



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Committee Room, 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Matthew Hudson-Flege		
Prefix:	Dr.	Birthdate:	
Home Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Email:		Phone #:	
Voter Registration #:		Driver's License #:	
Employer:	Upstate Greenways and Trails Alliance	Occupation:	Nonprofit Management
Highest Degree Earned:	PhD	School Attended:	Clemson University
Year of Graduation:	2015	Field of Study:	Family and Community Studies
Linked In Profile:		Social Media Profile:	

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

South Carolina State Guard, Search and Rescue Technician/Team Leader, 2019–2022

Certifications:

US Forest Service Chainsaw Operations– C Sawyer & Saw Instructor
Wilderness First Aid & CPR

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

O'Neal Village Homeowners Association Board
Professional Trail Builders Association

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

Current:

O'Neal Village Homeowners Association– volunteer board member, playground committee founder & leader
Skyland Elementary– classroom volunteer

Prior:

South Carolina State Guard (2019–2022): served as a Search and Rescue Technician and later as company commander for mountain search and rescue team
Dunean Mill Community Alliance (2016–2018): community volunteer in former neighborhood

My interest in serving on the PLANNING COMMISSION is:

A common refrain I hear from folks in Greenville County, whether they have lived here for six generations or for six months, is "we don't want to be the next Atlanta." The truth is that growth and development are going to occur in Greenville County whether anyone likes it or not. The question is whether we as a community will proactively manage that growth to ensure adequate infrastructure and promote quality of life. I would like to serve on the Planning Commission to help in this effort.

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

Overall, the planning commission is a group of community volunteers who help to guide development consistent with the ordinances and plans set forth by Greenville County. Planning commission members are responsible for maintaining and

recommending amendments to county zoning, land development and landscape ordinances. Members also review and vote on proposed subdivisions and development plans.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the PLANNING COMMISSION:

In my professional work with Upstate Greenways and Trails Alliance, I work with a wide range of stakeholders, from developers, to community & neighborhood associations, to advocacy groups. This has given me an ability to understand diverse interests and build consensus. My PhD in Family and Community Studies from Clemson University has equipped me with the tools to research and understand complex community issues and identify proactive solutions.

My community topics of concern that relate to the PLANNING COMMISSION are:

My primary concern is helping to manage growth in a way that a) ensures sufficient infrastructure, b) preserves the natural environment and rural charm of Greenville County that residents, both old and new, love, and c) enhances quality of life in Greenville County.

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

Do you hold a South Carolina Real Estate License?

Yes No

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 PLANNING COMMISSION?

Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the PLANNING COMMISSION?

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?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

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: Matthew D. Hudson-Flege

Date: 3/25/2026

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