

# Keeping the GREEN in GREENville



November 4, 2007

## PUBLIC HEARING ON TREE ORDINANCE ON TUESDAY, NOV. 6 PLEASE ATTEND!!

The long and difficult process for enacting a Greenville County tree ordinance reaches a critical point this Tuesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Greenville County Square. County Council will have a public hearing on the latest draft of the ordinance and then consider whether to approve it at second reading. If such approval is given, one more reading will be needed to enact the ordinance.

**Please attend the public hearing** and show your support for **Upstate Forever's** position that the current draft of the ordinance is too weak and needs to be strengthened! Among the deficiencies are (1) **the ordinance does not require that any tree be protected**—in fact, the ordinance actually uses the term “mass grading” and explicitly allows that practice to continue in Greenville County; (2) the protection of buffers along rivers and streams is too limited; and (3) the provisions relating to the tree bank are inadequate. These and many other problems with the current draft are explained in our comments to the County: [http://www.upstateforever.org/prog\\_tree/0711TreeOrdinanceMemo.pdf](http://www.upstateforever.org/prog_tree/0711TreeOrdinanceMemo.pdf).

We need a big crowd on Tuesday night to show the Council that the citizens of this County care about their tree cover and support the enactment of a strong, comprehensive and effective tree ordinance. Even if you do not want to speak at the public hearing, your presence will make a huge difference. There is strength in numbers!

Also, **please call or write your representative on County Council** today to express your support for enactment of an ordinance, with the changes recommended by **Upstate Forever**.

LET'S KEEP THE GREEN IN GREENVILLE!

GREENVILLE COUNTY  
COUNCIL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers  
Greenville County Square  
301 University Ridge

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