

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.

Bates Old River at Congaree National Park

## River Watch

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Thank you to the Congaree Park HOA for their recent donation supporting Congaree Riverkeeper.

On February 13th DHEC held a public meeting to

### River Rocks Lineup

We're excited to announce the full lineup for this year's River Rocks Festival which will take place on Saturday, April 1st along the banks of the Congaree River next to Founders Park.

**Zach Deputy**  
**Josh Roberts & The Hinges**  
**Dangermuffin**  
**The Affectionates**  
**Prettier Than Matt**

You can find more information about the festival at [www.riverrocksfestival.com](http://www.riverrocksfestival.com) and you can see updates and RSVP to the [Facebook event here](#).

### The Latest Assaults on Environmental Regulations and Your Rights

discuss the Congaree Coal Tar issue. You can read about the meeting in these articles from [The State Newspaper](#) and [Midlands Anchor](#).

A big thanks to everyone involved with the Mardi Gras Columbia Festival and Krewe de Columbi-Ya-Ya which raised money for Congaree Riverkeeper this year. The event looked like a big success!

Help our friends at the Gills Creek Watershed Association [advocate for the Gills Creek Greenway](#).



Our environmental regulations and the tools we use to protect our rivers and our communities from pollution are facing some pretty serious threats at both the state and federal level right now.

There are two bills, [H.3565](#) and [S.105](#), currently making their way through the South Carolina State House that would eliminate the automatic stay, a critical tool for protecting our environment, our communities and individual property. These bills could come up for floor votes very soon.

At the national level it's almost hard to keep track of the onslaught of anti-environment actions. From the [recent proposal to slash EPA's budget to today's executive order seeking to undo the Clean Water Rule](#) it's clear this new administration is putting environmental protection in their crosshairs. Read Waterkeeper Alliance's response to what's being called the "Dirty Water Order" [here](#).

With all of this happening it's important to remember there are still things you can do to help. Contact your elected officials and make sure your voice is heard. Check out our [automatic-stay action alert](#) for tips on how to get involved at the state level. At the national level contact your US Senators and Representative and tell them the EPA and the Clean Water Rule are important to you.

Visit our website at <http://www.congareeriverkeeper.org>.  
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