



Sumter County Litter Program

SCAC Summer Conference 2026



Agenda

1. Funding
2. Organization Structure
3. Program of Work
4. Q&A

Funding

- 2022 County Council approved 1 mill of tax annually to fund the County Litter Division. Then (\$318,100) - Now (\$386,183)
- Council annually approves a Litter operating budget within the County Public Works Department.
- Grants
- Litter Budget includes:
 - (2) Full Time Class I Litter Officers
 - Litter Contract Clean Ups
 - Marketing / Educational Budget
 - Equipment and Operating Supplies



Organizational Structure



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**County Division (Under Public Works)
City Codes Enforcement**

Sumter Litter Advisory Board (*Bi-Monthly Meetings)

(3) County Community Appointments

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(1) Economic Development Dept. Appointment

(1) Chamber of Commerce Appointment

(1) SCDOT Appointment

(1) County Litter Officer

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(4) Ex-Officio Members

County Councilman

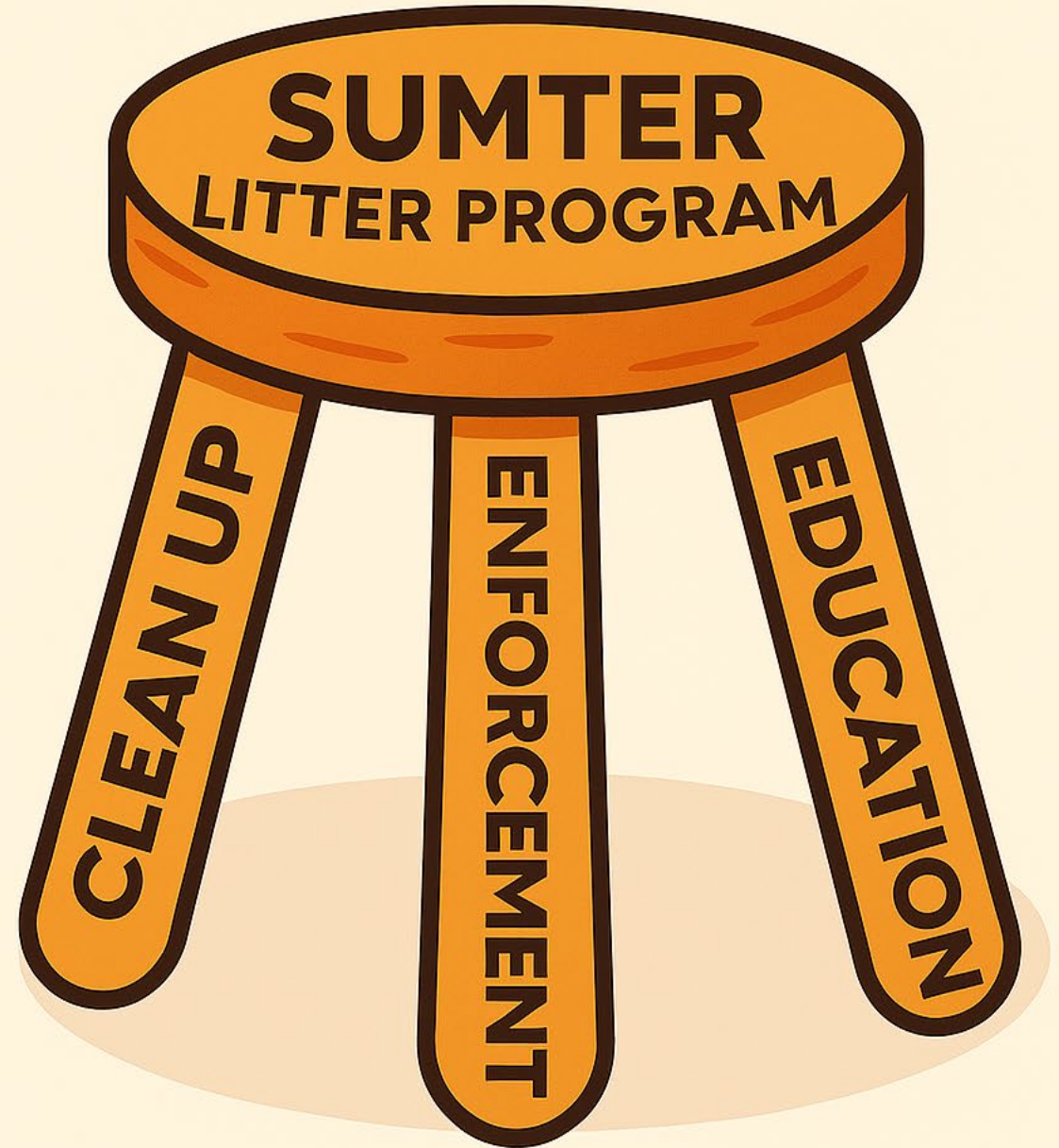
County Administrator

City Councilman

City Manager



3-Legged Stool Approach



Stool Leg #1: CLEAN UP





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Year	Pounds of Trash Removed
2024	124,630 lbs
2025	126,512 lbs
2026*	197,399 lbs

* Year to Date

Stool Leg #2 Enforcement



Stool Leg #2: Enforcement

Year	Fine Amounts
2024	\$132,854
2025	\$81,438
2026	\$68,651*

* Year to Date

Stool Leg #2: Enforcement

Key Accomplishments (by year 2026)

- ✓ Illegal Dumping reduced **68%**
- ✓ Warnings reduced **81%**
- ✓ Arrests reduced **93%**
- ✓ Nearly **200,000 pounds** of trash removed in 2026

Stool Leg #3: Education



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“Stash the Trash”



Stool Leg #3: Education

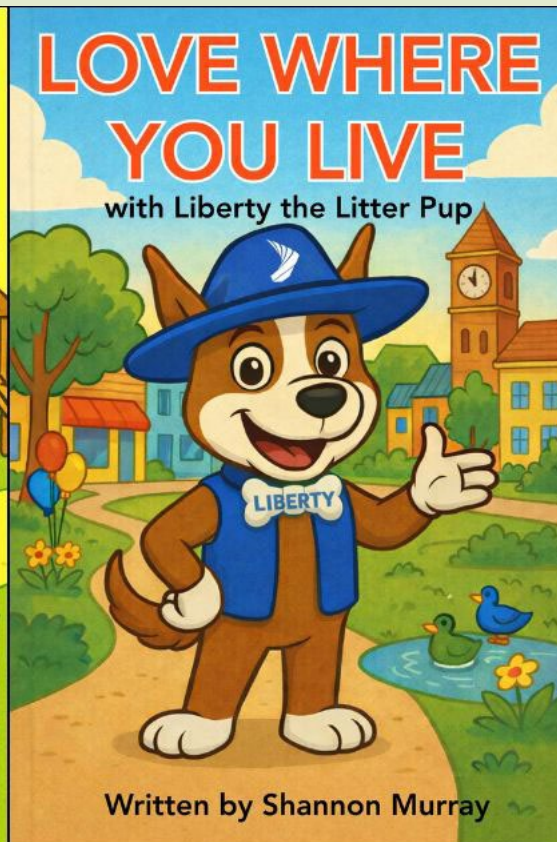
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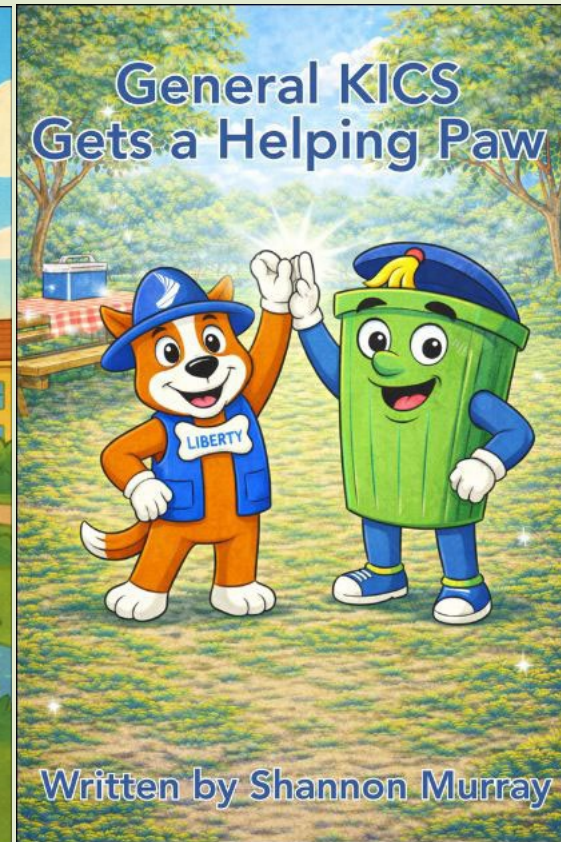
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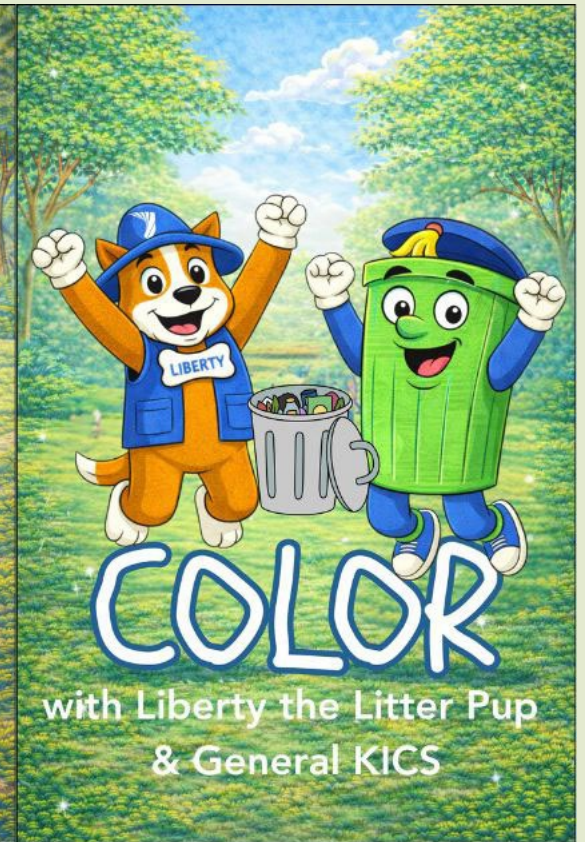
2nd GRADE



