



Early Morning on the Congaree River

Congaree Riverkeeper works to protect and improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreation on the Congaree, Lower Saluda and Lower Broad Rivers through advocacy, education and enforcement of environmental laws.

River Watch

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Trump Administration Working to Rescind Clean Water Rule

On July 27th the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers formally moved to rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule. The 2015 Clean Water Rule was an effort by the Obama administration to clarify the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and ensure Clean Water Act protections for critical headwater streams and wetlands.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt recently visited South Carolina to discuss the WOTUS issue and "receive feedback" but it appears the only people invited to the meeting were industry and agriculture representatives who oppose the Clean Water Rule, and a handful of South Carolina elected officials who were happy to play along with the charade. You can read more about Pruitt's visit in [this article from The State Newspaper](#) and [this story from WIS](#).

SCE&G and Santee Cooper just announced today that they are abandoning efforts to build two new nuclear reactors at the VC Summer Station on the Broad River. [Read more here.](#)

Our friends at [Saluda Valley Guides](#) are auctioning off a once in a lifetime guided Saluda River fishing trip during the eclipse, and they're donating the proceeds to Congaree Riverkeeper. [Click here to learn more and place your bid.](#)

The City of Columbia is still giving away FREE RAIN BARRELS to city residents who attend a workshop. [Click here to see if you are eligible and to sign up.](#)



The announcement of the proposed rule in the Federal Register begins a 30 day comment period that is open through August 28th. Please consider submitting comments stating that you oppose the proposed rule, support the 2015 Clean Water Rule, and that headwater streams and wetlands must be protected. [You can submit comments online here.](#)

Saluda Riverwalk Groundbreaking



Last week was the official groundbreaking ceremony for the long awaited [Saluda Riverwalk](#). This project will restore public access to a heavily used section of the Lower Saluda River and provide new recreational opportunities. The contractor has one year to complete the project. [Read more in this article from the Free Times.](#)

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