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Upstate Forever Adds New Board Member

Retired CPA Tom Brown Joins Conservation Organization Board

Upstate Forever is pleased to announce the addition of **Tom Brown** to our Board of Directors.

A longtime member of **Upstate Forever**, Brown is a native of Gaffney and a graduate of Davidson College. After serving in the US Army Special Forces, Brown earned an MBA from Emory University and returned to the Upstate in 1966. His professional credentials also include Certified Public Accountant, Certified Financial Planner, and Personal Financial Specialist. Brown retired as a partner from Pope, Smith, Brown & King, PA in 2009 after 30 years of practicing accounting in Greenville.

Brown has been a member of the Foothills Trail Conference since its inception and has served on its Board of Directors for several years as Treasurer.

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 1,800 members, two offices, and a staff of 18. For more information, see www.upstateforever.org.

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