

## Florence County gets grant to remove debris from Lynchs River waterway

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Florence County, S.C. (WPDE) — Florence County received a \$68,200 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to continue its commitment to protecting and enhancing regional waterways and the environment, according to a news release.

The money will go toward the Lynches River Boat and Kayak Access Project, the release stated.

That project will "provide access to areas along the Lynches River in Florence County, South Carolina currently inaccessible to boaters and kayakers due to debris. The grant funds will be used to open access in four priority areas: the Kayak area/Lynches River County Park, Indigo Landing to Venters Landing, Lynches River north end Snows Island to Snow Lake Landing and the removal of a tree north of Indigo Landing."

Right now, these areas "prohibit use of the river as it was intended and makes contiguous travel down the beautiful waterway impossible. The debris caused loss of access, creating an adverse effect on recreation, tourism and business along the river. Citizens and tourists will benefit greatly from this project."



Florence County is one of 16 organizations across North and South Carolina to collectively receive more than \$1.2 million in the seventh grant announcement.

[The Water Resources Fund](#) is a multi-year commitment that will leave a legacy of improved water quality, quantity and conservation in the Carolinas and neighboring regions.

“This grant will help us better serve our community for years to come,” said K.G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator, Florence County. “We thank Duke Energy for its support and are eager to launch this project so that we can continue serving our local waterways.”

“Duke Energy is dedicated to protecting and restoring the rivers and waterways that power our regional economies,” said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, president of Duke Energy in South Carolina. “We look forward to our partnership with Florence County and the impact this project will have in the region.”