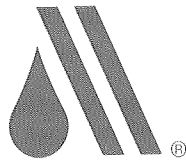
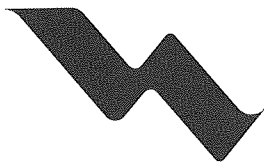


John Tynan



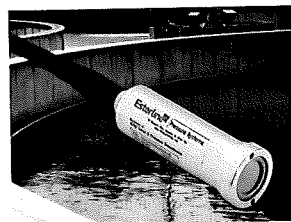
When the SC Water Associations attempt to attract students and young professionals into our industry, one of the important messages is diversity. Diversity in the demographics of our membership is important, but so is diversity of educational backgrounds and industry disciplines. We need engineers, chemists, biologists, administrators, public relations, planners and an endless list of other talents that make our utilities “work”. John Tynan, a member of the Joint Water Resources Committee and this issue’s *Getting To Know You* featured individual brings a diverse perspective to our Associations.

John’s ‘day job’ is Co-Director of *Upstate Forever’s* Clean Air & Water Program. *Upstate Forever* is a Greenville-based conservation organization dedicated to promoting sensible growth and protection of special locations in the Upstate. In addition to his work with *Upstate Forever*, John has another role and duties – as a Greenville Water System Commissioner! He was elected to the Commission in 2009 by going door-to-door speaking with residents about water quality and sustainable water supplies. His work with *Upstate Forever* and as a Commissioner gives him a unique perspective: understanding issues facing water quality and quantity, staying abreast of the most current trends to sustainably manage water resources, and experiencing first-hand how communities depend on water for growth and survival. John is able to use this distinctive perspective to enhance both his professional work at *Upstate Forever* and his public service efforts as a Commissioner.

As a member of the Joint Water Resources Committee, John is also involved with planning the annual Confluence (Interstate Water Issues) Conference. He is excited to see that this event has become a forum for water professionals with diverse water interests including legislative, legal, scientific, environmental, industrial, energy, agriculture and water utility. With so many diverse stakeholders and interests, John sees the Confluence Conference as one of the best opportunities for water utilities and the SC Water Associations to bridge the knowledge and understanding gaps between our interests and those of folks with whom we share our precious water resources.

When he’s not working with *Upstate Forever* or Greenville Water, John enjoys spending time with his wife Mary Virginia and their infant son Jack, hiking in the woods and along the Upstate’s beautiful streams, rivers, and lakes, and cultivating new skills in diaper changing!

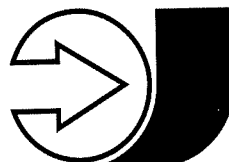
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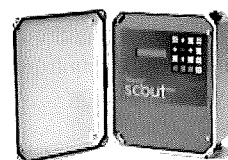
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