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NEWS BRIEFS

Darien boat ramp receives upgrades

The Darien River boat ramp service dock received some much needed repairs. This popular small boat ramp is located at the end of Screven Street in downtown Darien. The floating dock was rebuilt with new floats, whaler boards and rub rails. Also, a new longer gangway was installed to keep the floating dock from sitting on the bottom at low tide.

CRD staff helps remove one ton of trash along highway

CRD staff partnered with Keep Golden Isles Beautiful (KGIB) and eight other agencies and organizations for the 2023 Marsh Madness litter cleanup on March 21. Marsh Madness is a month-long event organized by KGIB, sponsored by Georgia-Pacific Brunswick Cellulose Mill, that is part of the National Great American Cleanup effort. Our salt marshes are a vital natural resource providing food and shelter to marine life, plus storm surge protection. The targeted area was the roadway along U.S. Highway 17 and adjacent marsh from the F.J. Torras Causeway to the Sidney Lanier Bridge. A total of 47 volunteers picked up more than one ton of trash along this section.

Exchange Club hosts CRD permit coordinator for lunch-n-learn

Permit Coordinator Paul Tobler was the guest speaker for the Exchange Club of Brunswick recently. He did a short presentation on the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) and how CRD uses it as a regulatory tool, as well as our revocable license (RL) authority. He gave them a quick overview on the Superfund site remediation project at Terry Creek in Brunswick, as well as some GDOT projects, and explained how we



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Above: CRD staff learn how to safely enter a life raft during a safety drill conductor training course in Brunswick. **Below:** New sand fencing has been installed on Tybee Island to help conserve the beach.

authorize other CMPA exempt entities through our RL authority. He also had a question and answer portion after his presentation.

Boat crewmembers learn to be safety drill instructors

CRD staff completed a fishing vessel drill conductor training course. Crewmembers of both of CRD's research vessels refreshed their training on emergency signaling, onboard firefighting, flood/damage control, abandon ship procedures and the ingress of life rafts.

CRD helps conserve Tybee beach

CRD Marsh & Shore Permit Coordinator Deb Barreiro partnered with City Of Tybee Island to coordinate a stewardship event for Georgia Conservancy on the beach April 27. Twenty-five volunteers installed sand fence segments at the toe of the recently created sand dune that was permitted by the Shore Protection Committee on Dec. 4, 2019. Wrack was collected by hand and placed at the



base of each new sand fence segment in an effort to enhance accretion.

The 5.54 acre resiliency project at the island's erosional node is located in the area of Center Street north to East Gate. It included the placement of approximately 36,000 cubic yards of sand that was sculpted to create an 8 foot tall continuous sand dune that was then planted with Muhly Grass, Spartina patens, Sea Oats, Beach Morning Glory, Marsh Elder, Bitter Panic Grass, Salt Meadow Cord Grass in an effort to stabilize the sand dune and minimize storm surge impacts to the island community.

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