



Renewable Water Resources Water Discovery Lab: Protecting the Upstate's Most Valuable Resource

Renewable Water Resources (ReWa), the non-profit entity responsible for providing regional wastewater services in the Upstate, takes its role as one of the Upstate's primary environmental stewards very seriously. Each day, we clean and return more than 40 million gallons of wastewater into our area's rivers and streams, ensuring their safety and beauty. More importantly, our efforts guarantee water quality for those who live downstream on the Enoree, Saluda and Reedy Rivers, with more than 90 percent of these rivers' downstream flow comprised of ReWa's effluent.

We know there is no room for error or compromise. That's why we employ cutting-edge technology, advanced employee training and stringent measurement protocols, while focusing on continuous improvement. We also understand that everyone can play a role in protecting our waterways, so we work diligently to educate the public on what they can do – or should avoid doing – to share in our stewardship.

An active working lab serving our entire service area, the new Water Discovery Lab is the result of our razor-focus on protecting our most valuable resource for years to come. The introduction of this lab also coincides with the ten-year anniversary of ReWa's name change from Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority to Renewable Water Resources.

Built on existing ReWa land adjacent to the Swamp Rabbit Trail and constructed by repurposing and “upcycling” a previously abandoned building, the new lab is the ultimate sustainable facility. ReWa's investment in the on-site laboratories and scientific amenities ensure that we are making every effort and investing heavily in technology to guarantee clean, pure water for residents throughout South Carolina.

The facility is also intended to be an educational and community gathering space. Through interactive exhibits, visitors can learn about the water treatment process, measurement and testing, best practices, research partnerships, EPA regulations and what they can do to help. The lab also includes community meeting rooms and common spaces that can be used by local organizations and groups.

In keeping with its core values of transparency, partnership and education, ReWa welcomes schools, civic groups and others to tour the facility.

For more information on visiting the facility or to schedule a tour or book a room, please call 864-299-4000.

**About Renewable Water Resources (ReWa)**

Since 1925, Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) has been committed to providing high quality wastewater treatment services to the Upstate of South Carolina while promoting a cleaner environment, protecting the public health and water quality of the Upstate waterways, and developing the necessary sewer infrastructure to sustain our community and growing economy.

With nine water resource recovery facilities and 352 miles of pipe, we serve a broad geographic area, including Greenville County and portions of Anderson, Laurens, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties up to the North Carolina border. Each day an estimated 42 million gallons of water passes through our trunk lines and reclamation facilities before being cleaned and returned to our area rivers and streams. To learn more about ReWa, visit www.rewaonline.org.

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