

# Talk to address cars' impact on environment in growth areas

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CLEMSON — With more cars on roads in the growing Upstate, several organizations are bringing in an expert to talk about ways to reduce the impact of automotive emissions on the environment.

Urban policy researcher and author Reid Ewing will speak about his new book "Growing Cooler: The Evidence of Urban Development on Climate Change" at 7 p.m. Thursday at Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute and at 10 a.m. Friday at the Marriott Greenville.

Both presentations are free. Reservations are requested for the Friday morning presentation and can be e-mailed to chagan@upstateforever.org.

Ewing will speak about the link between urban growth and greenhouse gas emissions generated by transportation.

The Upstate's continued growth raises concerns about the capacity of the transportation infrastructure and the quality of communities, said John Tynan, clean air and climate change project manager at Upstate Forever.

Transportation is already responsible for one-

third of the state's greenhouse gas emissions, Tynan said.

High gas prices already have changed driving habits, and as the Upstate grows it will be wise to include planning for walking, bicycling and public transportation, Tynan said.

The presentations are sponsored by Upstate Forever, the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area, the Strom Thurmond Institute, the Clemson University Environmental Committee, the Science and Technology in Society program at Clemson University and Oxfam International.