



# The Reedy Recap

## Friends of the Reedy River

### Upcoming Events

**November 11:** Macroinvertebrate Monitoring SC Adopt-a-Stream Workshop in Laurens County. We still have spots available!! [Register today!](#)

**November 20:** Volunteer Day #8 at Reedy River Meadow: We need your help! Details [here!](#)

**December 5:** Volunteer Day #9 at Reedy River Meadow: Join us to celebrate International Volunteer Day at Reedy River Meadow! Sign up [today!](#)

**March 27, 2026:** "SAVE THE DATE" inaugural signature event *Great Cane Brake Affair* at Hopkins Farm.

See All Of Our Upcoming Events

Monitoring Team Email

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### October In Review...

October 8  
Trees Upstate Presents



## **Emerald Award to Verdae Development Inc.**

Trees Upstate's Board of Directors presented their Emerald Award to Verdae Development for their work on the Legacy Connector Trail. FoRR was a partner in the development of this project, collaborating with Upstate Forever to provide advice on how to minimize impacts from this connector to Laurel Creek and the surrounding wetlands.

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## **October 8 FoRR at First Baptist Church**

FoRR visited First Baptist Church to provide educational outreach to two groups of students: 20 in grades 3-5 and 15 in grades K4/K5 - 2 grade. Using the Rainfall Runoff Simulator, FoRR demonstrated how to sample pH levels, and talked through aquatic macroinvertebrate identification.

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## **October 9 Welcome On Board - Furman Interns**

FoRR welcomed two new interns, Sarah and Sam, this fall semester! They are both sophomores who bring fresh energy and curiosity to our work on the Reedy. They'll be helping with community outreach, river education, and hands-on projects throughout the semester. Be sure to say hello if you see them down by the river.

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## **October 10 Reedy River Signs Are In Place**

The new Reedy River Meadow signs are officially in place. These installations help visitors understand the purpose and impact of the restoration site while highlighting the importance of protecting the river. With clear, attractive signage now on display, the Reedy River Meadow is not only easier to identify but also better equipped to educate and engage the community.



## October 13 On the Road: FoRR heads to the Woodlands

FoRR loved talking with the residents at the Woodlands at Furman about the Reedy River's past, updates on what's happening today, and ideas for a cleaner, healthier future. Most importantly, we invite everyone to be part of the journey, because we can do great things together.

## October 17 Volunteer Appreciation: McPherson Park Tour with Greenville Parks and Recreation

FoRR teamed up with City of Greenville Parks and Recreation and Tourism leading a tour of stormwater Best Management Practices in McPherson Park. This is another tour in the series of volunteer appreciation events to thank people who have previously volunteered for FoRR or City of Greenville for their time in the form of educational outreach and take home skills. Thank you so much to our dedicated volunteers for making the work FoRR has conducted with the city possible, We couldn't do the work as do without you and truly good seeing you all at McPherson Park,

## October 20 Q&A At Opportunity Greenville!

FoRR participated in a 6-member panel for the Chamber of Commerce's Opportunity Greenville Class. Other panelists were CEOs, founders, and



managers from Feed & Seed, Julie Valentine Center, Fostering Great Ideas, Ripple of One, and Upstate Warrior Solutions. The panel's moderator was Catriona Carlisle, Executive Director. We would like to thank Opportunity Greenville for inviting us back for the 4th year to participate on this panel.

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## October 21 AJ Whittenberg Elementary School's AJ Garden Club

FoRR partnered with Greenville County Litter Ends Here to visit AJ Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering for their Eco Kids Garden Club after school group. FoRR has been a partner with AJW's Eco Kids Garden Club for the last two years, and we love any opportunity to work with our community partners to educate young minds! This year, the Club's students cleaned up litter from the field near their school, learned about pollution in the Reedy River, and had a blast in a litter relay race where they learned which items can and cannot be recycled. Thank you to AJ Whittenberg Elementary for your continued partnership!

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## October 27 FoRR Receives Generous Donation From Modern Woodman

FoRR appreciates and aligns with the mission of Modern Woodmen of America to clear financial burdens, not trees. Having spent generations helping families thrive through every stage of life and strengthening communities since 1883, Modern Woodmen is dedicated to giving back to the community it serves. Most recently, TJ Clayton-Cornell with Modern Woodmen generously donated \$1,000 to support the Reedy River Meadow project



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## October 29 Sharing With The Community

FoRR was delighted to share the past, present and exciting future of the Reedy River with members of Business Network International (BNI): Palmetto Business Exchange in Simpsonville. Later that day, even a chilly rain couldn't dampen the energy at this month's GVL Connect, a community networking series founded by Upstate entrepreneur and Keller Williams real estate agent JoAnne Reece. Being honored to be the featured nonprofit, FoRR found that the attendees were eager to learn how they can help protect and restore the river we treasure.



## Be A River Keeper!

Did you know you can help keep the Reedy River clean without ever leaving home? Just \$10 provides a pair of gloves for a volunteer, \$25 helps purchase a trash grabber, \$50 will buy a pitchfork and \$250 covers a set of waders so our team can safely tackle hard-to-reach spots. Every gift, big or small, makes a lasting difference for your river, not only today, but for years to come.

[Make a Difference](#)

## Board Highlight



### Rick Huffman FoRR Board of Director

This month we're highlighting FoRR's board member, Rick Huffman. Rick is featured in this month's issue of Landscape Architecture magazine as a member of the 2025 Class of Fellows by the American

Landscape Architects Society. He was recognized for his passionate advocacy and practice of conservation and environmental protection spanning over 31 years!

**Get To Know Rick**

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