



## Environmental Contributions

As the owner of many acres of land in South Carolina, SCE&G considers itself a guardian of our community's natural resources. That's why much of our focus is on improving the quality of life in the communities where our customers and employees work and live. These are just a few of our endeavors:

### Land

- SCE&G has donated thousands of acres in South Carolina for public use, including the renowned Riverbanks Zoo and the Saluda Shoals Park on the Lower Saluda River.
- The company has also donated conservation easements to acreage around South Carolina, including 400 acres along the Edisto River, 660 acres on Congaree Creek, 65 acres of scenic river easements along the Saluda River and 89 acres along the Savannah River.
- To nurture the forests that surround us, our forest management activities cover approximately 41,000 acres. SCE&G employs professional foresters to manage the re-planting of between 300 to 400 acres each year and voluntarily observes "best management" forestry practices.
- SCE&G works with the Department of Natural Resources and other lake interest groups to improve the appearance of the Lake Murray shoreline. The Lake Murray Shoreline Habitat Enhancement Project was designed to re-establish shoreline vegetation, protect water quality and provide improved habitat for fish and other wildlife.

### Air

- SCE&G has spent millions of dollars over the last two decades improving air quality surrounding our power plants. New technologies work to clean emissions before they leave our coal-burning plants and enter the atmosphere.
- In 1997, SCE&G entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Energy to reduce greenhouse gases by 2,000,000 tons from its projected emissions by 2000. SCE&G exceeded this goal by over 60,000 tons in the first year of the program.

### Water

- SCE&G monitors water quality in all bodies of water impacted by our facilities and engage in ongoing studies that are focused on the health of aquatic life.

### Wildlife

- We realize that as a private landowner that we have an obligation to help preserve, protect and perpetuate wildlife. Therefore, we are engaged in a number of activities related to wildlife habitat management, conservation and development. Laws and regulations don't require us to do this, but we believe it to be the right thing to do.

For more information on SCE&G's commitment to the environment, visit <http://www.sceg.com/en/my-community/environment/>.