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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## **Shining example for others**

Environmental problems often seem so daunting that we hesitate to address them, whether on a local or global scale. As Earth Day (April 22) approaches, I want to point to the example of a group in Spartanburg that is dedicated to improving and beautifying our community.

Specifically, the members of the Trees Coalition have done a remarkable job removing invasive kudzu from many prominent spots in town and have also helped our neighborhoods to take care of our streets' trees.

On a recent Saturday morning, several members of the Trees Coalition, including Andre Anderson, Charlie Covert, Newt Hardie, Jimmy Kelly, Gill Newberry, Paul Savko, Buddy Woods and Peggy Wilson, helped a group of enthusiastic University of South Carolina Upstate students make substantial progress on eradicating kudzu from the nature area on campus.

I am appreciative of the leadership, expertise, equipment and hard work they provided, and I hope their example will lead others to join them or to find another Earth Day project worth pursuing.

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