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Duke Energy employee volunteers Ron Saleeby, Jeff King, Brett Garrison and Jack Hudish work with Friends of Lake Keowee Society volunteers to assemble and install a fish attractor under a nearby fishing pier on Lake Keowee.

Lending a helping hand

Duke volunteers help with Keowee litter pickup effort

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SENECA — Duke Energy volunteers recently participated in a company-sponsored litter pickup along the shorelines of Lake Keowee.

According to Duke Energy communications consultant Mikayla Kreuzberger, 30 volunteers participated and 20 bags of trash were collected.

“Duke Energy is committed to protecting the environment by managing wildlife programs and enhancing natural resources, especially water and air,” she said. “We encourage our employees to engage in volunteer efforts

that focus on these priorities.”

As part of the cleanup effort, the Duke Energy Foundation awarded a \$500 grant to Friends of Lake Keowee Society (FOLKS) on behalf of the Duke Energy volunteers, and volunteers also helped FOLKS members place fish attractors under a Lake Keowee fishing pier.

FOLKS board member Carl Dunn said the group has placed fish attractors under the fishing piers at South Cove Park, High Falls Park and at the Duke Energy Nuclear Center.

“The fish attractors are like little plastic trees that you put together,” he said. “You place them under water and it creates shelter for the fish. It grows organisms, as any surface in the water does, that the small fish feed on and the bigger fish come around to feed on the little fish, so it adds to the ecosystem and its capabilities.”