



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board meets the second Tuesday of January, May and September at 12:00 p.m. at 4806 Old Spartanburg Road, Taylors.

Personal Information

Name:	Sharan Ravishankar	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mr.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Finance Analyst
Employer:	Securitize	School Attended:	University of South Carolina
Highest Degree Earned:	Graduate	Field of Study:	Political Science, Pre-Law, MBA-in Finance
Year of Graduation:	2025	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

Emerging Leadership Certification
Harvard Certificate in U.S. Public Policy: Social, Economic, and Foreign Policies
Graduate Certificate in Public Administration

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Indian Association of Greenville – Member
USC Upstate Alumni Council – Public Affairs Chair
Kannada Association of Greenville – Youth Wing Chair; Executive Committee Member
Carolina Pregnancy Center – Volunteer
Harvest Hope Food Bank – Volunteer
Cancer Survivors Park Alliance – Volunteer
AmeriCorps – Community Volunteer

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

I have been actively involved in several nonprofit and community organizations across the Upstate focused on civic engagement and community service. My volunteer work includes serving as Youth Wing Chair and Executive Committee member for the Kannada Association of Greenville, as well as volunteering with the Indian Association of Greenville, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Cancer Survivors Park Alliance, Carolina Pregnancy Center, and AmeriCorps, helping support community events and outreach initiative

My interest in serving on the PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD is:

I am interested in serving on the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board because I care deeply about community spaces that bring people together. Parks, trails, and recreation areas play an important role in quality of life, public health, and tourism in Greenville County. Through my involvement in local community organizations, I hope to contribute my perspective and support efforts that strengthen our parks and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

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

I understand that the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board serves as a citizen advisory group that provides recommendations to Greenville County on parks, recreation programs, and tourism initiatives. The board reviews proposals, offers community input, and helps guide planning and development to ensure that parks and recreational resources continue to benefit residents and visitors.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD:

I bring strong leadership, community engagement, and analytical skills. I served as Student Body President during my undergraduate studies, representing student interests and working with university leadership. I have also been active in volunteer and community service across the Upstate. Professionally, I have experience as a project manager, relationship manager, and financial analyst, strengthening my skills in collaboration and stakeholder communication.

My community topics of concern that relate to the PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD are:

I am particularly interested in ensuring that parks and recreational spaces remain accessible, well maintained, and welcoming for all members of the community. I also believe parks and outdoor spaces play an important role in public health, youth engagement, and community connection. Supporting initiatives that enhance Greenville County's recreational resources while promoting tourism and responsible growth is an important priority to me.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

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

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

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

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

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

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 PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD? 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? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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

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: Sharan Ravishankar

Date: 3/4/2026

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