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Council District 1 candidates sound off about land use

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How County Council District 1 candidates responded to questions about land use:

Michael Brown (incumbent): "I've talked about the aspect of brownfields, in terms of our old industrial areas, mill areas and big boxes that are not being used for any purpose. Those are excellent opportunities to be converted into something else. Or torn down, and revitalizing those areas. That's a lot of land that's going by the wayside."

Rosalind Patton-Brown: "Instead of going out trying to clear and use other parts of the county, we need to go back and look at all these dilapidated buildings to see if they can be cleaned up and used"

Warren Wilkes: "There needs to be a detailed plan of how you're going to use specific areas. Looking at places like Boiling Springs. ... It's kind of come to the point where it's out of control. ... In Spartanburg, especially District 1, there needs to be a detailed plan on how we're going to use the area, to control things from getting out of hand. ... We need to bring different people to the table, like Upstate Forever, because they have an interest in land use."

All three are Democrats. The winner June 10 will face Republican Donna Hicks in November.
