



TreesUpstate

2022 Annual Report

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It is my pleasure to introduce you to Bernardine Atkins. That's her standing between me and our Development and Community Relations Director Aaron Davis below. The photo was taken by our Community Outreach and Engagement Manager Evangeline Costa (right) in Brutontown, a special emphasis neighborhood where we started planting trees 15 years ago. Now that our trees are grown up, the neighborhood has truly been transformed. When we started, Brutontown had 21% canopy cover. Our current map shows that it now has 46.3% tree canopy, which is above average for the City of Greenville and a tremendous improvement.

What I love about Bernardine is her ability to see the big picture and how trees fit into the whole story. As trustee of the Helga Marston Foundation, her philanthropic leadership focuses on affordable housing, the Jewish community, and providing life skills and learning experiences to kids in need. That's why we were so excited when she made a gift for our NeighborWoods initiative. Through her giving we will establish several 4 month fellowships of 18-24 year-olds where we will train them to plant and care for trees. Fellows will also be trained in arboriculture and landscaping best practices, how



to run a business, have jobs lined up for them, and will be given the SC Certified Landscaping Professional and SC Licensed Pesticide Applicator exams.

Much has been written nationally about how trees are a public health benefit and how the lack of them are major health concerns. They lower the heat island effect, reduce stormwater, reduce crime, increase life expectancy through air quality and mental health improvements, and so much more. In the Creekside community, which you will learn about later in the report, we had over 90% home owner participation to plant trees with over 200 volunteers.



EVANGELINE COSTA

Also in this report we talk about the City of Clemson's new canopy mapping project. To date, the cities of Greenville, Travelers Rest, and Clemson are using data and analysis from professional canopy maps and we hope to one day have our entire five county region of Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg fully mapped so that we can strategically increase the percentage of tree canopy. As you turn the page, we hope you enjoy our article featuring one of our favorite nonprofit partners, Save our Saluda. Tree planting doesn't happen in a vacuum and we do everything we can to join forces with our many friends who are doing amazing work in the Upstate.

Like Bernardine, you are one of our supporters that we couldn't live (or breathe clean air) without. We want to take this time to let you know just how much we appreciate you. As you will see in this year's annual report it is as much about the people as it is about the trees.

Thank you for caring for our trees this past year and we look forward to working together with you for our shared future.

Trees are good.

Jodie Teachey



An all day rain was forecasted with a high of 43 degrees. Early that morning TreesUpstate's Program Director Kylie Stackis called Save our Saluda's Board President Melanie Ruhlman: "I'm not sure anyone is going to show up today." Melanie had put months of planning into the site. Without volunteers, who would plant the trees? Would it be too muddy? A make-up date was planned, but for the sake of the trees and both organization's schedules it was best to get them in the ground on that day. "Let's go ahead and bring everything just in case some volunteers do show up," Melanie said with hopeful encouragement in her voice.

A positive conservationist isn't easy to find. Often the net loss of natural resources can overshadow the many successes that organizations like TreesUpstate and partners like Save our Saluda see each and every week.



Her positivity was not in vain. To both Kylie and Melanie's amazement, 20 volunteers showed up and planted nearly 150 trees. The neighbor across the street was equally impressed. First, he said he couldn't wait until the work was done so that "all those machines and people would be gone and his dog would quit jumping the fence." However, he was also surprised at "those volunteers who came out during the cold and rain."

Melanie Ruhlman was born in Marietta, Georgia and grew up in the suburbs of Eastern Tennessee. Though perhaps an unlikely place to fall in love with nature, she relished long afternoons exploring the woods behind her subdivision. This would lead to a bachelor's degree in Forestry from North Carolina State University, a master's degree in Forest Hydrology from the University of Georgia, and over 20 years of professional experience in watershed planning and management, working for industry, government, private, and nonprofit organizations.

In 2015 in response to

the urgent need that she saw and her unique understanding of watersheds, Melanie took over the helm of Save our Saluda, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that works to reduce pollution to the Saluda River and increases public awareness of the Upper Saluda Watershed.

