



Lower Saluda River

On behalf of its members, 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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### See a Water Quality Problem?

Call us at  
**803-760-3357.**  
We will investigate.

### Can You Help Us?

We are looking for generous souls who will donate the following items (new or almost new) or services to Congaree Riverkeeper:

- \* 15-30 hp Outboard Motor, preferably a jet drive
- \* Video-Capable DSLR Camera
- \* Book Shelf
- \* GPS Unit
- \* Canoe
- \* Office Chair
- \* Printing 2-sided color membership cards
- \* Printing T-Shirts
- \* Laptop computer

If interested, please call 760-3357. In return, we'll add you as a member, and for businesses, we'll include your logo on our website. **Thanks to Austin & Rogers, PA who donated a desk and a filing cabinet!**

### Ni America, Welcome to the Lower Saluda River!

Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation (PWR), a subsidiary of Ni America, is expected to acquire Alpine Utilities this month. When Ni America announced its proposed purchase of Alpine Utilities earlier this year, the company said it would spend an estimated \$5 million dollars to fix the aging Alpine infrastructure. We applauded this news because repairing and/or replacing plant facilities and collection lines would help reduce the chronic sewer overflows from Alpine's system into Stoops Creek. But we wanted a more concrete commitment from Ni America. So we worked with Ni America and DHEC to forge an agreement between DHEC and Ni America that commits Ni America to spending an estimated \$5 million dollars in improvements to the system within specified time-frames. Under this agreement, Ni America is required to make improvements to its treatment plant, including adding a secondary clarifier, within 18 months. Repair of collection lines will be undertaken over a 5-year period. Manholes will be repaired or replaced within a 3-year period. Thanks to both Ni America and DHEC for including Congaree Riverkeeper in the process, and to Trout Unlimited, Coastal Conservation League, Sustainable Midlands, SC Wildlife Federation, Friends of Congaree Swamp and River Runner Outdoor Center for standing with us. We think Ni America's committed investments will help keep the Lower Saluda clean and clear! You can count on Congaree Riverkeeper to seek solutions to the problems our rivers face.

### Congaree Riverkeeper Launching Membership Campaign

Congaree Riverkeeper is a tax-exempt non profit organization that relies largely on the generosity of individuals and businesses who care about our rivers and contribute on an annual basis. In August, we will launch a creative media campaign, called STAND FOR OUR RIVERS, to raise awareness of our organization and increase membership. For the first phase of this campaign, we will be calling on as many people as possible to meet us on August 20th at a designated location on the Congaree River for a group photo of folks standing in the River to show support for Congaree Riverkeeper. Show that YOU stand for our rivers by joining us for this unique photo opportunity. We'll have more details soon. If you are unable to join us for our group photo, you can still show your visible support for our Rivers by posting on our [Facebook page](#) a photo of your self standing in the Broad, Saluda or Congaree! We'll use our group photo and your individual photos as part of our membership drive.

In the meantime, if you joined Congaree Riverkeeper last summer, your membership has expired or will expire soon. Please renew your membership today! For those of you who have not yet joined Congaree Riverkeeper, we would be honored to have you STAND FOR OUR RIVERS, and become a member. Go to our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for more information.

### We are Searching for a New Riverkeeper

In May 2010, Stuart Greeter joined us as Congaree Riverkeeper on an interim basis while we worked on building our organizational capacity. Stuart has done a great job responding to and investigating water pollution concerns and other river issues. Stuart has told us that he is now ready to move on, so he can travel, relax and enjoy retirement. We

## Calling All Photographers

We are looking for beautiful photos of our rivers to use in our newsletters. If interested in sharing your photos, send us an [email](#).



thank Stuart for his committed work for Congaree Riverkeeper! We are grateful that Stuart will remain our Riverkeeper until we find a new person, and then continue to help us as a volunteer for specific projects.

Congaree Riverkeeper offers a unique opportunity to a self-motivated, ambitious, creative, intellectually curious and articulate individual who is willing to dedicate his or her efforts to grow our organization into a forceful advocate for our rivers. We seek an applicant who is passionate about water quality protection, habitat protection and river recreation. Excellent communications (especially writing and public speaking), and interpersonal and organizational skills are required. Interest in and ability to learn and understand complex water quality laws and science, local politics and land use policies, and environmental advocacy strategies is required. Applicant must be willing and able to work 40 or more hours per week, and be available to work some evenings to attend Board meetings and public hearings. For our complete job announcement, go to our [website](#).

Please visit our website at <http://www.congareeriverkeeper.org>.  
Donate to our cause at <http://congareeriverkeeper.org/become-member-help-clean-our-waterways>.