3rd GRADE



4th GRADE



1st GRADE

Stool Leg #3: Education



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Liberty the Litter Pup and General KICS need YOUR help to keep Sumter clean and beautiful. Color each page and learn how kids can help keep parks and neighborhoods clean for everyone.

Because when we work together, we can:

Keep It Clean, Sumter!
and
Love Where You Live!



WM

Meet Liberty the Litter Pup, Sumter's cheerful four-legged friend with a wagging tail and a big heart for his hometown!

In Love Where You Live, Liberty the Litter Pup trots through neighborhoods, parks, and the town square, reminding everyone that keeping our community clean makes it a brighter, happier place to live. From picking up wrappers to cheering on community cleanups, Liberty the Litter Pup shows how small actions can make a big difference.

With colorful illustrations, joyful characters, and a message of pride and care, this story will inspire children to take part in keeping their own neighborhoods beautiful.

Because when we all pitch in, we show just how much we truly love where we live!



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Join General KICS, Liberty the Litter Pup, and the Cleanup Crew as they discover the power of teamwork, responsibility, and community pride. When litter threatens to take over their town, this cheerful group steps in to keep Sumter sparkling clean. With fun adventures, a lovable mascot, and a message every child can understand, this story inspires young readers to protect the world around them, one piece of trash at a time!



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Stool Leg #3: Education



Statistical Results:

Metric	2024	2025	2026*
Litter Pickups	31	44	34
School Visits	11	15	15
Camp Visits	12	13	6
Contractor Miles for Litter Clean Up	227	210	272

* Year to Date

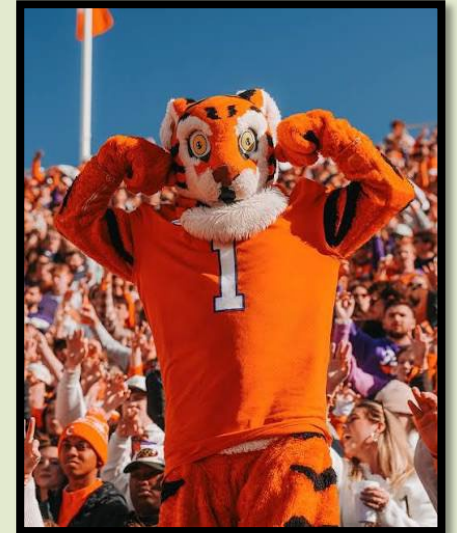
Stool Leg #3: Education - MASCOTS



COCKY



Gen. KICS



**Tony the
TIGER
HE'S GrrrEAT..**

Conclusion:

“The environment is where we all meet; where we all have mutual interest”.

Lady Bird Johnson

First Lady- Well know Environmentalist

Questions:

