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*Upstate Forever's Monthly Bulletin on
Important Issues and Events in the Upstate*

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1. Legislative Update.

Action Alert! H3143, Amendment to Delay Funding of the Conservation Bank Act.

After many years of hard work by conservation-minded citizens and elected officials throughout the state, the Conservation Bank Act was signed into law in April 2002. Funding was delayed for two years and is finally scheduled to begin in July 2004. However, several legislators are supporting a bill (H3143) that would defer funding of this crucial program for at least another year. We have already waited almost two years for the Bank to open - that's long enough! Please contact your Representatives, and especially members of the House Ways and Means Committee, and ask them to oppose H3143 and to fully fund the Conservation Bank beginning July 2004 as originally scheduled. (Links to contact information are provided at the end of this item.)

- × Upstate Forever's Position: Oppose H3143 and fully fund Conservation Bank beginning July 2004.

Action Alert! South Carolina Infrastructure Priority Investment Act, H4354.

This bill would amend the state's Comprehensive Planning Enabling Legislation to require that local governments with comprehensive land use plans coordinate with infrastructure and service providers (e.g., water, sewer, schools, roads) to plan ahead where new infrastructure will be built. Rep. Ben Hagood of Charleston introduced the bill in the House, citing the need to "plan where we are going to build, and build where we plan." Senator Phil Leventis of Sumter introduced it in the Senate.

Promoting sensible growth and protecting special places in the Upstate

Upstate Forever has long advocated for coordination among infrastructure and service providers and for planning logical growth patterns in all counties and municipalities. It makes good fiscal sense - taxpayer dollars will be saved when local governments proactively plan for growth rather than reactively responding to random and disorderly placement of new roads, water, sewer and schools. The bill passed the House Judiciary committee earlier this month and is scheduled for a full vote soon. Please contact your Representatives and Senators and urge them to support this bill. (Links to contact information are provided at the end of this item.)

- ✓ Upstate Forever's Position on H4354: Support.

Action Alert! Permitting Program for Isolated Wetlands Needed.

Since 2001, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had no authority to regulate the dredging and filling of isolated wetlands (those not integrally connected with surface waters), the responsibility to protect them has fallen to the states. A number of states already had their own regulations in place for these important ecological resources, but unfortunately, South Carolina did not. Since that time, conservation-minded legislators and citizens have worked to establish a permitting program to control impacts on South Carolina's isolated wetlands. This program has been approved by the DHEC Board and forwarded to the General Assembly. If no legislative action is taken, the regulations will become effective in about three months.

However, in a move to diminish this authority, some legislators are supporting a bill that would define isolated wetlands by size and create an exemption for those under a certain number of acres. Many of the state's isolated wetlands are very small - in fact, 75 per cent of the 400,000 acres of isolated wetlands in South Carolina are less than 5 acres each. While a small wetland might seem insignificant to some, it can be home to some of the richest biodiversity in the state. Any judgment of their importance based on size should come not from legislation, but through the permitting system on a case-by-case basis. Other legislators are going even farther and oppose any kind of permitting program.

It should be pointed out that a permitting program for isolated wetlands does not mean that all of these resources are "off limits." Rather, it simply means that each project is reviewed and that a permit must be issued before the wetland can be altered or destroyed.

Please contact members of the House and Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees and ask them to allow the DHEC permitting program to take effect and to support passage of legislation that protects these valuable resources without a size exemption. (Links to contact information are provided at the end of this item.)

- ✓ *Upstate Forever's Position on Permitting Program for Isolated Wetlands: Support.*
- ✗ *Upstate Forever's Position on Legislation that Exempts Wetlands under a Certain Size: Oppose.*

South Carolina General Assembly contact information:

Members of House of Representatives by District
<http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/housemembersd.html>

Members of Senate by District
<http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/senatemembersd.html>

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
<http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/senatecommlst.html#agr>

House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
<http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/housecommlst.html#agr>

House Ways and Means Committee
<http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/housecommlst.html#way>

2. Governor Sanford Continues To Make Quality Of Life A Top Priority.

In his State of the State address last month, Governor Mark Sanford continued to provide strong leadership for improving the quality of life in South Carolina.