She and her husband Tony, who is an

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(LEFT AND NEXT PAGES) RESTORED STREAM BANK
TEEMING WITH NEW LIFE (ABOVE) MELANIE RUHLMAN

environmental consultant, moved from Athens, Georgia to near Furman and then to the much smaller and wilder Marietta, South Carolina, where they bought and restored a mill house on the North Saluda River. After each heavy rain, they would watch the pristine cool mountain river turn into an unnatural muddy soup that would take far too long to turn clear again. Even without her expertise in hydrology, the culprit wasn't hard to find. Upstate South Carolina was growing at a torrential pace, and clearcutting, development, and intensive farming practices



were creating more impervious and erosive surfaces which meant more stormwater runoff, streambank erosion, and sediment in the river system.

Polluted runoff from urban and agricultural areas is one of the greatest threats to clean water locally and nationwide. Pollutants in runoff include sediment, bacteria, excess nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), pesticides, toxic metals, petroleum products, and plastics. Of these,

sediment is the most common pollutant found in our streams, rivers, and reservoirs. It is an effective carrier of other pollutants and impairs water quality, impacts aquatic life, diminishes recreational experiences, and threatens drinking water sources.

The Upper Saluda River and its tributaries supply drinking water to people and businesses in Greenville, Easley, and other surrounding communities in the Upstate. In 2011-2012, Saluda Lake, which provides drinking water to over 100,000 people, was filled with sediment and cost

\$7 million to dredge. Only a decade later the same volume of sediment is now back and the estimated cost to dredge again exceeds \$10 million.

The meandering North, South, and Middle Saluda Rivers meet along the Greenville-Pickens County line above Saluda Lake, the first in a series of hydroelectric dams on the Saluda River. Downstream, the Saluda meets the Reedy River at Lake Greenwood and then joins with the Broad River near Columbia to form the Congaree, which flows into the Santee before reaching the Atlantic Ocean. Like sediment,

increased stormwater runoff is a growing problem for the Upstate. Rapid development, loss of tree canopy, soil and streambank erosion, increases in impervious surfaces, and the disconnect of rivers to functional floodplains combined with increases in extreme rainfall events create the need for improving watershed resiliency to help sustain and protect local natural resources. TreesUpstate was formed in direct response to

our area needing better solutions for clean air and stormwater management.

In 2021 Save our Saluda secured a grant from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control with funds from the EPA Section 319 Grant Program with additional support from Easley Combined Utilities and other partner organizations, including TreesUpstate. The grant and partner support provide a 90% cost share to landowners and farm operators for soil conservation practices including cover crops, farm road and drainage stabilization, riparian buffers, stream restoration, and floodplain restoration.

Over the past seven years, TreesUpstate has partnered with Save our Saluda to plant thousands of trees in floodplain areas and along streams, rivers, and wetlands for projects like these with the help of hundreds of volunteers. Trees and their roots now hold soil and water and replenish absorbent biomass, increasing the wildlife and natural beauty of our area.

Though the future of our natural places hangs in a delicate balance, Melanie relishes living in what she calls paradise. Very little brings her more joy than kayaking on a wild stream or mountain river.

That she has lived in two Mariettas is perhaps a sign of things. As an Italian diminutive form of the word Mary, Marietta can mean either “sea of sorrow” or “lady of the sea.” In its French form it can mean drop of the sea, bitter, or beloved. Is Melanie happily working to protect her beloved “drop of the sea,” or becoming bitter and sorrowful when there is a lack of action to conserve our land?

As the interview ended the answer became as clear as a fresh mountain stream. She said that the most important thing was the dedicated volunteers and partners who make her work possible. That her inspiration comes from the wonderful people she gets to partner with. Upon leaving, she gave a big smile. Then she picked up her gloves and shovel, walked to the newly formed riparian buffer, and proceeded to plant more trees.



Investing in Home

Helping a community taking root in Upstate South Carolina

Written by the Arbor Day Foundation

Photo: Over 200 volunteers participated in the October 2022 Creekside NeighborWoods planting





When you talk to the people of Upstate South Carolina, they talk about the area's history. The history of mill towns that had to grow, innovate, and change as the textile industry moved out of town.

