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Top 25 represent diverse fields

Newspaper's Top 25 Leaders from education, business, politics, religion

The *Greenville News* today announces the individuals selected as the community's Top 25 Leaders.

More than 700 community leaders were asked by *The News* to help select individuals who have exercised influence on matters of public interest, including issues ranging from politics, business and government to education, religion and the arts.

Profiles of the 25 are published today in this special report. More profiles on Pages 20A and 21A

Brad Wyche

Wyche urges new approach to handling Upstate growth

Brad Wyche left his post as chairman of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control during 2003, but his influence on environmental issues, particularly conservation and quality growth, continued.

Wyche, 53, has a new approach for 2004 for dealing with the growth he expects will follow the development of Clemson University's automotive research park in Greenville County; transfer of development rights, or TDR.

The nonprofit organization he formed after leav-

ing the legal profession in 1998, Upstate Forever, will urge county and city leaders to form a committee to study TDR, which basically allows a way for more growth to occur in areas where it's desirable while protecting other areas, such as the scenic countryside of northern Greenville County.

"And with the auto research park now a reality, the time has come for TDR," Wyche said.

He also plans to continue to be an advocate for a parks and open spaces blueprint called Vision 2025. He was chairman of



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the committee that developed that plan.

"I'd love to see us get started in making those goals a reality," Wyche said.

— Ron Barnstaff