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

GREENVILLE, South Carolina – Working under their core values of integrity, grit, and collaboration, local engineering firm, CONSOR Engineers, has volunteered to partner with local nonprofit, Friends of the Reedy River (FoRR), to conduct a clean up of Greenville’s hometown river.

CONSOR Engineers’ Structural Assessment Dive Team have volunteered their professional diving services to clean-up hard-to-reach areas of the Reedy River on Friday, June 14. Using specialized diving equipment, CONSOR’s dive team will remove debris in the water, targeting seemingly impossible to access locations along the river. The community is invited to the Swamp Rabbit Trail just downstream from Greenville’s Unity Park to observe their efforts from a safe distance (approximate address is 355 S. Hudson Street - behind A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School and next to the Swamp Rabbit Trail, near the intersection of the SRT and S. Hudson). 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. CONSOR partnered with FoRR in 2021 to conduct a deep-dive cleanup of the Reedy River in Cleveland Park in Greenville, SC. FoRR is thrilled to continue their partnership with CONSOR Engineers this week to conduct a similar-scaled cleanup in the Reedy just downstream of Unity Park. 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”.

FoRR’s initiatives in the Reedy River watershed 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. During their 2024 Spring River Cleanup alone, FoRR mobilized over 200 volunteers across five different locations in the Reedy River watershed to remove over 6.5 tons of litter in just three hours. FoRR’s community involvement opportunities include river clean-ups, riverbank restoration, rain garden installation and maintenance, educational events, and water monitoring programs. To get involved in upcoming events, visit their website at <https://www.friendsofthereedyriver.org/events>.

