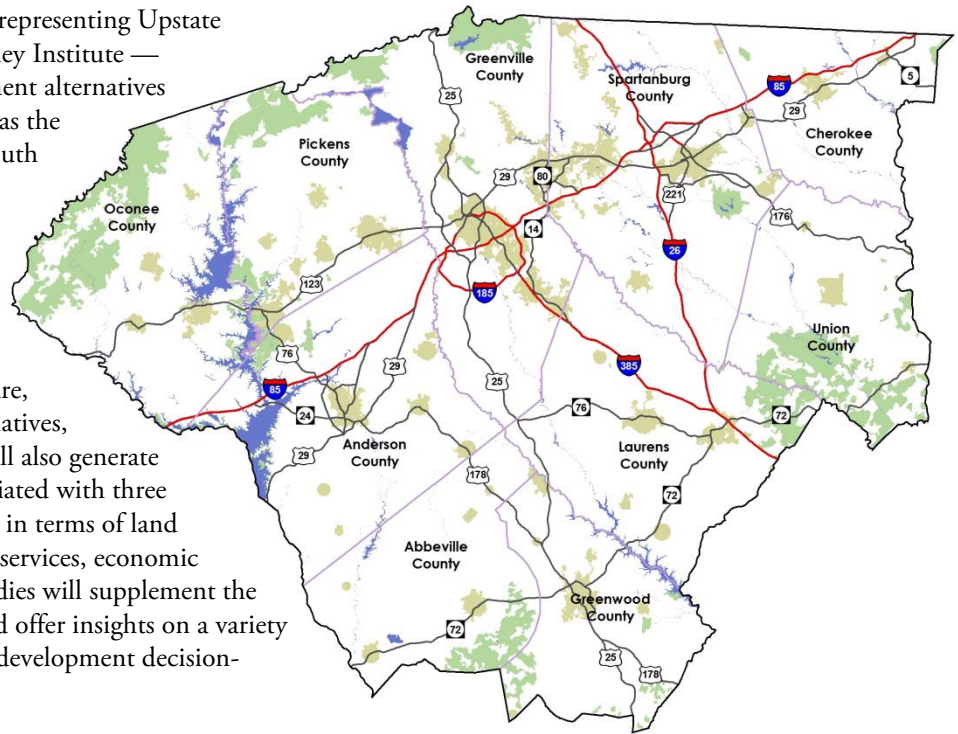


Shaping Our Future

Scenario Planning & Growth Alternatives Analysis

What are we doing?

The Shaping Our Future Consortium — representing Upstate Forever, Ten at the Top and Furman's Riley Institute — is leading a study of growth and development alternatives for the Upstate Region (generally defined as the ten counties in the northwest corner of South Carolina). The analysis will include a comprehensive assessment of current policies, market forces and development preferences (the “trend” growth scenario) and illustrate how continued growth under the trend scenario might influence the cost of government, shape infrastructure, support/limit economic development initiatives, or impact the environment. The study will also generate information regarding the trade-offs associated with three competing growth scenarios — especially in terms of land consumption, revenue generation, cost of services, economic development and quality of life. Case studies will supplement the region-wide scenario planning analysis and offer insights on a variety of topics important to future growth and development decision-making in the Upstate Region.



Role of the Project Steering Committee

The Project Steering Committee for the Shaping Our Future Scenario Planning & Growth Alternatives Analysis will be used to validate the scenario planning process, verify data, identify key planning themes and case study locations, and review draft deliverables. Six meetings are planned with the committee, which will be held at key milestones in the scenario planning process. Each meeting will last up to two hours and be held in different locations throughout the region. Committee members will be expected to spend some time before and after each meeting reviewing data and documents for providing feedback.

Key Meeting Activities

Project Kick-Off

(August 24, 2016 – Greenville, SC)

- Project Overview
- Scenario Planning Tools
- Right-Size Our Approach

Current Conditions & Emerging Trends

(November 30, 2016 – Location TBD)

- Draft Deliverables Presentation
- Brainstorm Scenario Concepts

Growth Choices & Trade-Offs

(January 19, 2017 – Location TBD)

- Alternative Growth Scenarios
- Growth Choices Report Card

Major Planning Themes

(February 8, 2017 – Location TBD)

- Discuss Important Planning Themes & Case Study Locations

Draft Document Discussion

(March 30, 2017 – Location TBD)

- Draft Deliverables Presentation
- Identify Areas to Improve

Final Document Presentation

(April 27, 2017 – Location TBD)

- Project Celebration
- Next Steps Moving Forward