



For Immediate Release

November 10, 2006

**VINEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF
UPSTATE FOREVER SPARTANBURG OFFICE**

Upstate Forever is pleased to announce that Angela Viney has been named the new Director of its office in Spartanburg. Viney has served as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation since 1997.

Upstate Forever Board member Joe Lesesne said, "Angela Viney is one of the most respected and effective leaders in the conservation field in South Carolina. We are overjoyed to have her on the Upstate Forever team."

Dr. Dave Hargett, the former Chairman of the Upstate Forever Board of Directors and a long time member of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation Board, said, "The Federation has been truly blessed to have Angela guiding and directing its day-to-day operations for the past ten years. Under her leadership, the Federation has developed one of the best environmental education and habitat protection programs in the country. She is joining a terrific organization, and I know her skills and talents will be of tremendous benefit to Upstate Forever and all of Spartanburg County."

Viney said, "I am excited about this new chapter in my life and career. While working across the entire state has been immensely rewarding, I am looking forward to focusing on one county. There are so many exciting opportunities for Spartanburg County as it continues its economic progress and growth. It is my hope that I can play a part in guiding that growth to assure that the county maintains its exemplary and attractive lifestyle."

Upstate Forever's Spartanburg office opened in the summer of 2004 with the mission of promoting a more active and greener Spartanburg County. Its accomplishments to date include:

- An "Active Living Assessment" of the ordinances in the City and County of Spartanburg and the identification of those provisions that impede "active living";
- A compilation of all the "big box" stores in Spartanburg County;
- A "Rapid Parks Assessment" that determined the County's long-term needs for additional parks, natural areas and greenways;
- A three-day "Your Town" workshop that focused on better design for commercial development in the County;
- The "Building Your Future" speaker series co-sponsored with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce; and
- Playing a key role in stopping the proposed regional landfill in the County.

Contacts:

Dr. Dave Hargett, 864-467-0811 (ext. 116)

Dr. Joe Lesesne, 864-597-4156

Angela Viney, 864-327-0090