

## Committee on Planning & Development

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## **COMMITTEE ON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Agenda Item No. 6		PD 6	Meeting Date:	April 6, 2015
		REQUEST FOR COM	MITTEE ACTION	
То:	Joe Dill, Chairman, Committee on Planning & Development			
From:	Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Department of Community Planning and Development			
Department:	Legal			
Item Title:		Conservation Easements – Westside Park and Poinsett Park		
Action Taken by Committee previously (include dates when Item was discussed):		Item presented to Committee on February 2, 2015. Item received a Public Hearing on March 16, 2015.		
Motion Requested Today:		Approval		
Staff Recomme	ndation:			
Impact of Action:				
Funding Amount/Source:				
Requested by:		Legal Department		
Staff Representative:		Jeff Wile, Assistant County Attorney Wade S. Kolb, III of the Wyche Firm		
List of Attachments: Memorandum and amended and restated easements for each				
4-2-15				various
Date Subm		Approved by the Cou	inty Administrator	Council District

## W Y C H E

March 25, 2014

Planning and Development Committee County of Greenville

RE: Conservation Easements on Poinsett and Westside Parks

To Chairman Dill, Vice Chairwoman Gibson, and Councilmen Cates, Meadows, and Payne:

The documents that follow relate to a project to amend and restate two conservation easements that cover two County properties, Poinsett Park and Westside Park. Copies of both the original conservation easements and the proposed amended and restated easements are included. This project has been negotiated among the County's Legal Department and Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Reedy River (which currently holds the conservation easements), and Upstate Forever. In addition, as required by state law, this project has received approval from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resource's Heritage Trust Advisory Board.

The Greenville County Recreation District entered into the original conservation easements around fifteen years ago. The amended and restated easements clarify what is and is not permitted under the easements, and prioritize the use of the land subject to the easements as County parks. The hope of all the parties involved in this project is that once the easements are amended and restated, they will be transferred from Friends of the Reedy River to Upstate Forever. Friends of the Reedy no longer has a paid staff or the administrative support that enabled it to function as the original holder of the easements, whereas Upstate Forever specializes in this type of work.

Yours sincerely,

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