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The South Carolina Department of Transportation cleared about half of the area. [NEWT HARDIE]

Trees Coalition finishes work along I-26 interchange

From staff reports

The **Trees Coalition** recently finished clean up efforts in the four quadrants of the Interstate 26 and Highway 29 interchange in Spartanburg County.

Some of the areas required a great deal of work, but the group was able to get the work done.

The Trees Coalition's main focus is to teach how to maintain areas, it does

not plant trees in new spaces. Work conducted by the Trees Coalition includes removing invasive vines such as kudzu and wisteria, invasive trees such as Tree of Heaven and mimosa, and invasive shrubs such as privet and *Elaeagnus* — all of which damage or stress native trees. Often pruning and mulching can help the trees as well.

The Trees Coalition is an expansion of the Kudzu

Coalition, a group that pioneered herbicide-free kudzu removal. It is a mix of volunteers and paid landscapers who train and work alongside neighborhoods, churches and businesses to provide help in caring for their trees.

Volunteers are always needed to help with various parts of the group's mission. For more information, call 864-582-0990 or visit treescoalition.org.