

Upstate Forever

Promoting Sensible Growth and
Protecting Special Places in the Upstate

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Upstate Forever Presents *Moving Beyond the Automobile*

***Documentary film series to be screened in Duncan on
January 26 at 6 p.m.***

Duncan, SC – Local conservation group Upstate Forever and The Mary Black Foundation are bringing *Moving Beyond the Automobile* to the Tyger River Campus of Spartanburg Community College in Duncan on January 26. Created by Streetfilms, *Moving Beyond the Automobile* is a series of short films examining Americans' dependence on cars and exploring real-world solutions to transportation issues.

"Moving Beyond the Automobile takes a fresh look at how pedestrian and bicycle-friendly communities create convenient opportunities for people to be more physically active," says Sherry Barrett, Upstate Forever Program Associate. "With the automobile as an integral piece, multi-modal systems encourage regular walking and biking, reduce traffic congestion and benefit air quality for overall community health."

The 40-minute documentary will be shown at Tyger River Campus, Spartanburg Community College, TRB Rm. 354B, 1875 E. Main St. (Hwy. 290) at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 26. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. A short discussion will follow the screening. To reserve a seat, RSVP to (864) 327-0090 or spartanburg@upstateforever.org by January 24.

The film is the first event in *Upstate Forever's 2012 Active Living Event Series* in Spartanburg County. The series is designed to encourage community dialogue about policies and infrastructure that promote physical activity to improve public health. For more information on the *2012 Active Living Event Series*, contact Sherry Barrett at sbarrett@upstateforever.org or (864) 327-0090.

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.