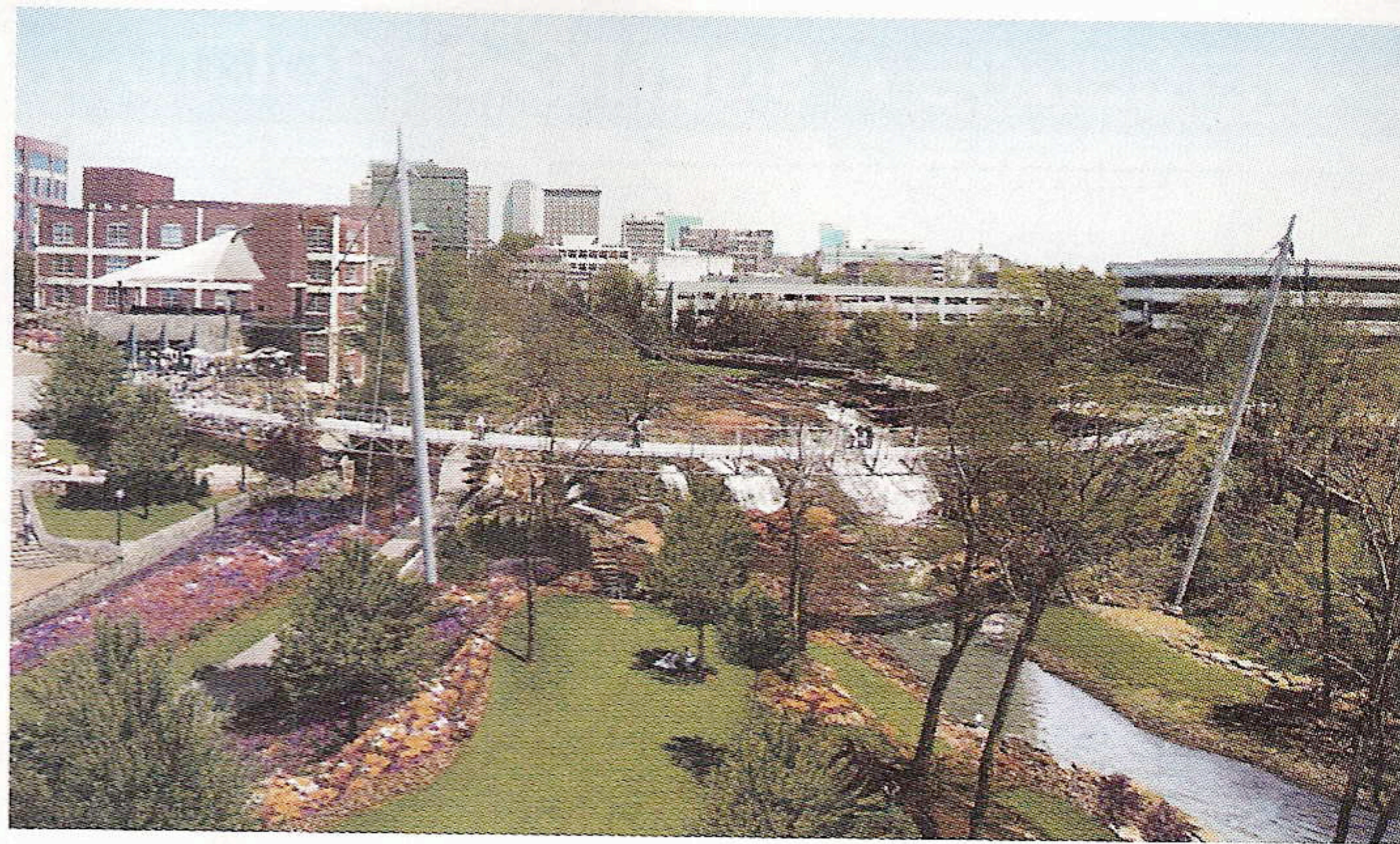


## A COLORFUL BLEND IN GREENVILLE



**G**reenville, SC, has found a way to blend its colorful and historic past with modern life attractions and is a popular site for movies, sports car building and up-scale festivals.

Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the western part of the state, the Greenville area—with a backdrop of colorful fall leaves—has many outdoor fall activities to entertain all ages and interests.

A revitalized tree-lined downtown Main Street includes walking areas, restaurants with outdoor seating, and 50-plus stores, including larger department stores, trendy boutiques and restaurants.

Mast General Store, restored to 1920s elegance, shows historic flair with old-time novelties and unique lines of cloth-

ing, tools, gardening, candy and food, rail and travel and pet supplies.

Downtown visitors can look around the picturesque Greenville, Spartanburg, and Anderson metro area from the 60-foot high Liberty Bridge, a 355-foot long suspension bridge over Reedy River Falls.

The city was a recent stop for Hollywood filmmakers filming “Leatherheads” with Renee Zellweger and George Clooney.

Euphoria, A Southern Exposure, a four-day food, wine and music festival Sept. 11–14, features chefs from around the nation with food tasting, cooking demonstrations, wine seminars, dinners and concerts. Sponsored by Local Boys Do Good, a not-for-profit group

started by local musician Edwin McCain and restaurant owner Carl Sobocinski of the Court Square Restaurant Group, it attracts many visitors from the Southeast. The fundraiser helps local organizations provide food relief, assist children or promote education and the arts.

“Entertainers and chefs love being around each other, so we thought we’d bring the two together,” said Sobocinski, citing the popularity of TV cooking competitions and reality shows. “We invited headliner chefs who are passionate, innovative and have an interest in sustainability.”

### Culinary Delight

Cooking demonstrations, seminars and five-course dinners with wines for each course are scheduled along, with concerts by headliner musicians including Edwin McCain, Chris Isaak, Mark Rapp and the Blue Dogs. Tickets are available at [euphoriagreenville.com](http://euphoriagreenville.com).

Nearby Greer features the BMW Zentrum museum next to its domestic manufacturing plant. Shaped like a highway ramp, it has self-guided tours, special exhibits like the hydrogen car of the future and custom vehicles. The Euro Auto Festival car show is held on the lawn Oct. 17–29.

Visit Caesars Head Park, a state park in Cleveland, to see fall splendor in a panoramic view 3,266 feet above sea level. The 7,000-acre park has 50 hiking trails with views of cascading waterfalls. The Hawk Watch program on Sept. 20 and 27, offers a view of thousands of hawks migrating south for the winter. ☞ — Carol Gifford



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