

Upstate Forever

Promoting Sensible Growth and
Protecting Special Places in the Upstate

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Upstate Forever Adds Brown to Board, Bergerud to Staff

Shi and Dunlap Join Advisory Council

Upstate Forever is pleased to announce four new additions to its Board, staff, and Advisory Council:

Dr. Juan A. Brown of Anderson has joined **Upstate Forever's** Board of Directors. Dr. Brown grew up in Greenville, graduated from Furman University, served in the United States Air Force, and was an otolaryngologist in Anderson for almost 30 years. Since his retirement from medicine in 2000, he has had his own local television show on medical issues and has become an accomplished nature photographer. Dr. Brown currently serves on the Anderson Chamber of Commerce Board, where he chairs the water resources committee, and is also the chair of the Anderson County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Heather Bergerud has joined **Upstate Forever's** staff as a Stormwater Specialist. Ms. Bergerud received her BS in Biology from Winthrop University in 1996. Her work experience includes stints with the National Marine Fishery Services (NMFS) in Alaska and with Glacier National Park in Montana. She returned to her native Greenville in 2001 and worked as a project scientist with Fletcher Group, Inc. (now SynTerra) specializing in water quality issues. Ms. Bergerud assisted with the implementation of Greenville County's Phase I MS4 NPDES stormwater permit, led wetland and stream delineations, and conducted construction site inspections. At **Upstate Forever** she is working with developers, regulators and the public on improved stormwater management practices throughout the Upstate.

Also, two educational powerhouses have joined **Upstate Forever's** Advisory Council. **Dr. Benjamin Dunlap** serves as President of Wofford College in addition to being a writer, scholar, and public television producer. **Dr. David E. Shi** is President of Furman University, as well as a writer and historian. Leading Furman in its new focus on sustainability, Dr. Shi is setting an example for campuses across the nation.

Upstate Forever is nonprofit, membership-based organization promoting sensible growth and the protection of special places in the Upstate region of South Carolina. Our three program areas are: Land Trust, Sustainable Communities, and Clean Air and Water. Founded in 1998, Upstate Forever now has nearly 1800 members, two offices, and a staff of 15. For more information, see www.upstateforever.org.

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Photos are attached.