While certain areas found new ways to thrive, others haven't always received the same amount of investment and opportunities.

In the city of Greer a 14-acre trailer park had fallen into deep disrepair and developers were looking to buy the plot to overhaul it into new developments. While this type of investment can sometimes breathe new life into communities, it also has the potential to repeat an all-too-familiar story. One where long-time residents are slowly but surely priced out of their neighborhoods through the steady march of gentrification.

However, with the foresight and community-centered work of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA), this plot of land was redeveloped to tell a different story.

In partnership with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and with contributions from other grants, GCRA got to work on major infrastructure repairs and projects. The result of this overhaul was a neighborhood of new homes built for seniors and low- to moderate-income families. In 2008, Creekside Community welcomed its first homeowners.

The development features tidy streets of new homes set into a gently rolling expanse of lawns. Thanks to these grants, the cost of the infrastructure improvements was not passed along to the new homeowners. However, the investment in the new neighborhood did not cover trees. More than a decade after the first families moved in, Creekside was still lacking trees to root residents in their community.

“Trees tell stories for people,” said Julian Nixon, Director for Diversity and Inclusion at the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences at Clemson University. “They make a space intimate, which makes it more of a home. So that’s that connection of a tree with people in their homes.”

Through an environmental justice grant from the

Arbor Day Foundation, TreesUpstate personally reached out to households in the Creekside Community to understand their questions and concerns about trees. Then, they equipped residents with young trees to grow in their yards.

“Trees are important, especially in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods,” said Evangeline Costa, Community Outreach and

Engagement Manager for TreesUpstate. “Those are the communities that are often left out. They’re often missing trees. ... And typically, they’re lacking services. So, for us to work in a community to bring in trees, it’s creating tree equity. It’s bringing fairness across the board to a community.”

The initiative culminated in a tree-planting event during which more than 200 volunteers planted 130 trees in the neighborhood. Working together, families and volunteers dug holes,

planted trees, and claimed a slice of their community.

In the Creekside Community that day, every tree symbolized something much greater than the sapling put in the ground. For homeowners, it represented claiming a place to call their own.





2022 TREESUPSTATE TURKEY DAY RUN FACTS

presented by Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas

Largest Race in the Upstate: 5,194 participants
8K finishers: 1,371 5K finishers: 3,629
Top Male 8K Time: James Quattlebaum @ 24:34
Top Female 8K Time: Alyssa Bloomquist @ 28:00
Top Male 5K Time: Frank DeVar @ 15:54
Top Female 5K Time: Sarah Hetzel @ 20:17

The Largest 8K in South Carolina
Third Largest Race in South Carolina
2022 States Represented: 38 states
plus South Africa, Canada, Palau, Washington, D.C.





Red Maple Society Tree Tours



Milliken Arboretum and Guest House Spring '22

Above (Left to Right). Stewart Winslow, Kevin Parris and Linda Schuett, Joelle Teachey, Stuart Wyeth, Jay Roberts and Linda Ketelaar, Scott and Pam Christopher, Allison Mertens and Becky Hartness, Pat Hartness, Lowrie Glasgow, Stewart Winslow, Katie Jones and Mary Lou Jones



