

For close to 40 years the Belle W. Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science in Georgetown, SC has been researching the coastal environment. With an increase in interest and need for information regarding the impact of growth along the coast, Clemson



University and the Institute saw the need to expand and improve the facilities. The project consists of a new 10,500 sf conference/education facility, the renovation and updating of approximately 6,800 sf of existing laboratory space, as well as improvements to the exterior spaces. Portions of the project including the new facilities, revitalized labs, landscape architecture, infrastructure, drainage, etc. have been designed in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) system with an emphasis on stormwater management, the use of native plants in landscape design, water quality, energy efficiency, and building materials selection. The estimated \$5 million construction project is anticipated to be complete in the spring of 2008.



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