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2015 Water Supply Summit Brings Local Counties Together to Address Water Issues

Experts discuss challenges and solutions for maintaining the quality and quantity of water supply in New Hanover County and surrounding counties

WILMINGTON, NC: The Three Star Alliance will host the 2015 Water Supply Summit: Insights and Actions for Southeast N.C. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Terraces on Sir Tyler at 1826 Sir Tyler Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch, to register, go to: www.nccoast.org/water/.

The New Hanover County population is projected to add approximately 100,000 people in the next 25 years, increasing the demand for water in New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick and surrounding counties. The summit will stimulate discussion and identify management practices that will be necessary to provide an adequate supply of clean water for this region's communities. The general public is encouraged to attend to gain a thorough understanding of where our water comes from, why we need to proactively plan now to grow our region responsibly and what water quality and quantity challenges

we face in the future.

The program includes a panel presentation featuring Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo and New Hanover County Commission Chairman Jonathan Barfield. Speakers include experts such as **Dr. Richard Spruill**, associate professor, department of geology, East Carolina University, **Dr. Alex Manda**, associate professor of water resources, East Carolina University, **Gary McSmith** engineering manager, planning and design division at Cape Fear Public Utility Authority and **experts from the USGS National Water Census Coastal Carolinas Water Availability Study**.

"The advantage to this type of forum is that with the stakeholders involved we can collectively work together to develop viable long-term solutions for our future water supplies. Clean water is essential for our health and our economic stability - it goes hand in hand," said Mike Giles, coastal advocate for the North Carolina Coastal Federation.



About The Three Star Alliance

Focusing on important issues and topics in the southeast region of North Carolina, the Three Star Alliance is a partnership among [UNCW Master of Public Administration Program](#), [Wilmington Regional Association of REALTORS®](#) and the [North Carolina Coastal Federation](#).

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