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Riversweep to Clean Up Waterways Set for October 3
First year for a one-day community cleanup of Catawba-Wateree River Basin

Charlotte, N.C. – [Catawba Riversweep](#) is a community cleanup of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin that will take place rain or shine on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. This is the first year for organizations and volunteers from 26 counties across North and South Carolina to come together for a one-day cleanup of the waterways led by the [Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation](#).

“The communities of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin in both North and South Carolina have proven in the past that they have a commitment to cleaning their lakes, rivers, and creeks. We are excited to see the impact that they can have when they ALL take one morning out of their week and hit the waterways to remove trash,” said Catawba Riverkeeper Executive Director John Searby.

Over 1,300 volunteers have already registered for this event and the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation is hoping to draw more than 1,500. Online [registration](#) is available for both individuals and groups at [catawbariversweep.org](#). Pre-registration is an important step in social distancing and staffing all locations across 26 counties from Lake James to Lake Wateree. Boat owners are especially needed to help with hauling debris out of the waterways.

Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group, an organization of water utilities from North and South Carolina that works in cooperation with Duke Energy, is the presenting sponsor for the event. They are charged with creating innovative water resource management strategies to extend the water supply and protect the ecological integrity of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. Additional sponsorship comes from logistics partner CLT Toolbank and Recover Brands apparel.

Community partners with local organizing committees for Riversweep include Lake Wylie Marine Commission, Lake Wateree Association, and the Lake James Environmental Association. Other involvement comes from the City of Rock Hill, City of Hickory, Town of Cramerton, Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation, Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful, Keep Gaston Beautiful, Keep McDowell Beautiful, Palmetto Pride, Anne Springs Close Greenway, Carolina Thread Trail, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Stormwater, and individual members of the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group.

Riversweep began in 2002 with a dedicated group of volunteers on Lake Wylie. Since then, dozens of other groups have followed in their footsteps holding their own community river sweeps. On Oct. 3, these organizations will come together for one day to clean up the trash and debris from the river, lakes, creeks and streams.

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Find more information about Riversweep and the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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