Keeping the GREEN in GREENville

March 13, 2006

MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE

To provide a forum for discussion of ideas, concepts, and methods to preserve trees and protect the tree canopy,

To make recommendations to County Council to encourage the preservation and replacement of trees which may be lost in the process of residential and commercial real estate development and to propose minimum standards for Council to consider, and

To provide educational and other useful information about historic and significant specimen trees and tree categories and to encourage people to preserve and nurture trees so classified.

Greenville County Tree Policy Advisory Committee Begins its Work

In October 2005, Greenville County Council passed a resolution establishing an eleven-member Tree Policy Advisory Committee to discuss ideas, concepts, and ways to preserve and protect trees and the tree canopy of Greenville County. The Committee will ultimately recommend minimum standards for trees in all new residential and commercial developments in the county for the Council's consideration.

The resolution was the result of several years of advocacy by ***Upstate Forever*** with support from members, friends, and other organizations concerned about the County's changing tree cover.

The Committee began meeting on February 3. The first courses of action were to elect a chairman, establish a meeting schedule, and choose one additional member to serve on the committee. The Committee

also adopted a mission statement, decided to meet every Thursday morning, and voted to conduct its meetings under Robert's Rules of order.

The public is encouraged to participate by speaking during the 15-minute public comment period before each Committee meeting or during one of five public hearings to be held throughout the county in the coming months. In addition, representatives of diverse organizations and groups will make 20-minute presentations to the committee at regular meetings.

We commend the County Council for establishing the Tree Policy Advisory Committee and are pleased with its progress so far. We will provide regular updates to keep you informed about the Committee's work and about opportunities to show your support .

First Public Hearing — March 30 at 6:30 pm — Travelers Rest City Hall

Committee Meeting Schedule

Feb 3, 16

March 2, 16, 30

April 13, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22

July 6, 20

August 3, 17, 31

September 14, 28

October 12, 26

November 9

Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, Greenville County Square, University Ridge

All Meetings Open to the Public

Tree Advisory Committee Members

Diane Eldridge
Conservation Planning Consultant, at-large appointee by Council Chair

Sandra Hamann
Greenville Council of Garden Clubs, PSPD Committee appointee

C. Doug Harper
Commercial Developer, Council Chair appointee

David Holmes, Chair
Attorney, at-large appointee by Council Chair

Kim Kauffman
Landscape Architect, Advisory Committee appointee

Tom Keith
Landscape Architect , PSPD Committee appointee

Dan Rawls
Greenville County Planning Commissioner, PSPD Committee appointee

Gordon Seay
Greenville Association of Realtors, PSPD Committee appointee

Coleman Shouse
Home Builders Association of Greenville, PSPD Committee appointee

Steven Smith
Forester, PSPD Committee appointee

Todd Ward
Greenville County Planning Commission staff, PSPD appointee

Jimmy Forbes
Director of Greenville County Planning Commission, non-voting facilitator

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Attend committee meetings and public hearings

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