First, he commended the General Assembly for passing the Neighborhood Schools Act, which rescinded the state's minimum acreage regulation for new schools. The elimination of this rule will make it much easier for local districts to build schools that are a part of, rather than apart from, the communities they serve. For more information, see <http://www.upstateforever.org/UpstateUpdate43.pdf> (Item 1a), and <http://www.upstateforever.org/UpstateUpdate50.pdf> (Item 2). Governor Sanford specifically recognized Upstate representatives Bob Leach, Dwight Loftis, and Ronnie Townsend for their hard work on the legislation.

The Governor then turned his attention to the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act, discussed in the Action Alert above. The law will provide a dedicated and significant source of funding to acquire, or protect through conservation easements, environmentally important lands, scenic areas and historic sites in our state. For more information, see <http://www.upstateforever.org/UpstateUpdate31.pdf> (Item 1). Governor Sanford has included \$10 million in his proposed budget for the Conservation Bank and in his speech urged legislators to oppose efforts to delay funding the program until 2005. Bravo! We need to open the Bank this year!

He also endorsed the South Carolina Infrastructure Priority Investment Act, also discussed in item 1 above. Once again, the Governor used the “S-word” in explaining how the bill “would better target public investment and reduce sprawl in our communities.”

The Governor spoke not only about the need for planning and for protecting our special places but also about taking care of ourselves. He was very blunt: “[The] bottom line is that we eat the wrong things and don’t get enough exercise in South Carolina, which is part of the reason we lead the nation in stroke deaths and rank in the Top 10 in obesity, heart disease and diabetes.”

The Governor issued a personal challenge to every South Carolinian: Get more active this year. In fact, he will practice what he preaches by bicycling with his wife and sons across the entire state in a series of Saturday rides this spring. And we all are invited to join him! What a scene that would be—a couple of hundred thousand people on bicycles, led by the Governor himself. Talk about a boost for alternative methods of transportation!

We commend Governor Sanford for his continued outstanding leadership on quality of life issues in South Carolina. You can read his entire State of the State at http://www.scgovernor.com/uploads/upload/2004_StateoftheStatePublicationVersion.pdf

3. Upstate Forever Adds New Board and Staff Members.

We are pleased to announce that Wofford College President Emeritus Dr. Joab (Joe) Lesesne, Jr. has joined our Board of Directors and that David Maxson, the former Executive Director of ETV Endowment of South Carolina, Inc., has joined our staff as Director of Development.

Lesesne graduated from Erskine College and earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He served as president of Wofford for 28 years—from 1972 until 2000. During his tenure, the campus doubled in size, the number of majors increased from 15 to 23, and the college’s endowment grew from \$3.5 million to over \$100 million. Joe has served as chairman of the boards of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Spartanburg County Foundation, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

David Maxson served as Associate Director of the ETV Endowment of South Carolina, Inc. for five years and as its Executive Director since July 2003. A graduate of Princeton University, David has worked for 30 years in the development field, holding positions at Harvard University, Oberlin College, the Franklin Institute, and the National Alliance for Autism Research, among others.

What a terrific one-two punch for *Upstate Forever!* We are deeply honored to have these two stellar individuals sharing their time and talents with us.

4. *“Fix-It-First” and Public Transportation Projects Provide More Jobs than New Road and Bridge Projects.*

A report entitled “Setting the Record Straight: Transit, Fixing Roads and Bridges Offer Greatest Job Gains,” and released last month by the Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP), found that investments in road and bridge repair create 9 per cent more jobs per dollar than building new roads and bridges. For public transportation projects, job creation jumps to 19 per cent more than for new road and bridge projects.

Renewal of the nation’s surface transportation law (TEA-21) is one of Congress’s top priorities for this year. Much of the public debate has centered around the bill’s potential to create jobs - an important issue among policymakers with concerns about a jobless economic recovery and expectations that transportation projects can accelerate employment growth. Most of the discussion has focused on the benefits of building new highways, but according to the STPP report, repairing existing roads and bridges and investing in public transportation projects will actually yield higher employment opportunities per dollar invested. Additional benefits include more transportation choices and reducing the risks associated with aging infrastructure.

According to the report, for every \$1.25 billion invested in new road and bridge projects, 43,200 jobs are created. However, the same investment in public transportation projects creates 51,300 jobs, and just over 47,000 jobs for road and bridge repair projects. In addition, “environment-related” transportation projects, including wetland mitigation, noise barrier construction, and air quality programs, generate 51,200 jobs for every \$1.25 billion spent.

