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On October 24, 2008, Upstate Forever, the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, and Oconee Forever present Dr. Timothy Beatley on “Planning for Growth for Today and for Future Generations.” The presentation will take place in Gaffney at the Cherokee County Campus of the Spartanburg Community College, Room 209, starting at 7:30 am, and in Seneca at the Gignilliat Civic Center, South Room, at 11:30.

Timothy Beatley is Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, in the Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, School of Architecture at the University of Virginia, where he has taught for the last twenty years. Much of Beatley’s work focuses on the subject of sustainable communities, and creative strategies by which cities and towns can fundamentally reduce their ecological footprints, while at the same time becoming more livable and equitable places.

Breakfast will be served at the Gaffney presentation, and lunch at the Seneca event. Brad Wyche, executive director of Upstate Forever, will present the results of the growth projection study for Oconee County at the Seneca event. The growth study was conducted by the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University. Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

To register for the Cherokee County event, please RSVP to 864-489-5721, or email comcher@bellsouth.net. For the Oconee event, please call Oconee Farm and Garden at (864)638-5116, or email nbarrett@upstateforever.org.

Dr. Beatley’s most recent books on this topic are *Green Urbanism: Learning from European Cities*, and *Native to Nowhere: Sustaining Home and Community in a Global Age*. Beatley holds a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Upstate Forever is a 501.c.3, membership-based organization committed to promoting sensible growth and protecting special places in the Upstate region. For more information, and to become a member, please visit www.upstateforever.org.