

Keep Upstate green, plan for future growth

Through the ages prophets have prepared us for the future. Not being privy to the facts and dynamics that guided these seers, we must judge their worth either through personal acquaintance or by sure knowledge of an excellent track record.

This letter is an endorsement rather than presenting new information. Recent entries in your editorial section included a letter to the editor by a local resident and shortly thereafter a joint entry in "Other views": a guest column by state Sen. David Thomas and Brad Wyche, executive director of Upstate Forever ("Envisioning Upstate's future calls for focus on growth").

The letter writer points out that the Department of Natural Resources has had its funding cut to the bone. Progress has been reversed and the future of the wildlife magazine is in dire jeopardy as a result of legislation in Columbia.

The track records of Thomas and Wyche have been revealed in

the media and suggest that attention should be given to their recommendations. Their admonitions for keeping the Upstate green and for wise planning of growth in the future could not have been emphasized more than the revelation brought forth by the recent flooding of Greenville.

The need is great — the time is now. We live only in the present, but we must not neglect future generations. Your thinking, action and votes are important.

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