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Augusta Mayor Davis and North Augusta Mayor Williams kick off Trash Bash at the Border Challenge

AUGUSTA, Ga. (Aug. 16, 2021) – Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. and North Augusta Mayor Briton Williams have officially challenged one another over which city can turn out the most volunteers and clean up the most trash in an event to raise awareness about litter, illegal dumping in and near the Savannah River.

The neighboring cities will go head-to-head in the inaugural Trash Bash at the Border Challenge on Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. Volunteers will compete for the most impactful cleanup measured by volunteer turnout, total amount of debris collected, tires and recycling materials removed, and the most unusual littered item found. Projects include cleanups by land and by water with kayaks and motorized boats.

North Augusta volunteers will meet at the North Augusta Riverfront Amphitheater and volunteers from the City of Augusta will gather at the Jessye Norman Amphitheater at the Augusta Riverwalk.

The Mayor with the least amount of volunteers will have to wear the opposing team's shirt and present winning Mayor with the Mayor's Cup at their city council or commission meeting.

"Great things can be accomplished when we work together and, although this is a competition, the City of Augusta is proud to team up with North Augusta and our community partners to keep the Savannah River beautiful," said Mayor Davis. "The residents of Augusta take pride in the Savannah River, and I have no doubt we will have a great turnout so we can take home the trophy."

Mayor Williams shared similar sentiments.

"The Trash Bash at the Border will not only help to ensure our riverbanks on the Savannah stay litter free, but it is a collaborative effort that brings both communities together. With that being said, I do look forward to Mayor Davis presenting me the Mayor's Cup at our North Augusta City Council Meeting at a future date," said Mayor Williams.

This event is open to the public, and those interested in participating can register here:

[GA team](#) | [SC team](#)

This event was developed through a partnership between Keep Augusta Beautiful and Keep Aiken County Beautiful, affiliates of Keep America Beautiful dedicated to ending litter and



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beautifying communities in the Augusta area. Other community partners include Augusta Parks & Recreation Department, the Richmond County Marshal's Office, Palmetto Pride, Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, Augusta University, and the Savannah River Keeper.

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