooperation's great, but SC needs nurdle law to protect coast, marine life

[https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-cooperation-s-great-but-sc-needs-nurdle-law-to/article\\_011455a8-3edb-11ea-b450-633221d0cbc7.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-cooperation-s-great-but-sc-needs-nurdle-law-to/article_011455a8-3edb-11ea-b450-633221d0cbc7.html)

Study shows high levels of chemicals in Charleston's drinking water; officials disagree

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/study-shows-high-levels-of-chemicals-in-charlestons-drinking-water-officials-disagree>

### February

Editorial: This needs to be the last chance for Hollywood's sewer

[https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-this-needs-to-be-the-last-chance-for-hollywood/article\\_48e01c80-580a-11ea-81b9-27316a68746e.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-this-needs-to-be-the-last-chance-for-hollywood/article_48e01c80-580a-11ea-81b9-27316a68746e.html)

## **March**

SC plastic pellet mover faces federal lawsuit over Charleston-area beach spills

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/sc-plastic-pellet-mover-faces-federal-lawsuit-over-charleston-area-beach-spills/article\\_fe380134-691b-11ea-a978-bff2a3fb78e1.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/sc-plastic-pellet-mover-faces-federal-lawsuit-over-charleston-area-beach-spills/article_fe380134-691b-11ea-a978-bff2a3fb78e1.html)

## **April**

Conservation groups mount legal challenge to federal water action

<http://www.greenvillebusinessmag.com/2020/04/29/307732/conservation-groups-mount-legal-challenge-to-federal-water-action>

## **May**

Is your favorite Lowcountry waterway a safe place to swim

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/is-your-favorite-waterway-a-safe-place-to-swim>

## **June**

Editorial: SC Ports Authority needs to stop courting polluters

[https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-sc-ports-authority-needs-to-stop-courting-polluters/article\\_202e46aa-acc8-11ea-a9c3-b791d12ac36a.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-sc-ports-authority-needs-to-stop-courting-polluters/article_202e46aa-acc8-11ea-a9c3-b791d12ac36a.html)

Environmental challenges reemerge for Charleston development once hailed as green

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/environmental-challenges-reemerge-for-charleston-development-once-hailed-as-green/article\\_e6635f3a-b1a1-11ea-a7e6-8f9e6d246f85.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/environmental-challenges-reemerge-for-charleston-development-once-hailed-as-green/article_e6635f3a-b1a1-11ea-a7e6-8f9e6d246f85.html)

## **July**

New “nurdle” spill discovered on Sullivan’s Island

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/new-nurdle-spill-discovered-on-sullivans-island>

Mystery foam plastic beads wash up on Sullivan’s Island beach

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/mystery-foam-plastic-beads-wash-up-on-sullivans-island-beach/article\\_ec8507f4-bc89-11ea-ae7d-6768999ddbcbf.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/mystery-foam-plastic-beads-wash-up-on-sullivans-island-beach/article_ec8507f4-bc89-11ea-ae7d-6768999ddbcbf.html)

Editorial: Preserve Charleston Harbor's environment

[https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-preserve-charleston-harbors-environment/article\\_78496fb6-bfci-11ea-9295-a7103ca40b7c.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-preserve-charleston-harbors-environment/article_78496fb6-bfci-11ea-9295-a7103ca40b7c.html)

High bacteria levels found in Lowcountry waterways

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/07/06/high-bacteria-levels-found-lowcountry-waterways/>

A new plastic wave is coming to our shores

<https://www.audubon.org/news/a-new-plastic-wave-coming-our-shores>

Gadsden Creek becomes a flashpoint in Charleston discussion on environmental justice

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/gadsden-creek-becomes-a-flashpoint-in-charleston-discussion-on-environmental-justice/article\\_8a40ece8-c5e9-11ea-b50e-df363e8bef92.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/gadsden-creek-becomes-a-flashpoint-in-charleston-discussion-on-environmental-justice/article_8a40ece8-c5e9-11ea-b50e-df363e8bef92.html)