Richie and Karen Andrews



Dabney Peoples Jurassic Garden



James Wilkins, guide, SC Botanical Garden



Dabney Peoples



Kate and Tony Brown



Diane Smock and Mary Lou Jones



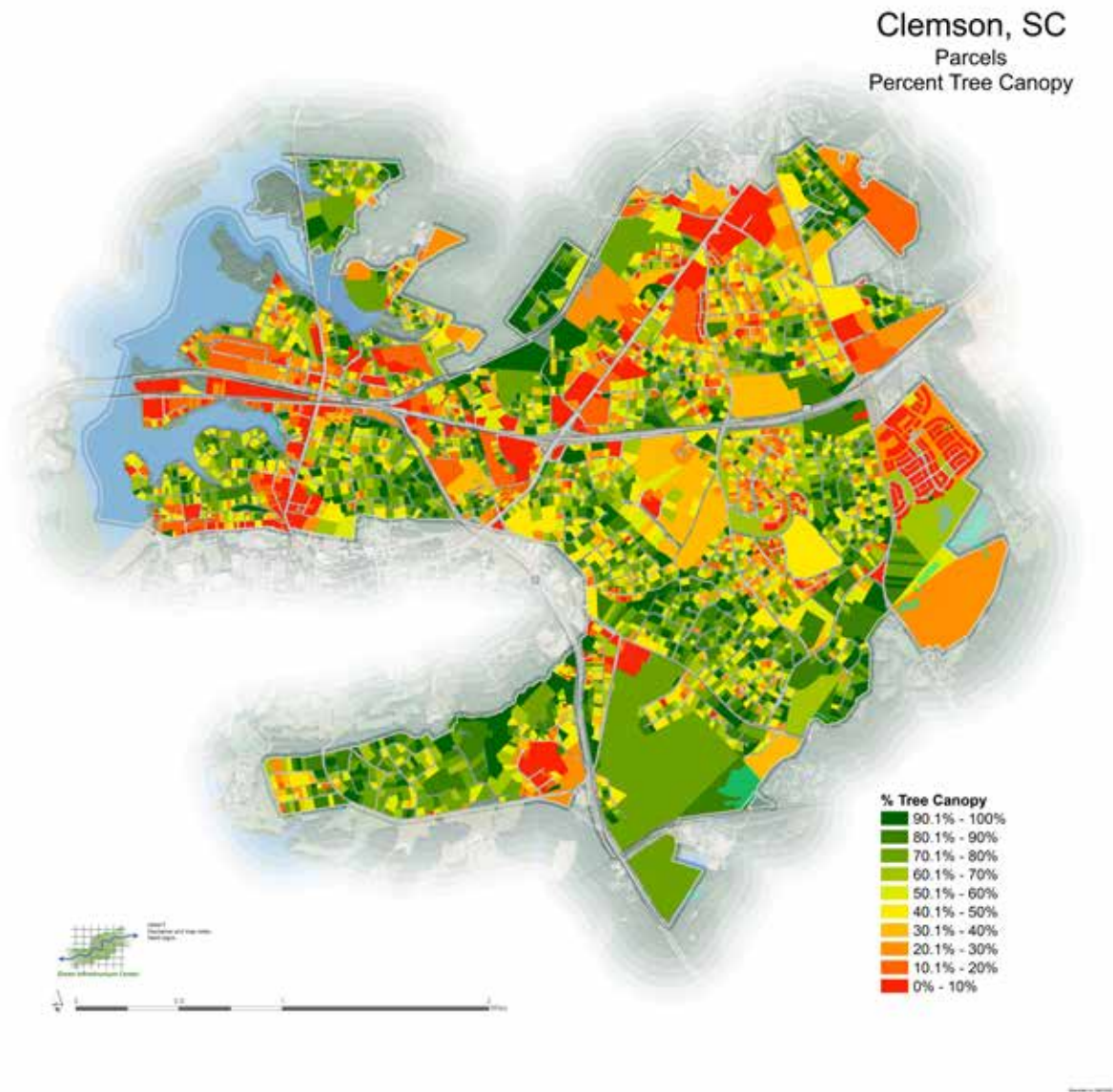
den Nov '22



Gardens and home of Anna Kate Hipp Sept '22



Lea Rohrbaugh



City of Clemson Partnership

The Upstate has been fortunate to have Clemson University. TreesUpstate uses Clemson Extension to test soil samples before and after we plant trees and together with Trees SC and the extension we train industry professionals on best management practices. We greatly benefit from the expertise of the University's professors and alumni. Clemson University's Director of Diversity, Education, and Inclusion for the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences Julian Nixon is a TreesUpstate Board Member who helps lead our NeighborWoods efforts. However, while you might be forgiven

for thinking that the City of Clemson is part of Clemson University or vice versa, the city has been considered separate since 1943.

