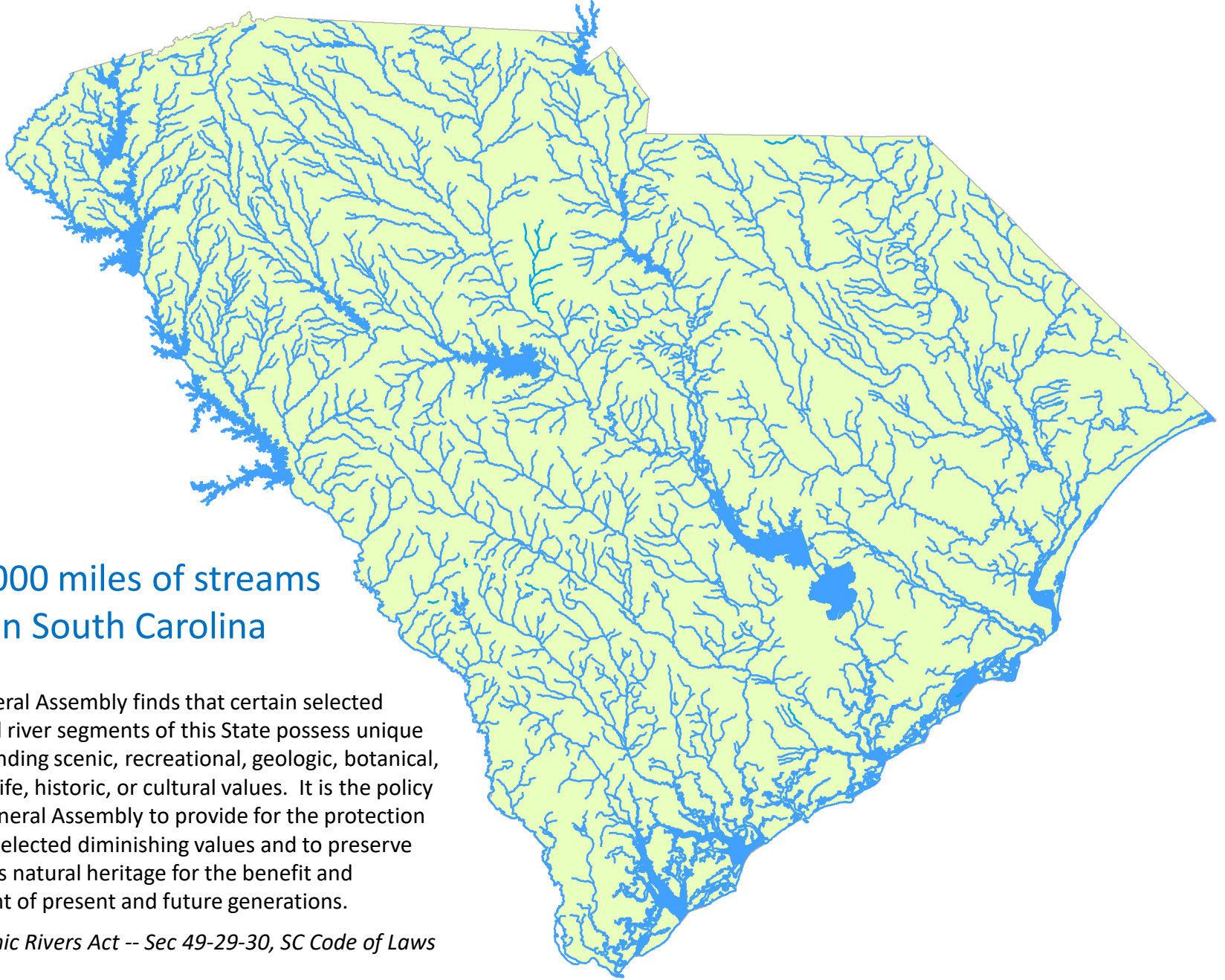




Broad Scenic River Project

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30,000 miles of streams in South Carolina

The General Assembly finds that certain selected rivers and river segments of this State possess unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic, or cultural values. It is the policy of the General Assembly to provide for the protection of these selected diminishing values and to preserve the state's natural heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

- S.C. Scenic Rivers Act -- Sec 49-29-30, SC Code of Laws

S.C. Scenic Rivers Act

Provisions & Directives of the Act:

- State Scenic Rivers Program -- SCNDR as management agency
- Inventory and study of rivers -- identify rivers with unique or outstanding values
- Designation of scenic rivers – eligibility study, public meetings, agency approvals, and legislation
- Advisory councils – assist and advise DNR on protection and management of designated scenic rivers
- River management plans
- Riparian land acquisition -- tax incentives for land donations
- The provisions "compliment and are part of the State Water Plan"

State Scenic Rivers Program

Purpose -- S.C. Scenic Rivers Act:

- Protect unique, outstanding resource values of S.C. rivers -- scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic, and cultural

Approach:

- Non-regulatory. Community-based partnerships for river conservation & stewardship
- Advisory councils & management plans
- Tax incentives for land donations (fee simple or easements)

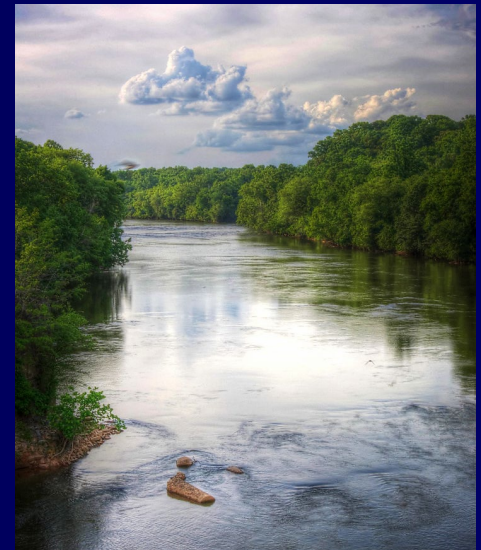
Project areas:

- Designated State Scenic Rivers
- River Corridor & Watershed Planning areas

State Scenic Rivers Program

Program Results:

- Inventory & study – S.C. Rivers Assessment
- Designations – 10 State Scenic Rivers
 - Eligible but not designated – Congaree, Little Pee Dee, Edisto, Whitewater and Thompson
 - Unfulfilled Scenic River Requests – at least 5 rivers
- River corridor & watershed plans
 - Lower Saluda, Catawba, Edisto, and Reedy
- Project-level actions and outcomes by DNR & partners