Repeated public investment in new road projects during the last decade has come at the expense of needed repairs to the existing transportation system. In South Carolina, 60 per cent of our urban and suburban roads were rated “not in good condition” as of 2001. However, according to an earlier report by STPP, during the 10 years leading up to that time, only 21.6 per cent of our state’s federal transportation dollars were spent to fund road repair.¹

This report will hopefully convince Congress to develop a more balanced transportation package that not only provides funding for new projects, but includes generous funding for road and bridge repair and public transportation projects as well.

To read the entire report, visit www.transact.org

¹Decoding Transportation Policy and Practice #9, Surface Transportation Policy Project. www.transact.org

5. New Organization Formed to Protect Highway 11 Corridor.

One of the Upstate region's most special places is suffering from the pressures of growth and change.

State Highway 11 extends 100-plus miles from I-85 in Oconee County to I-85 near Gaffney in Cherokee County, passing through Pickens, Greenville, and Spartanburg Counties on the way. The corridor winds through the stream-laced foothills of the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains and treats residents and visitors to breathtaking views of some of the Upstate's most spectacular features. Among them are Table Rock, Glassy and Hogback Mountains, Lakes Keowee and Jocassee, Whitewater Falls, peach orchards and vast expanses of pastoral countryside.

Long home to generations of the same families - many of them farmers - the region has recently become a hotbed of residential and tourism-related development. There is little doubt that much of this growth is due directly to the region's proximity to the mountains and to its incomparable beauty. However, without serious forethought and planning, the very features that attract this growth, and that the local residents have valued for years, will be dramatically changed forever.

In an effort to identify ways to preserve the beauty and character of the Highway 11 region, local residents have established the Andrew Pickens Chapter of the Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Byway Association. The organization will work with other chapters of the Association to promote development compatible with the region in appearance, scale and function, while respecting private property rights.

Protecting the Highway 11 area will be a challenge. No zoning exists in the area, and few land use regulations of any kind are in place to help prevent haphazard, disorganized development along the corridor. There has historically been little interest in regulatory controls in this region, and just mere mention of the "Z-word" (zoning) continues to generate hostile reactions from many. However, with the proliferation of new subdivisions, resort developments, golf courses, and all types of retail and commercial development, many of the region's residents have expressed concern, even alarm, about the rapid changes that are occurring near their homes. They recognize the urgent need to address the question of *how* future growth will occur.

One obvious way to help direct growth is the application of reasonable land use regulations that ensure compatibility among types of development and protect the region's scenic and natural assets. Aside from traditional zoning, there are various other tools that would be suitable for this region. The application of an "overlay district" could regulate land use and development types only within a corridor of specified width along Highway 11. Development regulations appropriate for the corridor would apply only to land within the designated area.

Another tool is a Transfer of Development (TDR) rights program that relies on the market to protect land in a designated area where less growth is desired and direct it to an area where growth is more appropriate. Entirely voluntary, a TDR program designates a “sending area” where a system of credits, representing development rights, is established. For example, a 25-acre parcel might represent 5 development credits. The program also designates a “receiving area” elsewhere in the region where development density is limited under zoning or other regulations. Then the market takes over. A developer can approach a property owner in the sending area and offer to purchase his credits. If the property owner agrees, they negotiate a price. Just like any other real estate transaction, a legal and binding document would spell out the terms of the sale and the property owner would receive the agreed purchase price. The developer would then “transfer” those development rights to the receiving area and build at a slightly higher density than would have been allowed under the applicable regulations. If the property owner does not choose to take part in the program, his development rights remain intact. This is truly a win-win-win approach. The original property owner is paid for his development rights and keeps his land, the developer can build more units in the receiving area, and the beauty and natural resources of the “sending” parcel are protected forever.

TDR seems particularly appropriate for our region where we have an almost ideal situation: the Highway 11 corridor as the sending area and the I-85 corridor as the receiving area.

