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## County to host land use meeting

Interested in having a say in what Spartanburg County will look like in 20 years? Concerned about current land use policies?

Residents will have an opportunity to pick the brain of County Planner David Rutherford at 7:00 p.m. tonight during a public meeting entitled "Great Expectations: Spartanburg County citizens and the Land Use Planning Process." The talk is sponsored by Upstate Forever, the League of Women Voters and the PRIDE Task Force. It will be held in the Olin Theater at Wofford College.

County officials have already begun the task of revamping the county's comprehensive land use plan. This time around, says Spartanburg County Assistant Administrator Chris Story, they're dedicated to making the document "a true roadmap" for developing the county in the future.

A new, but integral, part of the process will be public input.

"We look forward to having these conversations with people," said Story, who will also be talking about the county's current policies and fielding questions from the public. "It's impossible to exaggerate the importance of planning as growth comes our way."

Emily Neely, who works with Upstate Forever, said broad public participation is still lacking in matters of land use. She said she hoped the talk would allow residents to "really think about what they want."

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