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## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY**

*Innovative and creative management solutions are just around the corner*

Greenville, SC – Upstate Forever and Greenville County offered a day long symposium on Wednesday called *Stormwater Management in Greenville County: Where It's Going and Why it Matters* to a group of over 100 development and community leaders. The symposium offered an in-depth look at how Greenville County's stormwater management efforts have changed over time and how the County's approach to stormwater management is changing.

“Greenville County is working to promote innovative and creative ways to manage stormwater and land development while working with the development community,” said Paula Gucker, Greenville County Assistant Administrator of Public Works. Ms. Gucker's remarks were echoed throughout the day, with presentations from a variety of engineers, researchers, and other professionals.

Presentations from researchers with Furman and Clemson made it clear that improvements in stormwater quantity and quality benefit everyone. “Development as it is currently practiced is really hard on stream health,” said Dr. Steve Klaine of Clemson University. Dr. Klaine's presentation documented the impacts of a real-life development project in Greenville County on local streams. His work is part of the Changing Land Use and the Environment project (supported by USDA/NRCS), which takes a broad look at the impacts of change from forested to suburban land use on rivers in our region.

The symposium was a great success in showing community leaders how stormwater management in Greenville County can be both efficient and effective. “Through changes to our stormwater programs, we are working to meet the needs of all members of the community related to property development, stormwater management, and water quality and quantity,” stressed Gucker.

All presentations from the conference will be available online on June 1 at [www.saludareedy.org/outreach/stormwatersymposium.html](http://www.saludareedy.org/outreach/stormwatersymposium.html). For more information about Upstate Forever's stormwater advocacy work, contact Heather Bergerud at 250-0500 ext. 34. For more information about Greenville County's stormwater program, contact the Land Development Division at 467-4610.

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