The national profile of the University has put strong pressure on the city's 300 acres of greenspace as the demand for student housing has caused a loss of trees. In response to the loss of urban forest and natural resources the city of Clemson's Urban Park Land Management department was created in July 2022. The leader of the seven-person department, Tony Tidwell, conducted a canopy study with the SC Forestry Commission and Green Infrastructure Center and found that the city has 48 percent tree cover, most of which is on private property. This compares to 36% tree canopy in the city of Greenville and 45% canopy cover in Travelers Rest. Through Clemson's canopy mapping it was discovered that 11,978 more small trees and 9,226 large trees could be planted on an available 189 acres.

According to the Green Infrastructure Center, who is working with municipalities throughout the state thanks to the SC Forestry Commission, "it is known that if there is not an intentional plan to reach a certain percentage of tree canopy, canopy will decline over time." Tony's department, with a focus on environmental sustainability, wants to expand Clemson's tree canopy beyond public places and educate residents on maintaining and planting trees in their own yards. Said Tony to the Post and Courier, "There's nothing right now that says your neighbor can't cut down all of his trees, if he wants. And his neighbor, and his neighbors,

and so on and so forth. If we continue to do that, since 80 percent of our canopy is on private property, there is absolutely no protection for those trees. We always need to protect ourselves from ourselves." By comparison, 87% of trees in the City of Greenville are on private property, highlighting a concern for urban forests that each of our towns and counties share.

Through partnerships and funding matches, TreesUpstate is committed to helping conduct canopy maps across our five county region and help mitigate tree canopy loss. Canopy maps show possible planting areas and compare analytics on public health variables and demographics, including but not limited to: census block average surface temperature, census block percent of canopy, canopy cover in parks, schools, and neighborhoods, and canopy by median household income.

With the power of mapping the city of Clemson partnered with TreesUpstate on a planting at Clemson Downs, hosted several Energy-Saving Tree Giveaways presented by Duke Energy, and has joined in discussions with the Pickens County School District to do future school plantings. As TreeUpstate expands our reach we are also partnering with The Noble Tree Foundation and working with leaders in the city and county of Spartanburg for their future mapping project.

It's an exciting time for TreesUpstate as we strategically increase our organizational capacity and impact throughout our five county region.

Thanks to you and the power of technology and partnerships we are planting an equitable canopy for the future.

Alle Ashcroft and her sons Zachary and Elijah received the surprising news, “Congratulations! You are the proud owners of the 30,000th tree that TreesUpstate has planted or given away.” Nearby volunteers in yellow vests cheered and gave a round of applause. The Ashcrofts smiled as they took in the joyful announcement. They chose two tulip poplars, that though young, were already much taller than they were. When asked how they felt about their new trees, the brothers expressed through playful grins, “happy and excited.”

It’s really quite exciting. Since we were founded in 2005, we have now planted and given away over 37,000 trees (*June 2023*). The 30,000 milestone in September 2022 was a win for all of us—the Ashcrofts, the volunteers, the supporters, Duke

BIG MILESTONE



Energy who provided funding for the bulk of those trees, and the thousands of people who have planted a tree in their own yard.

TreesUpstate's Executive Director Joelle Teachey is often asked what her favorite thing is about her job. She has said that it's going back to see a tree that we planted 10 plus years ago and to see how big it is. While this is still her favorite thing, this year she has an answer that is a close second—it's the hope for the future that each one of our trees represents. Consider it. No one plants a tree without first thinking about a better and more beautiful future. While Zachary and Elijah may not yet be visualizing all that planting their first tree means, one day they may take their loved ones to see that same tree when it's way too large to wrap their arms around.

At TreesUpstate, we remain focused on creating many more memories like this one. In October we helped first-time homeowners in a special interest neighborhood plant five trees in their yard—one for each kid (there were four) and one to share between the parents. The oldest son told his dad

that he would rather have a pet instead of a tree, so dad made him a deal. "If you can care for this tree, I'll know you are ready to take care of a pet!" Dad explained, "I want my family to get in the dirt and actually plant these trees so that we can look back one day when we are enjoying the shade and know that we did this together."

