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**CONSOR Engineers Dive Team Volunteers to Perform a Deep Dive
Reedy River Clean-up**

Working toward their mission of inspiring vibrant communities, local engineering firm, CONSOR Engineers, has volunteered to clean up Greenville's hometown river.

GREENVILLE, South Carolina – CONSOR Engineers' Structural Assessment Dive Team, hosted by Friends of the Reedy River (FoRR), have volunteered their professional diving services to clean-up hard-to-reach areas of the Reedy River on Friday, April 23rd.

Using specialized diving equipment, CONSOR's dive team will remove debris in the water, targeting seemingly impossible to access locations along the river that have never been cleaned up. The community is invited to Greenville's Cleveland Park to observe their efforts from a safe distance. The clean-up will begin at 8:30 am.

CONSOR is a North American transportation and water infrastructure engineering firm, providing planning and design, structural assessment, and construction services nationwide. With 56 offices, including two in South Carolina, CONSOR employs 1,200+ people, of whom 60 are Association of Diving Contractors International-certified divers and 15 are certified by the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians.

CONSOR's divers use commercial SCUBA and surface-supplied air diving systems to inspect underwater bridge components to ensure the traveling public's safety. Dive conditions sometimes include zero visibility water and dive depths more than 60 feet. They will use these professional capabilities to support FoRR's mission of protecting Greenville's "hometown river".

Among CONSOR's additional bridge inspection methods is technical rope access. Their team of engineer-climbers incorporate technical rope access and modified rock-climbing techniques to inspect portions of bridges where traditional access cannot be safely achieved.

In 2015, FoRR adopted a one-mile stretch of the Reedy River, calling it the Woodland Way Corridor. FoRR's initiatives in this corridor are aimed at restoring land along the riverbanks, advocating for the protection and preservation of the river, and encouraging river/water stewardship and sustainable watershed management practices. In 2019 alone, FoRR hosted 25 river clean-ups where 634 volunteers removed more than 27,000 pounds of trash, including 160 tires, from the river.

FoRR's community involvement opportunities include river clean-ups, riverbank restoration, educational events, and water monitoring programs. To get involved in upcoming events, visit their website at <https://www.friendsofthereedyriver.org/get-involved>.

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