Another option is the use of conservation easements, such as the one granted to *Upstate Forever* by Lynn and Kent Davis. The Davises live on a tract with over 1800 feet of frontage along Highway 11. They wanted to be sure that their property would always be protected from intensive use or clearing. Their easement is similar to the TDR program described above in that the Davises continue to own and live on their land but have relinquished their rights to develop it. The main difference is that they were not paid - rather, the Davises donated their rights to a land trust. (In many cases, landowners can receive certain tax benefits in exchange for donating the development value of their land to a qualified land trust.) The Davises can continue to own and live on the property, or they can sell it or leave it to their heirs, but the easement will be binding on all future owners. *Upstate Forever's* role is to ensure that the terms of the easement are honored. For more information about conservation easements and *Upstate Forever's* Land Trust Program, see <http://www.upstateforever.org/landtrust.htm>

There are many other tools available to guide the growth that is sure to continue in this resource-rich region. The work of the Byway Association, along with the efforts of other organizations, groups and agencies, will hopefully find ways to balance growth, development, and conservation in the Highway 11 corridor.

6. Anderson Chapter of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. Wins Awards.

The Anderson chapter of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. recently received top honors at the organization's national conference in Washington DC. The Anderson chapter earned first place in the Best Waste Reduction Contest for their work with local schools to set up paper recycling and for their telephone book recycling program. They also placed second in the Affiliate of the Year contest and received the organization's Presidential Citation for meeting all seven goals of the national organization. The Anderson chapter has already been awarded the Governor's Pollution Prevention Award and the Palmetto Pride Beautification Award. Congratulations to Keep America Beautiful of Anderson County for their work to conserve resources and for helping keep the Upstate clean.... and beautiful!

7. Did You Know...

...that Spartanburg-based Milliken and Co. recycles 98 per cent of its waste? According to a January 9 article in the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, Milliken has almost eliminated its need for trashcans because it recycles so much of its waste. This fact was mentioned in a story about *Fortune* magazine's list of the nation's "100 Best Companies to Work For." Milliken placed sixteenth and was the only South Carolina company to make the list. What a wonderful example they are setting for other companies in our region!

...that the South Carolina Department of Transportation is planning to build a four-foot wide bike lane along Highway 11? The first phase will stretch from the Oconee County line east to Table Rock State Park, with future plans to extend the entire length of the corridor. The bike lane is expected to help improve safety for both cyclists and motorists.

...that the Pickens County Council recently voted to extend the Town Creek Trail from Pickens Jaycee Park approximately fifteen miles along the old rail bed to the Jocassee Gorge's area? The County is filing a joint application with the City of Pickens for state funds to continue the trail and hope to have it completed within five years. The project will preserve the historic rail corridor and provide a wonderful way to enjoy the beauty of the Upstate while getting a little exercise at the same time. For more information about this trail, see *Upstate Update 46* (July 2003).

...that about every 17 minutes in South Carolina, a bicyclist is injured or killed, and approximately half of those killed are children under the age of 18? If South Carolina is to relinquish its consistently high ranking as one of the country's most unsafe states for bicyclists (we were number 6 in 2001), then we must begin to provide safe places for children and novice riders throughout our cities and counties.

...that a new study released by the United Health Association reports that South Carolina is the third unhealthiest state in the country? The report, entitled "America's Health: State Health Rankings," ranks states based on a number of measures that includes deaths from motor vehicle accidents, heart disease, and infant mortality. South

Carolina was ranked 48th overall, just ahead of Louisiana (49) and Mississippi (50). To download the entire report, visit <http://www.unitedhealthfoundation.org/shr2003/>

8. Upcoming Events.

Spring, 2004, Upstate Forever Outings. Please see the last page of this Upstate Update for a complete listing of Upstate Forever's Spring Outings. Please sign up today for one or more trips - space is limited. (For Upstate Forever members.)

Other Events

2/17/04, The Wealth in South Carolina's Wetlands Seawells, Columbia, SC, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The symposium is presented by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation and will emphasize the importance of wetlands in the environment, water quality, and human survival. Topics include conservation programs for wetlands, tax incentives, and land trust programs. *Upstate Forever's* Brad Wyche will be the featured lunch speaker. The full-day symposium will be held at Seawells in Columbia, SC. <http://swcs.tripod.com/wetland.html> or call (803) 576-2084.

