



WHY The Reedy River needs our help.



The Reedy River contributes to the economic and social vitality of the Upstate.

Healthy communities start with healthy rivers. A clean and flourishing river has the potential to provide everything from **safe drinking water** to **recreational opportunities**.



Our watershed includes 175,964 acres of land. All water within this area drains to the Reedy or one of its tributary streams. Use and management of the land throughout the watershed affects the **quality and quantity of water** in the river.



Riverbank restoration, removing non-native plants and replanting with indigenous ecology **enhances protection of the river and provides natural habitats for birds, animals, and insects.**

WHAT

Our mission is to protect and preserve the Reedy River.

FoRR is a 501(c) (3) volunteer-based, non-profit organization dedicated to the Reedy River. We carry out our work by focusing on three themes.

- **Educating** the community on the importance of a healthy river ecosystem.
- **Advocating** for continued and improved protection for the river.
- **Activating** the community.

WE ARE THE VOICE OF THE RIVER.



HOW

Through on-the-ground, grass-roots efforts, we are transforming the river.



In 2014 FoRR adopted a one-mile stretch of the Swamp Rabbit Trail along the river from Faris Road to Woodland Way Circle, naming it the **Woodland Way Corridor**. Progress to date includes:

- The YMCA Spirit Center, an open-air classroom
- Construction of rain gardens at First Baptist Church Greenville and the YMCA
- Riverbank restoration on 200 yards at First Baptist Church
- A pollinator garden behind the YMCA

FoRR holds three river clean ups each year.

- **100 volunteers** work on over 3 miles of the river at each clean up
- **Hundreds of tires** and other large objects are removed from the river
- **75+ bags of trash** are collected
- Ongoing **restoration** projects

