

Friends of the Reedy River Hosting Fall River Cleanup

(September 12, 2023 – Greenville, SC) On September 16, Friends of the Reedy River will host their 2023 Fall River Cleanup at eight locations:

- Riverside Apartments near Swamp Rabbit Cafe & Grocery
- S. Hudson to Westfield Street, downstream from Unity Park
- Cancer Survivors Park
- Conestee Nature Preserve
- Log Shoals Road
- Boyds Mill Pond in Laurens County
- Two sites located within Cleveland Park that are strictly for Cub Scout and Girl Scout volunteers

The 2023 Fall River Cleanup has a record-breaking 356 registered volunteers at eight locations, surpassing the previous record of six locations. Unlike past cleanups with sites only within Greenville County, FoRR is expanding its reach to Boyds Mill Pond in Laurens County.

Friends of the Reedy River is celebrating their 30th Anniversary as the only organization whose sole mission is to protect and restore Greenville's hometown waterway. They are honoring a long-time and steadfast partner, Mast General Store, with the title of Legacy Friend for their generosity and continued support for many years. FoRR has been the recipient of numerous profit-sharing days, as well as several Round Up events at their store. Just last weekend, they hosted Friends Day, their annual profit-share day, with FoRR as the beneficiary of 10% of sales from the entire Saturday. Customers also had the opportunity to round up their purchases for the whole weekend to benefit FoRR.

Duke Energy contributed \$1,000 to the 2023 Fall Cleanup. They have been one of the largest supporters, awarding FoRR \$100,000 in April of 2018 for the Water Resources Grant. That contribution was used to install a series of native plant rain gardens in Cleveland Park Stables, which helps naturally treat stormwater runoff before it enters the Reedy.

Dapper Ink is, once again, supplying all of the volunteer t-shirts as an in-kind donation. They were the Presenting Sponsor at the 2023 Spring Cleanup and had nearly 30 of their employees participate, and they continue to be FoRR's go-to company for all branded merchandise. For the third time in a row, Southernside Brewing Co. is hosting the after-party that allows all of the volunteers and board of directors to celebrate and unwind after their hard work.

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Founded in 1993, Friends of the Reedy River is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, volunteer-based, conservation organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, and restoring the Reedy River. They carry out their work through river cleanups, riverbank restoration, educational events, and water monitoring programs. Friends of the Reedy River is transforming the river through on-the-ground, grass-roots efforts. www.friendsofthereedyriver.org