

Trees Coalition Report Card

November 2014 through October 2015

Education

- Conducted neighborhood “trees parties” with on-site education about invasives & tree care
- Provided materials & instruction about non-native invasive vines & plants which harm native trees
- Helped start & supported Clemson Extension’s new Certified Tree Steward Course
- Distributed educational brochures about tree selection, planting, mulching, etc.
- Put on classes for students in various schools with hands-on training outdoors
- Held “Invasives Take-down” events (Bad guy identification & removal on private property)
- Maintained and improved web sites: www.kokudzu.com & www.TreesCoalition.org
- Mailed informational communications to 1,700 community leaders

Engagement—68 pro-active connections regarding invasives removal and tree care

- Thirteen **nature groups** (Clemson Ext., Conservation Partners, Hatcher Gardens, Master Gardeners, Men’s Garden Club, Noble Tree, PAL, Palmetto Conservation, Peter’s Creek Preserve, SMGC, SPACE, Tyger River, Upstate Forever)
- Twelve **neighborhoods** (Camelot, Converse Heights, Duncan Park, Four Mile Branch, Hampton Heights, Highlands, Hillbrook, Northside, Oak Creek, Park Hills, Saranac, Woodland Heights)
- Twelve **community** organizations (County Found., Garden Council, Habitat, Hub-Bub, Humane Society, League of Women, Mary Black Found. Pride Task Force, Roebuck Imp. Ass., Walnut Grove, United Way)
- Twelve **businesses** (Bull Hogs, Carolina Farm, Dunbar Funeral, Duke Energy, ECO Realty, Floyd Mortuary, Irwin Ace, Pacolet Milliken, Riverside Nursery, Vintage Warehouse, Wakefield, B. Womick)
- Eight **schools & colleges** (Broome, District 7, McCracken, Spartanburg High, Spartanburg Day, USC-U, SCC, Wofford)
- Six **trails** (Butterfly Branch, Glendale Shoals, Pacolet Milliken, Rail Trail, River Birch, Cottonwood)
- Three **city/government** groups (City of Spartanburg, County, DOT)
- Two **churches** (Central United Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian)

Enhancement--actual hands-on work

- 6 Removed kudzu plants along the six trails named above.
- 15 Helped MGC replace 15 cherry trees on South Pine Street with MGC (52 previous winter)
- 100+ Cleared trees of Wisteria (Camelot Nhd., Hatcher Garden, Duncan Park, Northside, etc.)
- 147 Removed kudzu and other invasives from a total of 147 sites.
- 267 Mulched trees on South Pine Street with city & MGC help.
- 300+ Cared for trees on dozens of city streets such as: East Main St., Daniel Morgan Ave., East, South, & North Park Dr., South & North Pine St., Woodburn Road, etc.
- 400+ Helped MGC mulch & prune MGC trees along Highway 221
- 500+ Removed non-native invasive/trash trees along Mary Black Rail Trail
- 750+ Cleared trees cleared of English ivy in more than a dozen locations. (Hatcher Garden, etc.)
- 23,000+ Killed kudzu plants at 117 sites, of which 36 have complete eradication—“kudzu free”
- 29,000+ Removed privet stems in more than a dozen locations. (Glendale Shoals, Rail Trail, etc.)
- Countless Removed other alien shrubs, vines, and trees along six trails listed above

<u>Effectiveness measures</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Major items</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015(est.)</u>
Donors	71	110	Donations	\$ 26,569	\$44,600
Contracted hours	1,500	2,400	Contracted labor cost	15,536	28,800
Volunteer hours	3,500	3,600	Contracted Bobcat cost	1,971	5,800

Progress, yes. However, this is only 6 to 8% of what is needed in Spartanburg County.
If your favorite organization, neighborhood, or trail is not listed, call 582-0990 and let’s talk.