

**Upstate River Among 'Most Endangered'**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** -- An environment advocacy group says high levels of phosphorus and sediment have led it to name South Carolina's Saluda River as the sixth most endangered river in the nation.



Saluda River at Ware Shoals

The State of Columbia reports that the group American Rivers blames phosphorus discharges from wastewater plans and sediment runoff from the development of former timberland for the river's problems.

The report calls for local governments to do a better job of regulating development, such as requiring more open space in subdivisions and more vegetation alongside streams.

John Tynan, of Upstate Forever, said, "Unless lake phosphorous levels decline significantly, widespread loss of recreational opportunities, declines in lakeshore and riverfront property values, and increased occurrences of

fish kills can be expected."

The Saluda River begins in the mountains near Greenville and runs toward Columbia, where it joins the Broad River.

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