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Dear Friends,

Your continued support and generosity have enabled Friends of the Reedy River (FoRR) to protect and restore the Reedy River. Our city's slogan is "Yeah, That Greenville." Greenville continually makes the lists of best towns and coolest places to live and visit. And what is at the heart of this vibrant city? The Reedy River. The Reedy has fueled the revitalization of Greenville with beautiful parks nestled along its banks; it has fueled the steep rise in tourism, and it has fueled businesses relocating here. With rapid social and economic growth, it is more important than ever that we pay attention to the impact we are having on our local ecosystem. FoRR is the only nonprofit dedicated solely to protecting the Reedy, its adjacent wetlands, and its tributaries. And, we have been busier than ever!

In 2022, FoRR:

- Hosted multiple cleanups - over six tons of trash and 135 tires removed from the Reedy and its banks.
- Logged over 1,800 volunteer hours for cleanups, water quality monitoring, and riverbank restoration.
- Conducted twice-monthly water quality monitoring at five locations along the Reedy.
- Supervised volunteers to maintain the rain gardens at Cleveland Park Stables.
- Partnered with ReWa, Trees Upstate, and Duke Energy to give away 600 trees in Greenville and Travelers Rest.
- Invested over 3,000 volunteer hours in support of the BMW Charity Pro-Am's commitment to a carbon-neutral, 100% sustainable event.
- Participated in informational tabling experiences at Greenville Drive's *Earth Day*, Reedy River Rotary Club's *Duck Derby*, TD Saturday Market, Subaru's *Share the Love* kickoff, and the Nature Conservancy's *OktoberForest Fest*.
- Led educational events including a field trip with students from Pleasant Valley Connection, the Roper Mountain Science Center's Summer Adventure Series, and led Macroinvertebrate and Freshwater Monitoring workshops.
- Continued a key role in advocating for local government to enact buffer ordinances along the Reedy and to protect and restore valuable wetlands within the city limits.

With rapid growth comes an urgency, for all of us, to refocus our attention on our most precious resource, the Reedy River. FoRR will continue its vigilance and will redouble its efforts with its critical work, but we need your help. With your renewed financial support, we can continue water monitoring, river cleanups, riverbank restoration projects, and community outreach. FoRR will continue to be the voice of caring citizens and will continue to advocate for stronger protection and policy changes that benefit the health of our entire community.

For 29 years, FoRR's members and Board of Directors have steadfastly served as the eyes, ears, and voice of the Reedy River. Please donate today, so that we can continue this critical work. We hope to see you at one of our many events in 2023.

Thank you!

Mary Sillik

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