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**CHAMBERLAIN AND LEAVITT JOIN  
UPSTATE FOREVER STAFF**

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We are pleased to announce that Katie Chamberlain has joined Upstate Forever as our new Director of Natural Resource Protection. Katie graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia with a degree in landscape architecture. At Georgia, she was a Presidential Scholar and received the American Society of Landscape Architecture Honors Award. During the summer of 1999, she worked on urban design projects for the City of Cortona, Italy. She was most recently employed as a Landscape Planner with Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. in Charleston.

A native of Greenville, Katie is passionately committed to our mission of promoting sensible growth and protecting special places in the Upstate. Katie will be, among other things, assisting us on our Land Trust program, compiling data and information about the region, and promoting green development principles.

We are also delighted to announce that Dana Leavitt has joined Upstate Forever as our Land Trust Coordinator. Dana, a Greenville resident, will be working with us about 20 hours a week promoting and expanding our Land Trust Program.

Dana practices what he preaches, having granted a conservation easement on his own land in Anderson County. He has been actively involved in conservation initiatives for over 25 years, having served as Chairman of the Greenville chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a founding Board member of Friends of Reedy River, and co-founder of Water Watch. He currently serves as president of the Conestee Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to the restoration of Lake Conestee.

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