

**Problem Statement:**

Columbia faces an overwhelming litter problem that not only diminishes the beauty of the city and campus but also poses significant environmental risks to the local area, the region, and the world at large.

**How did the idea come about?**

Walking to class each day it's hard not to notice the abundance of litter scattered on the sides of streets. Columbia is a wonderful city that has a haze of litter clouding it from its potential beauty.

**Environmental Risks:**

Not only can litter pollute the soil here in Columbia, but litter can also drive animals out of their habitats, confuse wildlife into thinking plastic is food, and choke out precious plant life.

**Green Initiative:**

By working towards a cleaner metropolitan area we are effectively taking on a green initiative, that will work towards improving the community livability here in the capital city.

**Campus Benefits:**

The University of South Carolina is a vital part of the overall community of Columbia. By taking on the problem of cleaning up the city litter, we will increase the school spirit on campus.