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Upstate Forever Adds Three New Board Members

Paul Agnew, Brice Hipp, and Marshall Meadors Join Conservation Organization Board

Upstate Forever is pleased to announce the addition of three new board members:

Rep. Paul Agnew of Abbeville County has represented District 11 in the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2005. A graduate of Erskine College and the University of South Carolina School of Law, Agnew has been a practicing attorney for more than 20 years and currently serves as president of the Abbeville County Bar Association. A longtime advocate for conservation, he was a founding member of the Upper Savannah Land Trust. In addition, Agnew is a tireless volunteer for many educational, legal, and service organizations. He has served on the United Way Regional Board of Directors, Erskine College Alumni Board, Piedmont Technical College Board of Visitors, Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library Board, Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Abbeville County Development Board. He is also the attorney for Habitat for Humanity and the Guardian ad Litem program.

Brice Saleeby Hipp of Greenville County received her B.A. in elementary education from the University of South Carolina and her M.Ed. in counseling from The Citadel. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in counselor education at USC. An Upstate resident since 2002, Hipp has volunteered for and served on the boards of numerous local nonprofits, including The Alliance for Quality Education, Leadership Greenville Board of Regents, and The Children's Garden. She was a member of *Greenville Magazine's* 2007 Best and Brightest Class.

For more than 20 years, **Dr. Marshall Meadors III** has served the Anderson community as a primary care physician. Previously, he was Chief of the Department of Family Medicine at AnMed Health Medical Center and President of its medical staff. Meadors has served as a trustee for the South

Carolina Medical Association, as president of the Anderson County Medical Society and as a member of the board of AnMed Health. He also was co-founder of A.P.R.I.L. House, a men's rehabilitation facility. In addition to his extensive participation in medical activities, Meadors has been instrumental in the development and renovation of the Anderson Arts Warehouse and co-chaired the James "Radio" Kennedy Sculpture Committee. He is a graduate of Wofford College and the Medical University of South Carolina.

***Upstate Forever** is a 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 over 2,400 members, two offices, and a staff of 21. For more information, see www.upstateforever.org.*

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Photos are attached.