

December Flashback

Friends of the Reedy River

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Water Quality Monitoring Outings: January 11 and 13

The Greenville area water quality monitoring team will head to the river on Friday, January 13 and the Simpsonville team will monitor on Wednesday, January 11. Updates will be announced on our <u>social media</u> and in our Monitoring Team Email. <u>Contact us</u> if you are interested in joining either group and <u>Join Our Monitoring Team</u> to receive future updates!

MLK Day of Service Litter Cleanup: January 16

Support our friends at Greenville County Litter Ends Here in removing litter from multiple locations in the Reedy River Watershed this Martin Luther King Jr. Day! <u>Learn more.</u>

Litter Sweeps at Conestee: January 21 & February 18

Conestee Nature Preserve is partnering with Friends of the Reedy River for volunteer litter cleanups at the Preserve this winter. <u>Find more info here!</u>

FoRR's Spring River Cleanup: April 1

Save the date for FoRR's Big Spring River Cleanup on Saturday, April 1! More details will be announced soon.

See the latest water quality data **HERE!**

December In Review...

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Poinsettia Christmas Parade

FoRR participated in the City of Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3. Vardry, our official mascot, led the way while we "Rang in the Reedy" with bells, lights, and festive hats!

Our Volunteer of the Year, Liene Kukainis, made it onto the GVL Journal website and her children were interviewed by Fox Carolina. They were all sporting their FoRR Fall 2022 Cleanup shirts! Thank you to all who cheered us along and Happy New Year from Friends of the Reedy River!





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FoRR and ReWa Launch New Citizen Science Data Collection Tool

Check out our latest partnership with ReWa! Together we have produced a new data collection tool that will allow citizen scientists (like you!) to report failing stream banks and, in turn, minimize risks of sediment pollution, flooding, property damage, and pollution from broken wastewater conveyance systems in our watershed.

Interested in helping out? Follow this link to find a step-by-step guide to set up the smartphone app for Apple or Android phones. Thank you to those who have already joined and are set up to submit data.



FoRR Annual Campaign

We kicked off our annual campaign at the beginning of November. Thank you to all of you who have contributed - we could not complete our critical work without your support. There is still plenty of time to give! Would you consider an end-of-year gift that makes a difference right here at home? Please <u>DONATE</u> to show your support.

Fork Office Improvements

Did you know that FoRR's office is located on ReWa's Mauldin Road campus? Located in a relic building from ReWa's retired infrastructure, our office is now complete with access to a large storage basement, new sidewalks, and landscaping. Thank you to ReWa for their partnership and support!





Sponsorship Opportunity: 2023 Spring River Cleanup

Our Spring 2023 River Cleanup is three months away! What could an FoRR sponsorship do for your business?

- Multiple shout-outs on the FoRR Instagram and Facebook pages (over 3,000 followers)
- Your logo and company information on our website
- A business shoutout in our monthly newsletter (1,900 contacts)
- Your logo on our volunteer t-shirts

If you know of a business that is interested in sponsoring, please contact our board president, <u>Scott Butler</u>.



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