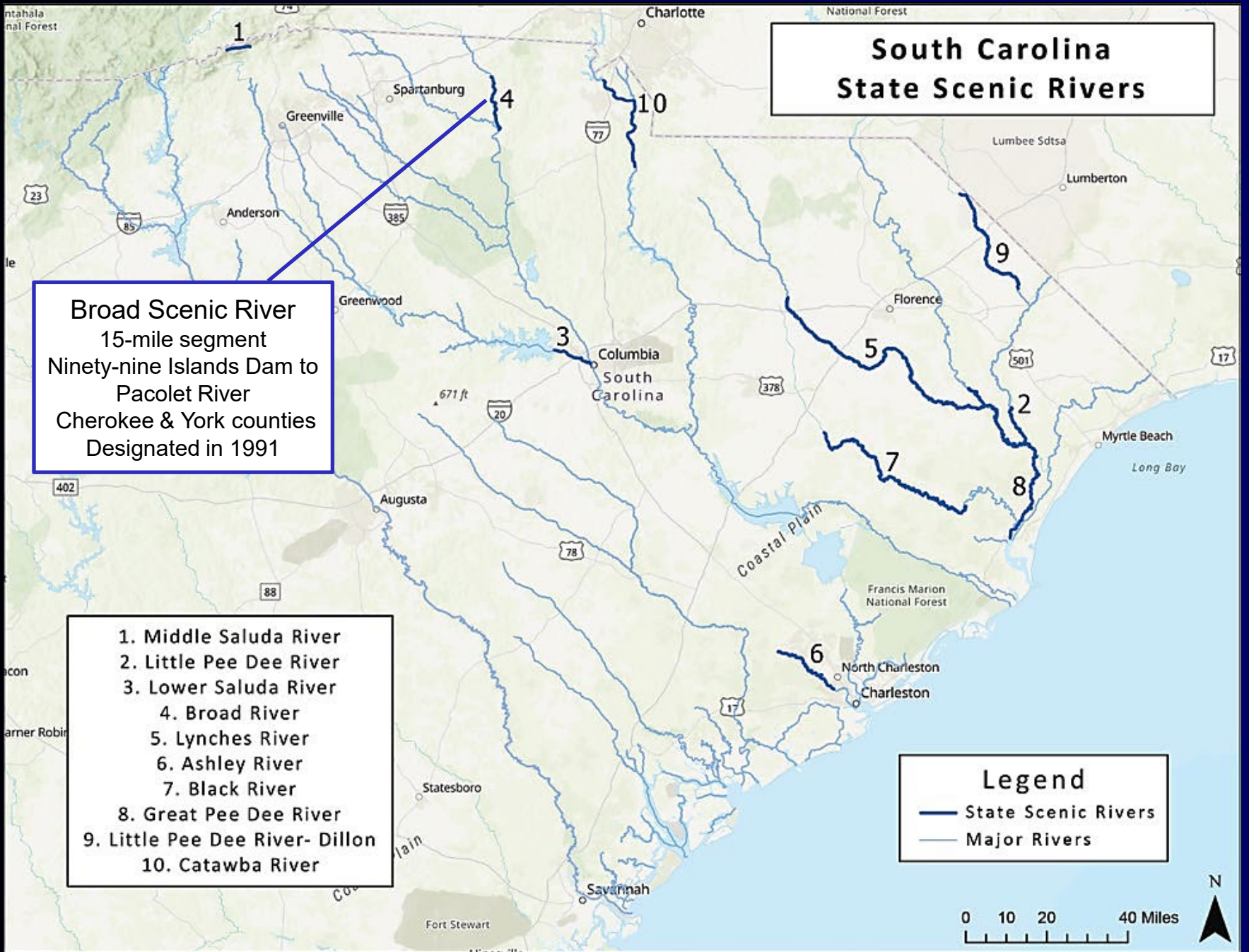
South Carolina State Scenic Rivers

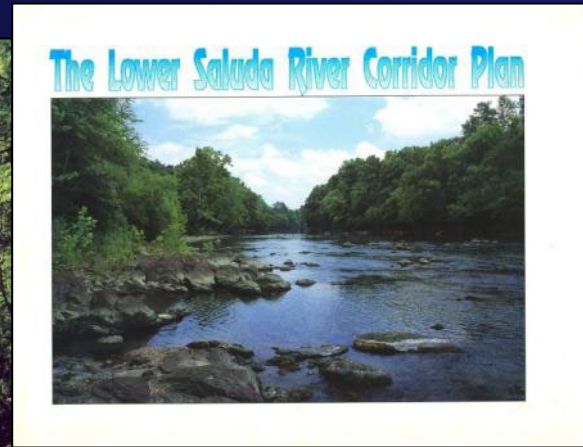
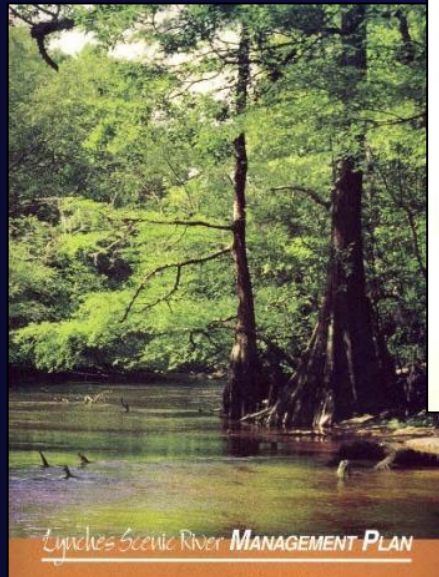
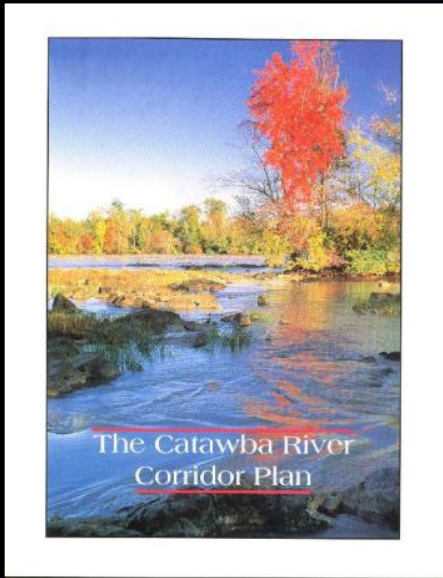
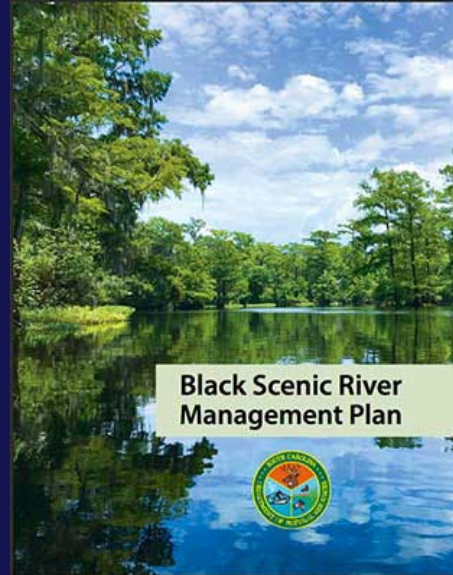
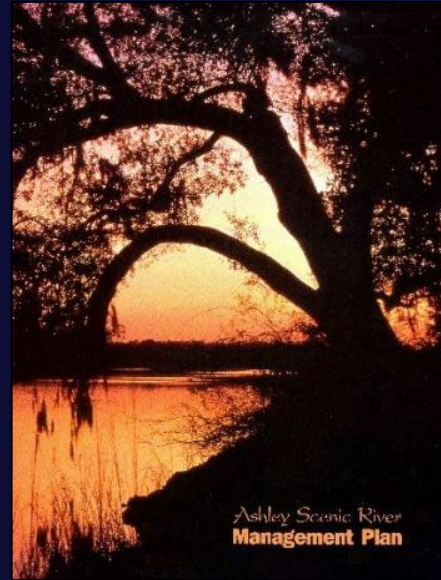
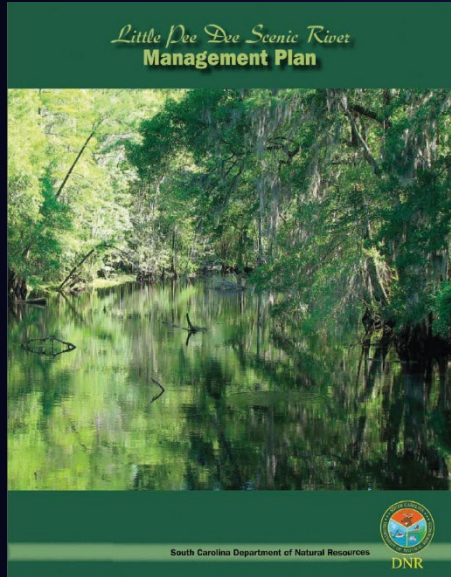
Broad Scenic River
15-mile segment
Ninety-nine Islands Dam to
Pacolet River
Cherokee & York counties
Designated in 1991

