



2005 Annual Report

The 17th annual Beach Sweep River Sweep statewide clean up occurred on September 17th from 9am-12pm. Weather conditions across the state were warm but favorable for the event. Water levels were low. Site captains in 30 counties around the state reported holding Beach Sweep River Sweep events.** 68 sites were scheduled to participate and, of those, data was received from 60 sites for a response rate of 88%. A response was considered to be a communication from the site captain regarding the number of volunteers, amount of trash collected (either by weight or bags), and approximate miles covered. Data from the event is presented below in several tables, if you have further questions please contact me at the following:

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***Please note that the numbers below do not include coastal sites and volunteers coordinated by Coastal Coordinator Susan Ferris Hill of SC Sea Grant Consortium. These numbers are available upon request or from www.scseagrant.org.*

2005 Quick Facts

Number of inland counties in South Carolina with Beach Sweep River Sweep clean-ups reported	30	
Reported Beach Sweep River Sweep inland volunteers	2117	
Reported waterbodies cleaned as a result of Beach Sweep River Sweep 2005	45 waterbodies cleaned by 60 reported Sweep clean-ups	
Estimated trash bags used	6,144 bags	
Estimated pounds of litter and aquatic debris removed from South Carolina waterways	95,870 lbs	43.5 metric tons
Estimated miles cleaned	683 miles	

2005 Top Ten

Approximately 25% of site captains who reported data returned volunteer data cards that categorized trash, litter, and debris collected. This valuable information helped us compile the *2005 Top Ten*, a listing of the most common litter collected in, on, or around our inland waterways by Beach Sweep River Sweep volunteers.

1. Beverage containers 2825
– cans
2. Beverage containers 1389
– plastic
3. Beverage containers 1217
– glass
4. Cigarettes, filters 1576
5. Food wrappers 777
6. Bait containers 476
7. Cups, plates 449
8. Bags 439
9. Buoys, floats, 281
bobbers
10. Tires 191

2005 DNR Regional Summary of reported Sweep Clean-ups

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
1382 volunteers	89 volunteers	481 volunteers	165 volunteers
15 Sweep Clean-ups	12 Sweep Clean-ups	22 Sweep Clean-ups	11 Sweep Clean-ups
8/12 counties	8/13 counties	9/12 counties	5/9 counties
Broad River	Black River	Broad River	Cooper River
Bush River	Catawba River	Congaree Creek	Ashley River
Chauga River	Dargan's Pond	Congaree River	Black River
Chattooga River	Jeffries Creek	Edisto River	Waccamaw River
Lake Blalock	Juniper Creek	Lake Marion	Salkehatchie River
Lake Bowen	Lake Juniper	Lake Murray	Savannah River
Lake Cherokee	Lake Wateree	Saluda River	Lake Warren
Lake Cooley	Little Pee Dee River	Salkehatchie River	Eagle Creek
Lake Greenwood	Louther's Lake	Sparkleberry	Azalea Park
Lake Hartwell	Lynches River	Swamp	
Lake Keowee	Wateree River		
Oolenoy Lake			
Pinnacle Lake			
Reedy River			
Saluda River			
Twelve Mile River			

2005 Unusual Items: fire extinguishers, propane tanks, broken sailing mast, tv, sofa, old baby carriage, industrial dock bumpers, buoy lights, public parking meter, plastic chairs, coolers, shopping cart, bowling balls, boom box, electric bug zapper, 'stranded' car battery, wood and metal fencing, refrigerator, baseball glove, volleyball, aquarium, partial metal swing set, paint, and a horse shoe.

2005 Comments from Site Captains

"We had a huge successful river sweep! It was amazing! Thanks so much for the opportunity to get everyone together for such a great cause." *Saluda River*

"..about 3000 lbs pulled...definitely less than other years; and we only pulled 124 tires out this year...down from our record of 200 and our average of 150/year." *Reedy River*

"All in all, it was a very successful and enjoyable event." *Edisto River*

"WOW, what a day!" *Ashley River*

"... the little boy that collected the most trash that day had open heart surgery when he was 6 months old and still has a blocked artery in his heart. Surely if he can get out there and make a difference so can other people!" *Congaree Creek*

" It tripled my satisfaction of participating by cleaning the environment, helping our local community, and setting a positive example for my daughter and her friends." *Azalea Park*

"Had a great time and look forward to next year." *Lake Marion*

2005 Site Captain Reported Information by County

Information presented below was gathered using Beach Sweep River Sweep data cards completed by participants on the day of the event and mailed to the inland coordinator as well as site captain reports submitted by email or phone after the event. Cumulative figures presented as totals represent a reasonable estimate of citizen participation, litter collected, and miles covered.

COUNTIES	Sites signed up	Sites reported	Volunteers	Lbs	Miles	Trash bags	Waterbodies
Abbeville							
Aiken	1	1	8	45	2	3	Edisto River
Allendale							
Anderson	3	3	605	25715	263	1726	Lake Hartwell; Saluda River
Bamberg	2	2	21	1030	11.25	69	Edisto River, Salkehatchie River
Barnwell	1	1	12	160	0.5	16	Salkehatchie River
Beaufort							COASTAL
Berkeley	1	1	96	3825	1.5	175	Cooper River
Calhoun							
Charleston							COASTAL
Cherokee	2	2	18	1610	2.5	102	Lake Cherokee; Broad River
Chester							
Chesterfield	1	1	7	45	1.5	3	Lake Juniper and Juniper Creek
Clarendon	2	2	54	2435	15.25	165	Lake Marion
Colleton							COASTAL
Darlington	2	1	6	180	1.5	15	Dargan's Pond; Louthers Lake; Prestwood Lake
Dillon	1	1	1	30	0.5	2	Little Pee Dee River
Dorchester	3	3	22	765	3.5	40	Ashley River; Eagle Creek
Edgefield							
Fairfield	1	1	12	900	4.5	100	Lake Wateree
Florence	2	2	18	495	5.25	42	Jeffries Creek; Lynches River
Georgetown	4	4	23	340	1	31	Black River; Waccamaw River
Greenville	2	2	91	4680	4.5	298	Reedy River
Greenwood	1	1	5	300	3	22	Lake Greenwood
Hampton	2	2	16	410	4.25	25	Lake Warren; Salkehatchie River
Horry	1	1	8	240	1	20	Waccamaw River
Jasper	2	0					Corner's Lake; Bolen Hall Creek
Kershaw	1	0					
Lancaster							
Laurens	1	1	60	1200	1	120	Bush River
Lee	2	2	11	315	0.5	21	Lynches River
Lexington	5	5	169	2865	8.25	179	Congaree Creek; Lake Murray; Saluda River;
Marion	1	0					Great Pee Dee River

Marlboro							
McCormick							
Newberry	1	1	12	300	0.25	20	Broad River
Oconee	2	2	316	10678	302	548	Lake Keowee; Lake Hartwell; Chauga River
Orangeburg	4	4	48	1310	6.5	91	Lake Marion; Edisto River
Pickens	2	2	17	282	2.25	20	Pinnacle and Oolenoy Lake; Twelve Mile River
Richland	6	5	149	5545	16	361	Windsor Lake; Saluda River; Congaree River
Saluda							
Spartanburg	2	2	270	29580	17	1882	Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock
Sumter	2	1	8	105	0.25	8	Sparkleberry Swamp
Union	1	0					Enoree River
Williamsburg	3	3	19	215	0.75	22	Black River; Waccamaw River
York	1	1	15	270	2	18	Catawba River
State Totals	68	60	2117	95870	683	6144	
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