

# Tentative plans include 5 Greenville bike stations

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Right now, Greenville is a day late and a dollar short — actually, many days and many dollars — of having its own B-cycle system.

But it's coming. Soon.

How soon? In a perfect world, it would happen in the first quarter of 2012, said John Tynan, co-director of the clean air and water program at Upstate Forever.

For months, the latest Leadership Greenville class, Upstate Forever and representatives of the City of Greenville and Greenville County have been working on how to pay for a system. Tynan said Up-

state Forever has one grant, but negotiations are continuing about the amount and how many stations, the locations of the stations and other details.

"It's all to meet the grant's requirements and the needs of the city," he said.

Tentatively, plans are to put five stations throughout Greenville's Central Business District as an initial phase. Additional stations could be added one or two at a time, he said, as money becomes available and use is measured.

"It's all looking more and more likely like we will have a bike-sharing program in Greenville," he said. "But to predict exactly

when right now is not possible."

The Greenville Recreation District applied for a grant, unsuccessfully, that would have added a five-bike station from B-cycle for about \$35,000, said Ty Houck, the director of greenways, natural and historic resources for Greenville Rec.

"It's expensive" he said. "But when you add up the infrastructure, the operational costs, maintenance, the cost of these bikes, you can see why."

Tynan said until research was conducted, the Leadership Greenville class thought it could "pepper downtown with bikes for \$10,000 to \$20,000."