



Lynches River, Lee County



Broad River, Newberry-Richland-Fairfield Counties



## 2016 Inland Sweep Annual Report



Congaree River, Richland-Lexington County



Lake Jocassee, Oconee and Pickens County



Brushy Creek, Greenville County



Catawba River, Lancaster County



Reedy River, Greenville County

## 2016 Beach Sweep/River Sweep - Inland Annual Report

South Carolina's 28th annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep cleanup occurred September 17, 2016. For the inland portions of the state there were 27 sites registered by 27 site captains for cleanups in 19 counties of South Carolina.

Data reports were requested from all the site captains; however, there was only partial response with data being reported by 21 site captains; a response rate of 78%. A response is considered a communication from a site captain (or site volunteer) reporting actual numbers to include volunteers who participated, amount of trash collected (by weight and/or bags), and approximate miles covered. Data from the cleanup are presented below. "Reported" data comes from a site captain or 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 [www.scseagrant.org](http://www.scseagrant.org). 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: [marshallb@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:marshallb@dnr.sc.gov).

Information presented in this report includes: 2016 Quick Facts, Information Reported by County, Items Collected, and Participating Organizations.

The cover photos are selected from photos taken by volunteers with the 2016 Sweep.

### 2016 Quick Facts

Number of Counties in South Carolina with inland BSRS sites	19 counties registered 17 counties reported
Volunteers of inland BSRS	1,057 volunteers registered 880 volunteers reported
Sites cleaned with inland BSRS	33 cleanup sites registered 25 cleanup sites reported
Estimated pounds of litter and debris removed from South Carolina waterways, inland BSRS	27,452 pounds reported
Miles cleaned with inland BSRS	68.5 miles reported

## 2016 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	Lake Cherokee	19	60	1	30
Cherokee	Lake Thicketty	2	70	0.5	4
Clarendon, Orangeburg	Lake Marion	36	2,800	20	185
Florence	Beaverdam Creek	41	149	1.5	40
Greenville	Reedy River & Brushy Creek	74	2,500	2.5	
Greenville	Reedy River, Conestee Nature Park	38		2	80
Greenville	Middle and North Saluda Rivers				
Greenville	Reedy River, Greenville downtown	60	1,000	1	100
Hampton	Lake Warren & Salkehatchie River				
Lancaster, York	Catawba River	22	500	3	50
Lee	Lynches River, Hwy 15 and Kelly Bridge Rd	26		0.25	50
Marlboro	Lake Paul Wallace	26	750	1	50
Oconee, Pickens	Lake Jocassee	150	600	15	80
Pickens	Lake Pinnacle, Table Rock State Park	27	12	2	3
Pickens	Lake Keowee				
Richland	Lower Saluda River, Zoo area	27	450	2	30
Richland	Gills Creek, Kilborne to Rosewood	12	350	2	22
Richland	Jackson Creek and local area	15	26	1	20
Richland	Little Jackson Creek/Cary Lake	17		0.5	7
Richland	Wateree River, Hwy 378 landing	2	120	0.75	12
Richland, Lexington	Congaree River	9		2	
Richland, Newberry, Fairfield	Broad River, near Peak	14	321	5	34
Spartanburg	Lake Bowen & Lake Blalock	260	17,740	5	
Spartanburg	Tyger River				
Spartanburg	Fairforest Creek at Park Hills				
Williamsburg	Black River, Kingstree area	3	4	0.5	
Williamsburg, Georgetown	Black River landings				
		<b>880</b>	<b>27,452</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>797</b>

## Items Collected

Most common items collected: cans and bottles (beverage type), cigarette butts, take-out food containers, food wrappers, plastic grocery bags, cups and plates, bottle caps, cup lids, other plastic bags, forks-knives-spoons, straws-stirrers, and bait containers were collected. Other items collected: tires, complete bed, shopping carts, auto parts, lawn mower, trash bin, prophylactics, shad scent spray, dog tick-flea repellent, bottle of vodka, chicken sandwich, very large can of corn, men's formal suit, propane bottles, propane tank, sheet plastic, air compressor, toilet, boat

dock, jet ski dock, cast iron chair, signs, frog lawn ornament, plumbing fixture, wheel rim, cell phone, construction cones.

## **2016 Organizations Participating in the Inland Sweep**

Site captains provided information about the organizations they represented and those they recruited as cleanup volunteers for the inland Sweep. Participating organization were as follows:

Gaffney High School  
Turner and friends  
Goat Island Boat Club  
Keep Florence Beautiful  
ReWa & Cub Scouts (St. Mary's Troop 521)  
Greenville Technical College  
Save Our Saluda  
Friends of the Reedy  
Hampton Conservation District  
Sun City Carolina Lakes Canoe & Kayak Club  
Scout Troop 198  
Bennettsville Rotary Club  
Friends of Jocassee  
South Carolina State Parks  
Sandel Family  
Keep the Midlands Beautiful  
Gills Creek Watershed Association  
Gills Creek Watershed Student Organization  
Spivey and friends  
Congaree Riverkeeper  
Broad River friends  
Spartanburg Water  
The Tyger River Foundation  
Caldwell Brothers Memorial and Broome HS AFROTC  
SC Master Naturalists and local Kingstree businesses  
Save the Landings