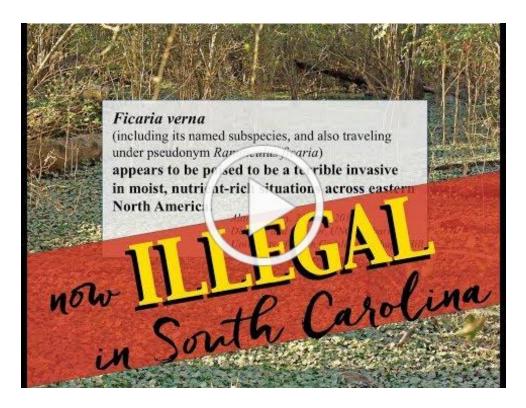


Friends of the Reedy River needs YOUR help fighting off FIG BUTTERCUP!

<u>Fig Buttercup</u> (*Ficaria verna*, formerly *Ranunculus ficaria*) is an invasive species commonly found along the east coast of the United States. What may look like an innocent wildflower, Fig Buttercup creates a blanket of uninhabitable areas along wet streambanks and moist regions where native plant species can no longer grow and thrive. Native plants provide vital resources for pollinators and support healthy biodiverse ecosystems that generate ecosystem services, such as enhanced water quality and recreational value, for each of us to use in our daily lives. However, Fig Buttercup threatens our native plants, which is why eradicating the species while we still can is vital to the health of our natural ecosystems in Greenville and the state of South Carolina.

Fig Buttercup spreads and proliferates after heavy rainfall events in which the bulblets and tubers spread downstream and create new populations that are also capable of reproduction. Watch the video below to learn more about Fig Buttercup, how it spreads, and how to spot it!



Each year, Friends of the Reedy River partners with the <u>South</u> <u>Carolina Native Plant Society</u> to support its Fig Buttercup professional removal efforts. This year, we aim to **raise and donate \$1,200** to the South Carolina Native Plant Society to fund **one full day of invasive plant spraying** to eradicate Fig Buttercup in Greenville, South Carolina.

Currently, in Greenville, there are few populations of Fig Buttercup primarily located along the banks of the Reedy River and in Lake Conestee. With your donation, you can help Friends of the Reedy River and the South Carolina Native Plant Society fight Fig Buttercup and prevent this dangerous invasive species from spreading further downstream and impacting a greater area.

To help fight Fig Buttercup, <u>DONATE HERE!</u>

To learn more about Fig Buttercup in other areas and native look-alikes click <u>HERE</u>!

