



2020 NATURE GRANTS | SOUTH CAROLINA

The Duke Energy Foundation recently awarded more than \$350,000 in grants to South Carolina organizations that will fund environmental projects, wildlife conservation efforts and environmental educational programs across the state.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Counties Served</u>
Anderson County	Support the installation of an ADA-accessible kayak launch and landing at Dolly Cooper Park.	Anderson
Audubon Society	Support adding wildlife tracking towers in the Upstate to introduce the joy of birds, science and the outdoors to diverse groups.	Greenville
Beautiful Places Alliance	Create a virtual reality canoe ride of the endangered spider lilies at Landsford Canal State Park.	Chester
Carolina Thread Trail	Complete the S.C. portion of a 140-mile, cross-state segment of trail that connects Statesville, N.C., to Great Falls, S.C.	Lancaster Chester
Clemson University Foundation	Supports the Nature as Teacher outdoor education programs.	Kershaw
Environmental Education Association of South Carolina	Grant will allow 15 educator scholarships to attend event featuring a research symposium, education sessions, workshops, field trips and networking opportunities.	Statewide

Kalmia Gardens	Support an augmented reality Topo Box that will teach various properties of topography, hydrology and land management.	Darlington
S.C. Aquarium	Will expand plastic pollution prevention program into the Upstate through two-part plastic pollution workshop series.	Greenville Spartanburg
S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control	Support the Adopt-a-Stream Program, a volunteer water quality monitoring program that certifies citizens to monitor streams across the state.	Oconee
S.C. Tree Farm Committee	Support an effort to plant 1 million trees – assisted by students from every school in the state, volunteers, counties, cities and private sector partners.	Statewide
Trees Upstate	Continue support of the Energy Saving Trees program that gives out free trees and information on how and where to plant them.	Greenville Spartanburg Pickens Oconee

2020 PARKS AND TRAILS GRANTS | SOUTH CAROLINA

As a result of increased usage during the pandemic, a large portion of the funding also went to 22 qualified nonprofit and government entities that received up to \$10,000 for funding of projects such as trail upkeep and maintenance; park beautification; and safety enhancements.

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City of Simpsonville	Create native species garden at entrance to Simpsonville City Park.	Greenville
City of Travelers Rest	Enhance the Swamp Rabbit Trail.	Greenville
San Souci Neighborhood Alliance	Completion of Sans Souci Parklet and improvement to the existing connector trail.	Greenville
Partners for Active Living	Improve accessibility to River Birch Trail.	Spartanburg
Beautiful Places Alliance	Carrick Creek Trail Extension Project.	Greenville Pickens

Greenwood County	Provide a safe walking path for all visitors to Young Park.	Greenwood
Laurens County Trail Association	Create a botanical trail connecting to the Swamp Rabbit Trail.	Laurens
Friends of the Green Crescent	Create a pump track at Clemson Park.	Pickens
Foothills Trail Conservancy	Assist with upkeep of the Foothills Trail.	Oconee
Chau Ram County Park	Overhaul a path leading to a picnic shelter which will protect the soil, new stream heads and increase mobility.	Oconee
Friends of Saddlers Creek	Funds will support building a 7-mile perimeter trail.	Anderson
City of Chester	Clear out the nature fitness trail and update exercise signage.	Chester
Town of Clover	Improve access to the trails at Clover Community Park and New Centre Park.	York
City of Dillon	Will add 7 pieces of outdoor exercise equipment to the wellness center walking trail.	Dillon
Town of McBee	Enhance the beautification of the asphalt walking trail located within the McBee Recreation Complex.	Chesterfield
Town of Cheraw	Enhance Arrowhead Park by adding additional amenities to its walking trail/park area.	Chesterfield
Town of Greeleyville	Project will provide landscaping improvements at both town parks and add benches for park beautification.	Williamsburg
Kalmia Gardens	Improve the boardwalk near the regenerative stormwater conveyance system.	Darlington
City of Florence	Extension of boardwalk and installation of partially covered platform within the Jeffries Creek ecosystem.	Florence

Florence County

Provide outdoor exercise equipment and recycled rubber surface at the Lake City Park.

Florence

City of Bishopville

Provide trees and safety enhancements at two city parks.

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Historic Camden Foundation

Upkeep, maintenance and ADA safety enhancements for main campus walking trails.

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