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Dear Friends,

Because of support from Friends like you in 2019 we did “the work,” increasing organizational awareness, implementing our largest grant award yet, and focusing in on the strengths of Friends of the Reedy River (FoRR) in order to achieve our greatest impact to protect and improve the Reedy River. The perspectives on our hometown river have changed over time. Previously an expendable resource that became grossly polluted, the Reedy River is now a story of restoration and resurgence. This is not done quickly or without the shared goals of multiple partners.

In 2019, FoRR:

- Hosted multiple clean ups, removing approximately **13.5 tons of trash and 160 tires from the river and its banks.**
- We piloted our first ever “Tire Pull Challenge” to emphasize historical dumping and its impacts.
- We installed three large rain gardens to intercept stormwater runoff, which degrades water quality.
- With Duke Energy Water Resources funding, we improved the Cleveland Stables extension of Cleveland Park with stormwater retention and treatment, hundreds of native plants, and 200 feet of riparian buffer.
- FoRR initiated a volunteer water quality monitoring team - results are shared through social media and our electronic newsletter.
- FoRR board members sit on several city committees to advise on matters of concern for the river.

We certainly want to continue our critical work and the service it provides the river and ultimately our community, but we *need your help*. With your support and donation, in 2020, Friends will continue to peel away invasive species from the river corridor and connect our stakeholders to the river. We will advocate for stronger protection, including permanent riparian buffers to cost-effectively treat runoff and stabilize the floodplain. We will expand monitoring efforts, engaging new volunteers young and old in citizen science data collection. And, we will be your voice at the table to advocate for long-term protection and policy changes that benefit the river and our community.

Please donate today, considering the value that a healthy Reedy River brings to our community and local economy. We hope to see you at a FoRR event in 2020!

Your friend in water resources protection,

Katie Callahan, President

DONATION LEVELS

- *\$30
- *\$75
- *\$100
- *\$250

- *\$500
- *\$750
- *\$1,000
- *\$_____

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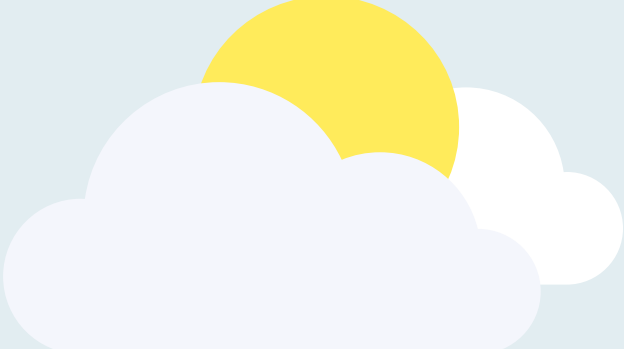
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25 RIVER CLEANUPS

634 VOLUNTEERS



160 TIRES



Gaye Sprague Rain Garden
→

Cleveland Stables
←

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Our river. Our responsibility.

MORE THAN 27,000 POUNDS OF TRASH