

Northern section of county in spotlight

Furman forum to focus on development

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Growth and development in northwestern Greenville County will be the focus of a forum at 5 p.m. April 6 at Furman University in Burgess Theater.

The panelists will include Frank Holleman, chairman of the board of directors of Friends of Reedy River; Diane Eldridge, associate director of Upstate Forever; David Redburn, professor of sociology at Furman; Ken Peterson, professor of economics and business administration at Furman; and the Rev. Al Masters, pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

The panel topic is "Conservation or Development: What Difference Does It Make?" It will be followed by audience questions and discussion.

The forum comes under a Lilly Foundation grant for Theological Exploration of Vocation.

It has been dubbed "Theo-Eco" for the three intertwined strands of modern life on which it seeks to raise awareness and promote action: the intersections of the theological/ethical, the ecological and the economic.

The purpose is seeking to raise the current level of awareness and create a voice for more responsible development in relation to quality-of-life and natural life issues.

Other parts of the effort after the forum will include presentations to churches and civic clubs and a tour of development and conservation areas in the northwestern area.

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■ Upstate Forever:

www.upstateforever.org

■ Friends of the Reedy River:

www.reedyriver.org

■ Furman: www.furman.edu