It is for this shared connection between trees and people that TreesUpstate continues to tirelessly work. We know that through our work we are creating future tree planters and environmental stewards for life.



2022 TREE PLANTINGS



2022 Plantings (in order of planting date)

Pacolet Elementary, McCall Hospice House, Fairforest Middle (7), Century Park, Dorman High Freshman Campus, EP Todd Elementary, Middle Saluda River at River Falls Road (5), Hagood Mill, Holly Springs Center, Vinson & Plano Reforestation, Taylors Elementary, Greenville County Animal Care, Swamp Rabbit Trail Furman Facilities, Swamp Rabbit Trail Vinson & Plano, Pauline-Glenn Springs Elementary, Northside Circle Neighborhood (8), Ruth's Gleanings, Spring Park Inn (6), UU World of Children, Bethlehem Center, Swamp Rabbit Trail First Baptist, Sterling School Charles Townes Gifted Center, Creekside Neighborhood, Furman University (3), BMW Training Facility, Boiling Springs Elementary, Southernside Neighborhood (9), Woodruff Elementary School, Whitlock Flexible Learning Center, Berea Elementary (2), Mayo Elementary (1), Woodruff Primary (10), Monaview Elementary (4), Oak Grove Lake Park, Lake Keowee Toxaway State Park, City of Fountain Inn, Lakeside Park, Robert E Cashion Elementary