Local efforts aim to protect Charleston's waterways

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/local-efforts-aim-to-protect-charlestons-waterways/article\\_15246be-c776-11ea-b54f-afca682d64c4.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/local-efforts-aim-to-protect-charlestons-waterways/article_15246be-c776-11ea-b54f-afca682d64c4.html)

Charleston nurdle exporter says it was targeted by environmental groups

[https://www.postandcourier.com/business/charleston-nurdle-exporter-says-it-was-targeted-by-environmental-groups/article\\_66c9d78c-cdcf-11ea-a724-6fbob86c11c5.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/business/charleston-nurdle-exporter-says-it-was-targeted-by-environmental-groups/article_66c9d78c-cdcf-11ea-a724-6fbob86c11c5.html)

## **August**

Activist groups push back on Long Savannah project citing wetland development

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/08/01/activist-groups-push-back-long-savannah-project-citing-wetland-development/>

SC environmental groups say pellet exporter is shirking it's responsibility for pollution

[https://www.postandcourier.com/business/sc-environmental-groups-say-pellet-exporter-shirking-responsibility-for-pollution/article\\_5376c066-de4e-11ea-8314-ab52440410e6.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/business/sc-environmental-groups-say-pellet-exporter-shirking-responsibility-for-pollution/article_5376c066-de4e-11ea-8314-ab52440410e6.html)

3,100 gallons of diesel fuel leak from broken line at Charleston wastewater plant

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/3-100-gallons-of-diesel-fuel-leak-from-broken-line-at-charleston-wastewater-plant/article\\_f510f52e-df2d-11ea-8f5a-0312a3ba6f6e.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/3-100-gallons-of-diesel-fuel-leak-from-broken-line-at-charleston-wastewater-plant/article_f510f52e-df2d-11ea-8f5a-0312a3ba6f6e.html)

Fuel Cleanup at Charleston Water System plan continues; ratepayer won't bear cost

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/fuel-cleanup-at-charleston-water-system-plan-continues-ratepayers-won-t-bear-cost/article\\_bo1e7398-e08f-11ea-9ba8-1b7927f6e16b.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/fuel-cleanup-at-charleston-water-system-plan-continues-ratepayers-won-t-bear-cost/article_bo1e7398-e08f-11ea-9ba8-1b7927f6e16b.html)

Fuel spill clean up nearly complete, likely caused by lightning officials say

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/fuel-spill-clean-up-nearly-complete-likely-caused-by-lightning-officials-say>

## September

Flooding intensifies Charleston region's racial and wealth inequities (*with quote from Board Member Omar Muhammad*)

[https://www.postandcourier.com/rising-waters/flooding-intensifies-charleston-regions-racial-and-wealth-inequities/article\\_7a5f724c-afc6-11ea-b878-2795af874a5b.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/rising-waters/flooding-intensifies-charleston-regions-racial-and-wealth-inequities/article_7a5f724c-afc6-11ea-b878-2795af874a5b.html)

Filthy floods cover Charleston area with poop bacteria, viruses and other dangers (*with quote from Board Member Dr. Vijay Vulava*)

<https://www.postandcourier.com/rising-waters/filthy-floods-cover-charleston-area-with-poop-bacteria-viruses-and-other-dangers>

Lowcountry environmental groups team up to demand new septic tank revisions

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/09/25/lowcountry-environmental-groups-team-up-demand-new-septic-tank-revisions/>

## October

Company accused of polluting ocean with plastic has an ally: SC Ports

<https://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article246064255.html>

Judge denied motion to dismiss, new documents unveiled in 2019 plastic pellet spill

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/judge-denies-motion-to-dismiss-new-documents-unveiled-in-2019-plastic-pellet-spill>

Rising Waters: Charleston's floodwaters carry dangerous levels of bacteria, even when it's sunny

[https://www.postandcourier.com/rising-waters/charlestons-floodwaters-carry-dangerous-levels-of-bacteria-even-when-its-sunny/article\\_1e4536a0-0353-11eb-8304-7fb4057a8d15.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/rising-waters/charlestons-floodwaters-carry-dangerous-levels-of-bacteria-even-when-its-sunny/article_1e4536a0-0353-11eb-8304-7fb4057a8d15.html)