

# 2018 Inland Sweep Annual Report



Lake Marion, Clarendon County



Congaree River, Senate Street Landing, Richland County



Broad River, Sandy River Landing, Chester County



Lake Murray, Dreher Island SP, Newberry County

# 2018 Beach Sweep/River Sweep - Inland Annual Report

South Carolina's 30th annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep cleanup was disrupted because of Hurricane Florence threats and impacts to South Carolina. The regular date (third Saturday of September) was rescheduled, moving the *official date* of the Sweep from September 22 to October 20. For the inland portions of the state there were 29 sites registered by 29 site captains for cleanups in 18 counties of South Carolina.

Data reports were requested from all the site captains; however, there was only partial response with data being reported by 12 site captains; a response rate of 41%. The rescheduling of the Sweep date had the effect of causing some groups to simply cancel their planned 2018 cleanup, and thus lowered of the response rate among the original registrants. Data from the cleanup are presented below. "Reported" data comes from a site captain/volunteer following a cleanup. Other data presented as "registered" reflects information provided by site captains when they registered for participation in the Inland Sweep.

Note, the numbers presented below do not include the Coastal Sweep sites and volunteers coordinated by the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium. For those numbers contact Sea Grant's Coastal Coordinator, Susan Ferris Hill, by telephone (843-953-2078) or <a href="www.scseagrant.org">www.scseagrant.org</a>. For additional information regarding the Inland Sweep contact: Bill Marshall, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; telephone: 803-734-9096, email: <a href="marshallb@dnr.sc.gov">marshallb@dnr.sc.gov</a>.

Information presented in this report includes: 2018 Quick Facts, Information Reported by County, Items Collected, and Participating Organizations.

The cover photos are selected from photos taken by volunteers with the 2017 Sweep.

### 2018 Quick Facts

Volunteers of inland BSRS	842 volunteers registered 314 volunteers reported		
Sites cleaned with inland BSRS	29 cleanup sites registered 12 cleanup sites reported		
Estimated pounds of litter and debris removed from South Carolina waterways, inland BSRS	4,317 pounds reported		
Miles cleaned with inland BSRS	102 miles reported		

# **2018 Reported Information by County**

Information presented below lists all inland sites registered by site captains and cleanup data reported by site captains after the Inland Sweep event. Cumulative figures presented as totals represent reported volunteer participation, litter collected, and miles covered.

County	Location	People	Pounds	Miles	Bags
Cherokee	Broad River				
Cherokee	Broad River at Ninety-nine				
	Islands Landing				
Chester	Broad River at Sandy River	15		2	12
	Landing	15		2	12
Clarendon	Lake Marion	8	90		18
Fairfield, Richland	Broad River				
Florence	Lynches River, Hwy 52 Bridge				
Georgetown	Black River, Pine Tree				
	Landing to Pea House	14		5	14
	Landings				
Greenville	Reedy River, Brushy Creek	77	1200	1	68
Greenville	Reedy River				
Hampton	Savannah River, Stoke Bluff	25	1700		40
	Landing				
Kershaw	Lake Wateree, Buck Hill	2	40	0.25	4
	Landing				
Kershaw	Wateree River				
Lancaster	Catawba River				
Lexington	Saluda River				
Lexington	Saluda River				
Lexington	Peachtree Rock Heritage	12	50	5	7
	Preserve				
Marion	Little Pee Dee River				
Newberry	Lake Murray, Dreher Island	5	10	0.75	2
	State Park				
Oconee	Lake Jocassee and Devils Fork				
	State Park	100		85	130
Pickens	Pinnacle Lake	6	25	2	5
Richland	Congaree River, Senate	20	1200		
	Street Landing				
Richland	Sesqui State Park lake	30	2	1	
Richland	Carys Lake				
Richland	Harbison Ponds				
Richland	Gills Creek				
Richland, Sumter	Wateree River, Hwy 378				
	landing				
Spartanburg	Fair Forest Creek				
Spartanburg	Glendale Shoals				
Sumter	Lake Marion				
		314	4317	102	300

#### **Items Collected**

Most common items collected in 2018: beverage bottles and cans (plastic, glass and aluminum), cigarette butts, food wrappers, take-out food containers, plastic grocery bags, cups and plates, bottle caps, cup lids, other plastic bags, forks-knives-spoons, straws-stirrers, fishing line and bait containers were collected.

Other items collected: hubcaps, tires, toys, tube of toothpaste, dental floss pick, fishing lures, fishing hooks, clothing, tennis balls, plastic fingernail, pipe, road cone, television, deflated raft, broken tent, life jackets, boat fenders, floats, propane tanks, basketballs, mattress, underwear, tampons, and children's clothing.

#### 2018 Organizations Participating in the Inland Sweep

Site captains provided information about the organizations they represented. The participating and registered organization were as follows:

Boy Scout Troop 320

Cub Scout Pack320

Geocachers of the Midlands

Goat Island Boat Club

**Broad River Paddlers** 

Keep Florence Beautiful

Black Scenic River Advisory Council

Friends of the Reedy River

Renewable Water Resources

Hampton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Shaw AFB

**Kershaw County** 

Sun City Canoe & Kayak Club

Keep the Midlands Beautiful

Saluda Shoals Park Rangers

SCDNR Diversity Outreach

Congaree Riverkeeper

**Boy Scout Troop 748** 

Mid-Carolina High School

**Devils Fork State Park** 

SC State Parks - Table Rock

**Girl Scouts** 

Dent Middle School

Spring Hill High School Environmental

**Benedict College** 

Spivey and friends

Park Hills NA; Caldwell Bros Park

Solafide Paddlers

Clemson Extension / Keep Sumter Beautiful