2/18/04, Pickens County Air Quality Plan Public Meeting, 3:00 p.m. Pickens County Administration Building Auditorium, 222 McDaniel Avenue

A public meeting will be held to present the Pickens County Air Quality Plan. Copies of the Early Action Plan will be available and a question and answer period will follow the meeting. <http://www.co.pickens.sc.us/newsreleases/newsletters/PublicMeeting021804.pdf>

2/19/04, 2004 Upstate SC Environmental Safety and Health Conference Palmetto Expo Center, Greenville, SC, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and Spartanburg Development Association will host a one-day conference on Upstate environmental, safety and health issues. Guest speakers will include federal and state officials along with regional experts. *Upstate Forever's* Brad Wyche will discuss the advantages of planning for future growth at the regional level. <http://www.upstatesceshconference.info/>

2/25/04, Urban Forests and Development: Striving for Balance - Panel Discussion, Strom Thurmond Institute, Clemson University, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Can we save trees and accommodate the state's growing population at the same time? The British are leaders in balancing tree preservation with development, and there are lessons to be learned from their experience. A landscape architect and an arborist from Britain will join three other panelists, including *Upstate Forever's* Diane Eldridge, to discuss ways to achieve a sensible balance between urban development and urban tree cover. Open to the public. <http://www.strom.clemson.edu/events/notices/panel2-04.pdf>

2/28/04 and 4/17/04, Habitat Stewards Training Workshop
Sewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center, Awendaw, SC (2/28/04)
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Columbia, SC (4/17/04)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to create wildlife habitat throughout your community by establishing a National Wildlife Federation certified Backyard Habitat site.

<http://www.scwf.org/articles/index.php?cat=2>

2/28/04, Statewide Forest and Parks Cleanup
Francis Marion National Forest, Manchester State Forest, Caesar's Head State Park,
Sumter National Forest

Palmetto Pride has partnered with many law enforcement and natural Resource agencies to plan this event. For more information, please contact: Sarah Robinson at (803) 758-6034 or Beth LeMaster, USFS Long Cane District, at (803) 637-5396.

3/1/04, Upstate Cycling Forum
BMW Zentrum, Greer, SC, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

Palmetto Cycling Coalition and BMW Manufacturing Company are hosting a meeting of cyclists and state and local public officials to discuss bicycling safety, education and access in the state. If you would like additional information or want to attend, please contact spinners@freewheeler.info

3/3-3/4/04 Charlotte, NC and 4/13-4/14/04 Raleigh, NC
Conservation Design: A Workshop on Growing Greener Communities
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Internationally known land use planner, site designer, author, lecturer and advocate of "conservation planning," Randall Arendt will present practical, easy-to-use techniques that enable developers and local officials to work together to accomplish their different objectives: the construction of full-density residential subdivisions (developers' goal) in a way that builds a community-wide network of permanent conservation land (officials' goal). Numerous financially successful examples of conservation subdivisions that have been designed, proposed, reviewed, approved, financed, built, sold, and lived in will be illustrated. <http://www.ncsmartgrowth.org/eventsCons%20Design%20Brochure.pdf>

3/18-3/19/04, Greenprints 2004: Sustainable Communities by Design
Atlanta, Ga.

This conference, presented by SouthFace Institute and the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, will provide a hands-on opportunity to engage the professionals and policy makers who are transforming the market for sustainable development. The sessions will address policy, affordability, community planning, and sustainable residential and commercial design and construction.

<http://www.southface.org/home/Greenprints/g2k4/g2k4index.html>

5/9/04 and 6/26/04, New Television Special about Watersheds to Air on The Weather Channel, 8:30 and 11:30 p.m.

"After the Storm," a ½-hour television special co-produced by the EPA and the Weather Channel, premiered on February 4 and will be shown again on May 9 and June 26. The program explains what a watershed is and how it functions, highlights three case studies of watershed protection efforts, and explains what citizens can do to protect their watershed. <http://www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/>

9. Lot o' Links.

Aging and Smart Growth: Building Aging-Sensitive Communities. This article proposes that the sprawling, automobile-dominated landscape seriously limits the continued mobility and independence of older people.

http://www.fundersnetwork.org/info-url_nocat2778/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=98175

Getting to Smart Growth II: 100 More Policies for Implementation. The Smart Growth Network's latest publication provides ten smart growth principles and the policies necessary to implement them. <http://www.smartgrowth.org/pdf/gettosg2.pdf>

America's Most Endangered National Parks. The National Parks Conservation Association group has released its 2004 list of the nation's 10 most endangered national parks, again including the Great Smoky Mountains. http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/breaking_news/7704845.htm

America's 50 Hottest Cities for Expansions and Relocations. Penton's Expansion Management Publication ranks Greenville 21st on their list of the most attractive cities when it comes to selecting an expansion or relocation site.

