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County Employees Participate in Cleanup Day on Highway 170

More than 70 Beaufort County employees from several departments recently spent an afternoon this week working under the direction of Public Works Director Dave Wilhelm picking up trash on Highway 170 from the Broad River Bridge to McGarvey's Corner (Highway 278) - a span of about 12 miles [\[photos\]](#).

"We had an enthusiastic response from County employees," said Wilhelm. "We live in this beautiful community and see the same litter as everyone else, so it's important to set a good example and take the lead in taking care of Beaufort County. I'm really pleased at the results and want to say thank you to all who showed up to help."

In one day, employees filled 382 bags of litter averaging 20 pounds of trash per bag - a total of approximately 7,640 pounds or 3.82 tons of litter. In addition to regular roadside trash, County employees picked up three TVs, several plastic 55 gallon drums and 5 gallon buckets, pieces of plywood and other construction lumber and a handful of A/C filters. A boat and trailer abandoned near Lemon Island were hauled away as well.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for our employees to give back to the community," said Interim County Administrator Josh Gruber. "You don't work in county government if you don't care about the community you live in. This was an outward way to show how much we care about Beaufort County."

To help fight the County's litter problem contact Keep Beaufort County Beautiful at 843-255-2734 or visit the County's website [here](#) for more information. Watch a brief video from County Cleanup Day [here](#).

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