

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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Conservation Planner

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GREENVILLE COUNTY
COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 20
4:30 P.M.

Conference Room D
Greenville County Square
301 University Ridge

Keeping the GREEN in GREENville

February 15 2007

Greenville County Tree Policy Advisory Committee to Present Report to County Council

Tuesday, February 20—4:30 p.m.

Finally, the time has come for the Greenville County Tree Policy Advisory Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Greenville County Council! Committee Chairman David Holmes will make a brief presentation at the County Council's Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 20 at 4:30 p.m. A comprehensive written report that includes a summary of the Committee's process and its specific recommendations will also be delivered to each Council member.

After more than a year of work that included 20 plus meetings and public comment periods, five public hearings, and countless hours of research and deliberation, the eleven member committee *unanimously* agreed that Greenville County needs a tree protection ordinance.

While we are delighted with the Committee's basic decision, we eagerly await the specific recommendations. In ordinances like this, "the devil is in the details," and we want to make sure that these "details" are strong and truly protective of the county's tree cover. We will share with you our assessment of the recommendations as soon as possible.

Several steps have to be taken before an ordinance is actually enacted. This process will include review by the Greenville County Planning Commission, a public hearing, review by the County Council's Public Service, Planning and Development Committee, and three readings by the full Council.

Many Upstate Forever members have actively participated in the Committee's process, and we deeply appreciate your support and involvement. But as soon as the Committee's recommendations are turned into a draft ordinance, it will be critically important to get involved again and to let the members of County Council, especially your own representative, know your position.

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COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The great French Marshall Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow growing and would not reach maturity for 100 years. The Marshall replied, 'In that case, there is no time to lose; plant it this afternoon!'
— John F. Kennedy

The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing which stands in the way.
— William Blake