<http://www.expansionmanagement.com/smo/newsvviewer/default.asp?cmd=articledetail&articleid=15964>

Parks for People. This report from the Trust for Public Land outlines the desperate need for city parks, especially in inner-city neighborhoods, and documents the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits that parks bring to a city and its people. http://www.tpl.org/content_documents/parks_for_people_1_04.pdf

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/01/0111_040112_consumerism.html

Growing by Chance or Choice. This report examines current growth trends in the State of South Carolina and attempts to answer the question, "How can the Palmetto State grow in a way that safeguards the environment, encourages quality development, and protects property values and rights?" The report is co-authored by *Upstate Forever* member and Clemson University professor Dr. Terry Farris.

http://research.moore.sc.edu/Publications/B&EReview/B&E50/BE50_2/growing.htm

10. Quote of the Month.

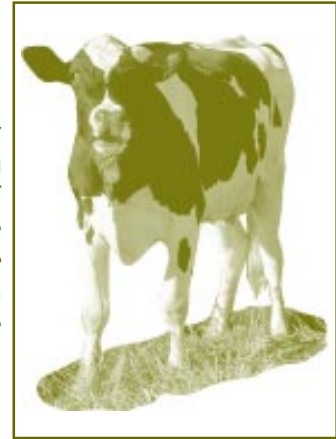
“If you fast-forward in time 50 years on the coast of South Carolina, we’re going to look a lot more like South Florida than the South Carolina we know. So locking down parcels like this is incredibly important to maintaining what I believe is the quality of life in South Carolina.”

Governor Mark Sanford
On Dedication of Wee Tee State Forest
Spartanburg Herald-Journal, November 19, 2003



March 13 *Happy Cow Creamery*

Come see what makes Happy Cow Creamery unique. Farmer Tom Trantham names each of his cows and grazes them year-round on lush green pastures. Research has shown that products from grass-fed animals are much safer for the consumer. On our tour, Farmer Tom will discuss his philosophy and show you how cows that are not stressed, not confined on concrete lots, with plenty of sunshine, fresh air, and water produce a better and healthier product. After the tour, the company store will be open for you to purchase whole milk, chocolate milk, buttermilk, farm fresh produce, free range chickens and eggs, Wisconsin cheese, and local honey. Farmer Tom even promises to pack your cooler with ice for the trip home. We will tour the farm in a wagon with seats and then take an easy walk through the milking barn.



Approximate Time: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon **Max.:** 20 people **Cost:** \$10

April 3 *Eastatoee 2 - Return to the Valley*

Enjoy a day in the beautiful and historic Eastatoee Valley as we once again visit Wes and Ann Cooler, who hosted our very first field trip in 1999. This time we will focus on lessons they have learned about living with the land and the river. We will look at efforts to restore and enhance trout habitat in the Eastatoee River, visit a neighbor's renovated homestead, discuss local history, and learn about the botanically amazing Wadakoe Mountain as it comes to life in the spring. As we end our day, we will participate in an exercise to help Wes and Ann structure a Conservation Easement for their property. Come prepared to walk, observe, take pictures, eat lunch, talk, and learn.

Approximate Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM **Max.:** 20 people **Cost:** \$20

April 24 *Photography Outing with Bill Robertson*



Back by popular demand! Bill Robertson, award winning photographer, will once again share his ideas and techniques on light, perspective, and composition as we hike along the Horsepasture River to Rainbow Falls (the second highest vertical drop east of the Mississippi River). This is a moderate hike so appropriate hiking shoes are recommended. Bring a 35mm camera, tripod, cable release, film, and lunch.

Approximate Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM **Max.:** 20 people **Cost:** \$20

May 22 *Kayaking on Lake Jocassee*

Experience the beauty of Lake Jocassee as we paddle the undeveloped shoreline and explore its isolated nooks and beautiful beaches. Guides from Ecoscape Adventures will meet our group at the Devil's Fork State Park boat ramp for instruction before launching the kayaks. This trip is suitable for beginners; in fact, our guides specialize in teaching first time kayakers. Ecoscape Adventures provides all equipment, snacks, and lunch. Pack a change of clothes, sunscreen, hat, and water. Wear 'teva' type sandals or athletic shoes. Participants must sign a waiver before the trip.



Approximate Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM **Max.:** 10 people **Cost:** \$75



Reservations are required, so call early to reserve your spot!
Detailed instructions will be mailed to each participant

