



**Can you imagine South Carolina without the Lowcountry?  
It can happen, if we don't do something about it.**

South Carolina's 2,876 miles of coastal shoreline is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise. Charleston and Myrtle Beach are already feeling the effects of sea level rise and that is only going to get worse with global warming. If we don't do something to stop global warming now our beloved lowcountry could be gone forever.

- ✓ The facts on how global warming **impacts our state**.  
<http://www.cleanenergy.org/images/factsheets/SC%20GW%20FactSheet.pdf>
- ✓ Global warming poses serious health threats to the **human health and well being of South Carolinians**.  
[http://www.pewglobalwarming.org/resources/state\\_health/SC\\_state\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.pewglobalwarming.org/resources/state_health/SC_state_sheet.pdf)
- ✓ South Carolina could **lose thousands of jobs** due to global warming.  
[http://www.heatison.org/states/south\\_carolina](http://www.heatison.org/states/south_carolina)
- ✓ Rising temperatures and sea level in South Carolina will likely **change the makeup of entire ecosystems**, forcing wildlife to shift their ranges or adapt.  
<http://www.nwf.org/globalwarming/pdfs/SouthCarolina.pdf>

Tourism is the number one industry in South Carolina. The lowcountry is a major part of this state's economic engine, with Charleston County's tourism industry generating over \$1 billion each year and Horry County accounting for 38% of the tourism revenue in the state. These areas are especially vulnerable to rising sea level and South Carolina's economic well-being and the quality of life of its citizens will suffer from the loss of jobs and revenues that the tourism industry generates.

The "Save the Lowcountry" coalition is raising awareness in Charleston and throughout the lowcountry with billboard advertisements, an online petition, round table discussions with South Carolina congressional members and much more. To find out more about the campaign and to take action, visit: [www.savethelowcountry.org](http://www.savethelowcountry.org)

For press related inquiries or for additional information on the effects of global warming in South Carolina, please e-mail [sc@pewglobalwarming.org](mailto:sc@pewglobalwarming.org).

**About "Save the Lowcountry"**

"Save the Lowcountry" is a coalition of South Carolina organizations working to bring global warming solutions to the state and the nation. For the new year, the coalition is calling on the new President and South Carolina members of Congress to take bold action to save the South Carolina lowcountry by cutting global warming pollution by 80 percent by 2050.