# Why WAIT?

WAIT provides benefits to all involved in the initiative, such as:

- Cost savings through reduced land management costs
- Enhanced environmental awareness of employees
- New partnerships with community groups including schools, civic organizations, and conservation groups
- Positive environmental impact through habitat creation, preservation and stewardship
- Enhanced reputation among the community as a responsible environmental steward
- Positive coverage in partner publications through WAIT certification, signage display and related media events



## **WAIT Certification**

SCWF staff can visit with you and help you determine projects suited to your site which will qualify for certification. Here are the main components required for certification, and some examples of each:

#### WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

- Butterfly Gardens
- Animal Nesting Boxes
- Nature Trails
- Created Wetlands / Ponds
- Wildlife Meadows / Food Plots \*Flexibility allowed if your company doesn't have adequate land available.

#### **EMPLOYEE EDUCATION**

- Guest speakers on nature topics
- Bulletin board with pictures & info
- Articles in site newsletter
- Signage posted near habitat projects

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Partnerships with schools, scouts, or other civic organizations
- Participation in Adopt-A-Highway or other conservation programs

## **SUPPORT OF SCWF PROGRAMS**

 Initial Certification Fee and Annual Re-certification fee of \$2,500 per site

### What is WAIT?

Wildlife And Industry Together (WAIT) is designed to encourage corporate landowners to integrate wildlife habitat needs into corporate land management decisions.

As South Carolina becomes increasingly developed, there is less land available for wildlife. Corporate landowners can offset habitat loss by devoting their under-utilized lands to wildlife.

The WAIT program assists corporations, employees, facility neighbors and other groups who desire to develop environmental projects in partnership with each other.

#### WAIT:

- Aids corporate landowners in obtaining technical assistance to plan, implement and manage habitat plans.
- Assists landowners in identifying potential community partners, educational opportunities, activities and measures of success for the site.
- Provides a forum for participants to exchange success stories.
- Enhances habitat for native wildlife.



The mission of the **South Carolina Wildlife Federation** is to conserve and restore South
Carolina's wildlife and wildlife habitat through
education and advocacy.

To meet the challenges of this mission, the Federation has teamed with individuals, schools and the corporate community to build a patchwork of habitats across our state. In addition, we have proved a moderate and trusted voice of conservation in the debate on issues which affect the rich and diverse natural resources in our state — a role which has been honored and respected since our founding in 1931.

The WAIT program is one component in a web of activities which include education, natural resource management and sportsmen's programs and have proven to be sustaining and enhancing to the conservation movement in our state. The support of our membership, comprised of generous individuals and corporations, along with funds raised through special events, fuels our unrelenting efforts to encourage government and the private sector to use our natural resources responsibly and to promote responsible outdoor ethics by those who engage in hunting, fishing, and all other natural resource based recreation.

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