



Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies on the Broad 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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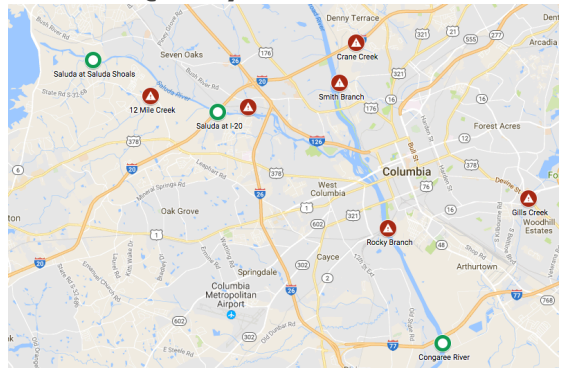
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Water Quality Updates

Recent Water Quality Results

On May 22nd and 25th we collected water quality samples at our 10 river and stream sites. That same week the Midlands received between 2 to 5 inches of rain and as a result 7 of the samples were above the state standard for E. coli. [See the full results on our website.](#)



New Monitoring Plan for the Saluda and Congaree

The State Newspaper's Go Columbia section recently featured a [Guide to Summer Fun on Columbia's Rivers](#) including information about activities, sites, and even a little history about each of our three rivers.

DHEC is proposing to regulate groundwater withdrawals in 7 counties including two in the Saluda/Congaree watersheds, Lexington and Calhoun Counties. You can find more information in [this article from The State](#) and on [DHEC's website](#).

Thank you to everyone who donated to Congaree Riverkeeper during Midlands Gives earlier this month. Because of you we had our most successful Midlands Gives yet!



After last summer's swimming advisory on the Lower Saluda River a group of river stakeholders began working to enhance water quality monitoring efforts on the river. We hope to begin weekly sampling at 8 sites along the Lower Saluda and Congaree Rivers within the next month and publish the results and swim advisories on a website. Tens of thousands of people use our rivers for recreation every year; we want to make sure those river users have the best available information to make decisions about their activities and their health. You can read more about this project in these recent [news stories](#):

[The State Newspaper - Weekly Checks For Summer Pollution Advised For 2 Midlands Rivers](#)

[WLTX - More Water Quality Tests For Popular Rivers](#)



Collecting a Water Quality Sample at Saluda Shoals Park

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