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Next Low-Impact Development Seminar Set For June 5

John Darrohn of Seamon, Whiteside & Associates will be the featured speaker at the Low-Impact Development seminar to be held on Tuesday, June 5, at the University Center in Greenville. Darrohn's topic will be "Benefits of Dispersed Storm Water Management".

A civil engineer, Darrohn's recent projects include extensive site work facility design for Greenville's Townes/Richardson Bike Lane, Gaffney City Hall & Park, Spartanburg Community College Cherokee campus, and Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR).

More than 70 builders, developers and other building industry professionals attended the Low-Impact Development seminar on May 2 to hear Tom Low, Regional Director for Duany

Plater-Zyberk & Company and the lead designer of Griffin Park in Simpsonville. The seminar series is part of the partnership between the Home Builders Association of Greenville and Upstate Forever that began with the 2005 groundbreaking of Upstate House. It was designed to cover numerous low-impact development ideas and highlight the economic benefits of incorporating these features into new development in Greenville County.

To date, attendees have heard presentations from: Margo Farnsworth, Senior Fellow for the Cumberland River Compact in Nashville, TN, who led off the series in March with a session entitled 'Building Outside the Box: Engaging Developers in River-Friendly Construction'; John Knott of the Noisette Company

who presented "Using Hydrology as an Integrating Framework for Development; and Low who spoke on "Light Imprint New Urbanism (LINU)" and how LINU techniques were approved and implemented in Greenville County.

The last seminar in the series is set for July 10 and will cover "Making Storm Water Facilities Functional And Attractive".

The seminars, which include breakfast, are free of charge for all attendees. Presentations are held from 7:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at The University Center (formerly McAlister Square), 225 South Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville. For more information or to RSVP, contact John Tynan at Upstate Forever: (864) 250-0500 or jtynan@upstateforever.org.