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOLS

TREE PLANTINGS TOGETHER WITH THE NOBLE TREE FOUNDATION

SINCE 2019

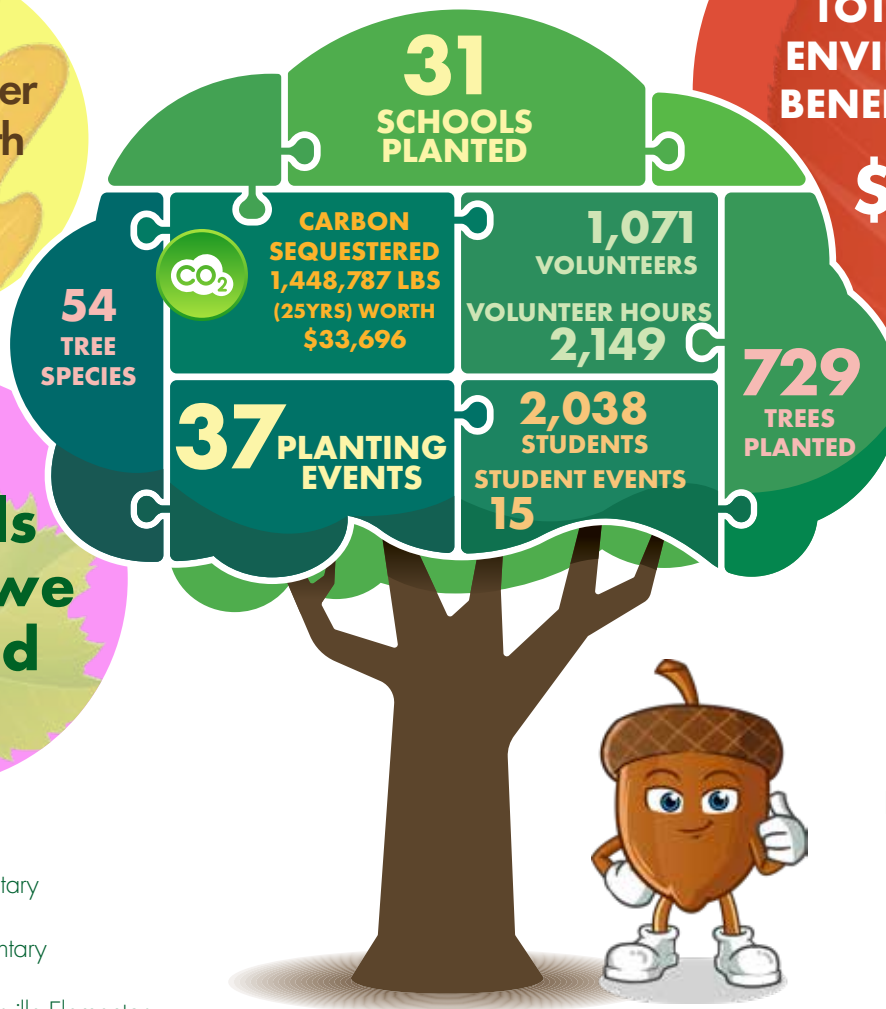
Our volunteer
time is worth
\$54,735

Schools
where we
planted



Anderson Mill Elementary
Bobo Elementary
Boiling Springs Elementary
Chesnee Elementary
Cooley Springs-Fingerville Elementary
Cowpens Elementary
Dorman High School
Dorman Freshman Campus
Drayton Mills Elementary
EP Todd Elementary
Fairforest Middle
Gable Middle
Highpoint Academy
James H Hendrix Elementary
Jessie S Bobo Elementary
Lone Oak Elementary
Mayo Elementary
McCracken Middle
Pacolet Elementary
Pauline-Glenn Springs Elementary
Pine Street Elementary

RD Anderson Applied Technology Center
Roebuck Elementary
Shoally Creek Elementary
Spartanburg High
Sugar Ridge Elementary
USC Upstate
West View Elementary
Whitlock Flexible Learning Center
Woodruff Elementary
Woodland Heights



TOTAL 25 YEAR
ENVIRONMENTAL
BENEFITS OF TREES

\$40,627



STORMWATER
FILTERED (25YRS.)
1,251,806 GAL
WORTH \$18,966

 **TreesUpstate**
plant • promote • protect



TREESUPSTATE'S ENERGY SAVING TREES GIVEAWAY

(2016-2022)

PRESENTED BY



21,246

TREES GIVEN
AWAY THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2022
AT 76 EVENTS

\$12,146,708 COST
SAVINGS

*Thank You
Duke Energy*

2022 TREE GIVEAWAYS

2016-2022 Energy-saving Trees through Duke Energy: **16,766**

2022 Seneca Arbor Day Foundation and State Farm: **1,050**

2022 BMW Charity Pro-Am: **2,080**

2022 BMW: **50**

2022 TD Bank, N.A.: **50**

20-Year forecasted iTree benefits of 21,246 Trees



71,781,885



98,708,120 CARBON
SEQUESTERED/
AVOIDED



463,082,319
GALLONS OF STORMWATER FILTERED



202,982
LBS OF AIR
POLLUTANTS
ABSORBED



2022 IMPACT REPORT

What did we plant?

2,255 TREES
56 SPECIES

How many tree plantings?

42

NEIGHBORHOODS 18%

PARKS 43%

SCHOOLS 39%

HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS?

