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PRESENTATIONS ON WALKABLE COMMUNITIES
TO BE HELD IN THE UPSTATE

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Upstate Forever announced today that a series of presentations, entitled "Creating Walkable Communities," will be held throughout the region on March 11-12.

The events will feature nationally recognized pedestrian expert Dan Burden, the Executive Director of Walkable Communities, Inc. Mr. Burden has worked extensively throughout the country developing pedestrian strategies for a number of communities, including Asheville, Charlotte, Atlanta, Nashville, Honolulu, West Palm Beach, and Seattle. The events are co-presented by the Greenville County Pedestrian Task Force and HeartWise Spartanburg.

Mr. Burden's highly visual presentations will focus on ways to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety through innovative techniques and community design. He will discuss how pedestrian friendly developments can create more livable communities in the Upstate, and how intersection, sidewalk, crosswalk, and street designs can help reduce speed and make walking safer.

"Safe, walkable communities are good for our children, our aging population, our health, and they enhance our quality of life," said Dan Burden. "I am looking forward my trip to the Upstate to discuss this important topic."

The two-day series will include six presentations to Upstate policymakers, planners, transportation engineers, community leaders, and the general public at various Upstate locations. Public presentations will be held at Furman University on March 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m., and at Clemson University on March 12 at 4:00 p.m. Space is limited and reservations are required. Admission is free.

A number of organizations and municipalities are also providing support for Mr. Burden's visit. A complete list is attached. A brochure about the events is also attached.

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