



Hello all,

The members of the Shaping Our Future Consortium would like to thank you for your active participation at last week's Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. Our next meeting will be **November 30, 2016 at 1PM** (5th Floor Conference Room, 124 Verdae Blvd., Greenville, SC). Within the next two weeks we ask you to do the following:

- **Visit the project website** – www.ShapingOurFutureUpstateSC.org and share it with other interested parties.
- **Review the Place Types information** that was provided and email your feedback to Lisa Hallo (lhhallo@upstateforever.org) and Matt Noonkester (matt.noonkester@city-explained.com) by Friday, September 9th.
- **Help us recruit for upcoming focus groups.** All meetings will be held at Greer City Hall and will be scheduled for three hours. Below is the schedule for focus group meetings. We will be asking participants to register in advance and will direct you to registration details when they become available:
 - o Mon 9/19 @ 1 pm: Utility Providers
 - o Tues 9/20 @ 9 am: Commercial Development and Business Creation, Expansion & Retention
 - o Tues 9/20 @ 1 pm: Industrial Development
 - o Wed 9/21 @ 9 am: Residential Development and the Lending Community
- **Help us collect the data we need to make this study as relevant as possible.** Within the next two weeks Chip Bentley (bentley@scacog.org) will be sending out specific requests to help develop four important data sets: 1) development status assignments, 2) place type classification matrix, translating local land use categories to region-wide place type categories, 3) place type assignments, and 4) major activity center locations. Please assist us as possible. Thank you.
- **Finally, urge your elected and appointed officials to attend the Thursday Oct. 27 Ten at the Top Elected Officials Meeting** where the Shaping Our Future effort will be the topic of discussion. The meeting will be held at the MT Anderson Support Center (100 Blessingame Rd, Greenville, SC) from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm with a reception to follow.

Finally, below are some of the questions, ideas and priorities that arose at our meeting including:

- How will we ensure that bankers and the lending community are part of the dialogue? It is our intention to include this stakeholder group in our focus group meetings. If you have any contacts in these areas, please send them to Lisa Hallo at lhhallo@upstateforever.org (names and emails).
- How will we include the concept of “ecosystem services” in our work? Matt noted that we will need to determine if this is one of the ten metrics we opt to measure and evaluate for the study. If so, we will work together to develop an appropriate methodology based on available data.
- How do we ensure our process complements and is the most relevant to concurrent efforts such as GPATS Long Range Planning, ReWa Long Range Planning and vice versa? We determined that we should change our time horizon to 2040 to reflect that of the GPATS planning effort. We also

determined that some of our outputs – which should be ready just after the holidays – can be integrated into the GPATS study. Though SPATS just completed their LRTP, this opportunity would exist for ANATS as well if there is interest. We noted that we should review the previous ReWa Long Range Plan and communicate with Graham Rich (who is a steering committee member) on the status of that plan update.

Thanks again for your participation and we will look forward to seeing you on Nov. 30th.