- 1. Middle Saluda River
- 2. Little Pee Dee River
- 3. Lower Saluda River
- 4. Broad River
- 5. Lynches River
- 6. Ashley River
- 7. Black River
- 8. Great Pee Dee River
- 9. Little Pee Dee River- Dillon
- 10. Catawba River

Legend

-  State Scenic Rivers
-  Major Rivers

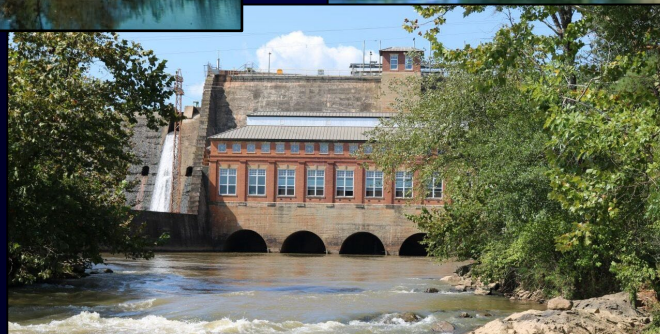




Broad Scenic River

Outstanding river values:

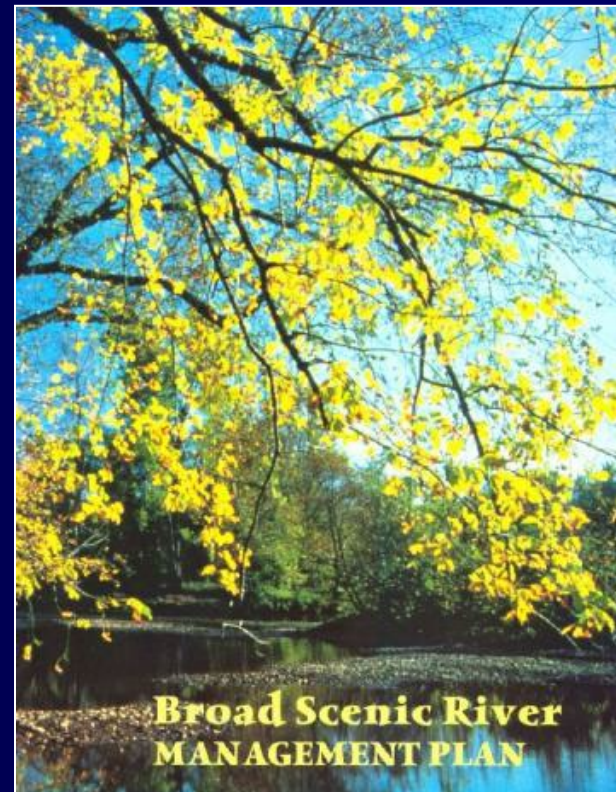
- Inland fisheries
- Recreational fishing
- Wildlife habitat
- Historical-cultural



Broad Scenic River Management Plan

River Issues (2003):

- Land management & development
- Fish & wildlife resources
- Water quality
- Recreational use & access
- Cultural resources
- Safety & law enforcement



State Scenic River Projects

Project-level actions & outcomes:

- Engage with public permitting and local planning
- Corridor plans to enhance public recreational access
- Landowner technical assistance, workshops, BMPs
- River festivals, outreach-edu, field trips
- River safety awareness and law enforcement
- Water trails & trail guides
- Land protection
- Volunteer monitoring of water quality
- Trash cleanups

*South Carolina Rivers -
Treasures from mountains to sea*



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