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City engineer earns 'clean water' honor

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Bill Brown, assistant Greenville city engineer, has been named 2007 Clean Water Champion by Upstate Forever for his work in rewriting the City of Greenville's stormwater ordinance and in building support for its adoption.

The new stormwater ordinance authored by Brown consolidates all regulations related to stormwater quantity and quality, which meets or exceeds State and Federal standards, according to a press statement from the city.

Brown came to the Upstate last year when he was hired as assistant city engineer and manager of the environmental bureau of Greenville's Engineering Division. The City's Environmental Engineering Bureau is responsible for administration of Greenville's wastewater and stormwater utilities, as well as for management of its floodplain and review of environmental requirements for private residential and commercial development projects.

Brown has worked in floodplain mapping and management, watershed planning and stormwater management for some of the most rapidly-growing counties in the country, and according to Mike Murphy, the City's Public Works Director, that experience was invaluable in the creation of a new, more comprehensive stormwater ordinance for the City of Greenville.