1,069 VOLUNTEERS
2,874 VOLUNTEER HOURS*

TOTAL PLANTED

12,722

EDUCATION

22 SCHOOLS & 1,308 STUDENTS



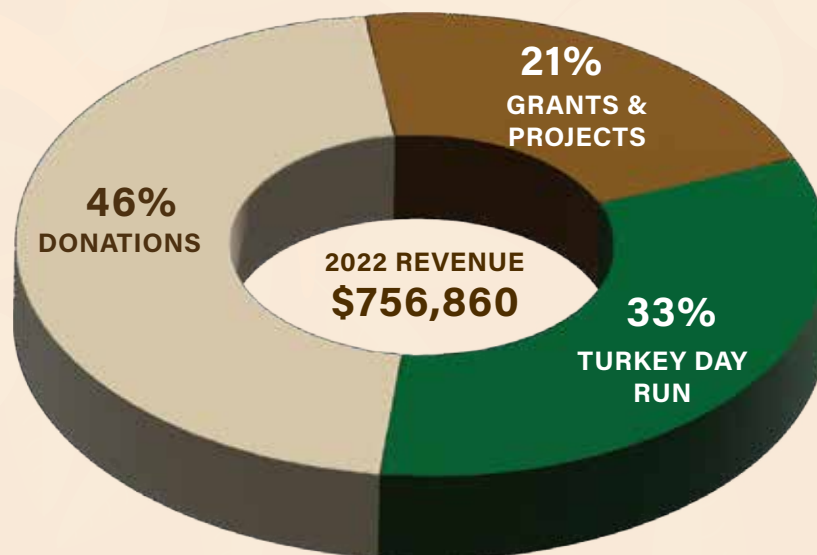
33,968

PLANTED + GIVEN AWAY 2006-2022

*According to the independent sector, volunteer time in SC is valued at \$26.59/hour. Our volunteer time is worth \$76,132.

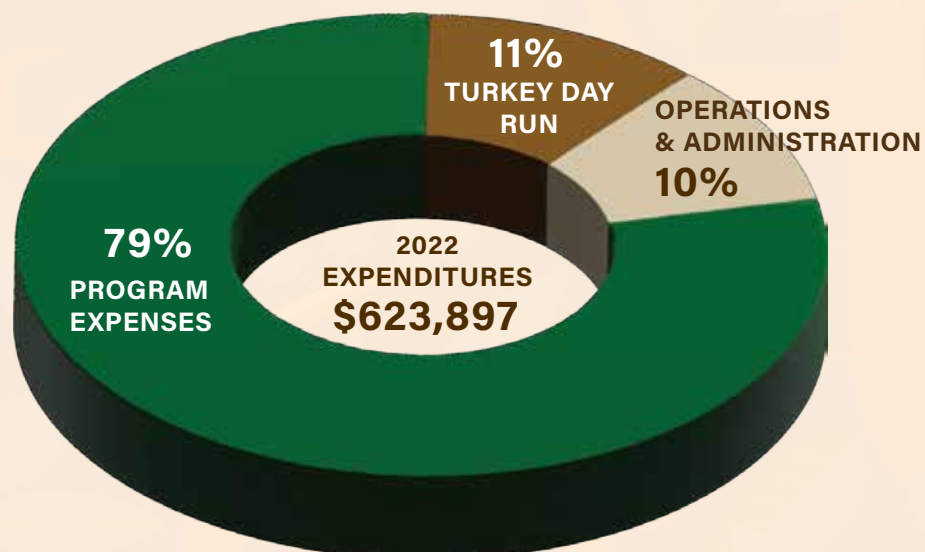
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

OPERATING REVENUE



2021 REVENUE
\$567,808

OPERATING EXPENDITURES



2021
EXPENDITURES
\$508,698

WHITE OAK

The Arbor Day Foundation
BMW Charity Pro-Am presented
by TD Synnex
Duke Energy
The Noble Tree Foundation

TULIP POPLAR

BMW
Meritage Homes
Sage Automotive Interiors
Schneider Tree Care
State Farm Insurance
Summit Media
T.D. Bank, N.A.

BLACK TUPELO

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Earth Design
Fairway Subaru
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Think Up
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WaterTower ApTs

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Jacobs
Saint Capital Partners
ScanSource

RED MAPLE

Biomatic
Blue Ridge Outdoors
Carolina Crafted Construction
Clemson Downs
Earle Street Baptist Boy Scouts
emedia Group
EnviroSouth
Fleet Feet Greenville
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Sunrift Adventures
Sweet Sippin'

CAROLINA SAPPHIRE

Arrowood and Arrowood
Brasfield & Gorrie
Christophillis & Gallivan, PA
Crawford
Cycling Turtle Woodworks
DP3
Johnston Design Group
Public Strategy
Robert Rogers, MD, PA
Save our Saluda
Sync.MD
Upstate Carolina Radiology
Upstate Running Club
Without Limits

A man in a grey suit and glasses is watering a tree with a green watering can. The tree is uniquely shaped like a line graph that trends upwards from left to right. The background is a simple green field under a white sky.

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(Red Maple lists January 1, 2022 -
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