



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST

The Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust meets on an as needed basis at 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Tony McDade		
Prefix:	Dr.	Birthdate:	
Home Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Email:		Phone #:	
Voter Registration #:		Driver's License #:	
Employer:	Retired	Occupation:	Retired as Executive Director of United Ministries
Highest Degree Earned:	Doctor of Ministry, Columbia Theological Seminary	School Attended:	Furman University
Year of Graduation:	1979	Field of Study:	History and religion
Linked In Profile:		Social Media Profile:	

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

I am a certified Upstate Master Naturalist (since 2021), and achieved statewide Master Naturalist certification in 2025.

Liberal Arts Leadership, Furman University
DLI, Riley Institute, Furman University

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Club of the Reedy River

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

I am an active volunteer at Conestee Nature Preserve, Friends of Bald Rock, Friends of Jocassee, Foothills Trail Conservancy, Meals on Wheels, & Furman University. Cam & I are active members of First Baptist Church-Greenville where I volunteer with children's ministry, serve on the Personnel Committee (past chair), & have served two terms on the Diaconate. I am a trustee of Furman University, a board member of The Sisters of Charity Foundation of SC, & chair of the board at Hollingsworth Funds

My interest in serving on the GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST is:

Conserving our precious land resources in Greenville County is a priority for me and has been for a number of years. Fostering wise growth in our community means finding ways to balance opportunities for development with needs for preservation and conservation. This is especially true for the sensitive natural areas with which Greenville is blessed.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

The GCHNRT board is responsible to Greenville County Council and the citizens of Greenville County for effective conservation of natural and historical resources in our County. This involves fiduciary expertise, integrity, and deep commitment to the cause. Engaging with elected and appointed officials as well as the general public constructively and with transparency is paramount.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST:

It has been my good fortune to serve in a variety of roles that are focused on appreciating and protecting the natural world, especially in Greenville County. Likewise, as a former history major, I am attentive to preserving our heritage in all the best ways. In the groups and on the boards on which I serve, my MO is always one of building consensus, paying attention to data, seeking progress, and including a range of voices and opinions in every deliberation.

My community topics of concern that relate to the GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST are:

While Greenville's growth is exponential, it comes with challenges. GCHNRT board members serve as advocates for conserving the places that make Greenville special. Our county is expansive, so the GCHNRT board should have a commensurate vision, one that encompasses the needs and interests of citizens countywide.

Qualifiers / Areas of Expertise

Please select the seat for which you are applying:

- Board member or executive officer of a charitable corporation
- Owner of rural real property actively farmed
- Active engagement in the real estate business, appraising of farm/forest lands; banking/accounting or real estate/land use law
- Active engagement in historic/cultural preservation

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission?
If yes, please list: Yes No

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission?
If yes, please list: Yes No

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?
If yes, please give details: Yes No

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Additional Questions

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check? Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the GREENVILLE COUNTY HISTORIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST? Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions? Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position? Yes No

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Statement of Agreement and Understanding

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Signature: Tony McDade

Date: 3/3/2026

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.