



October 12, 2012

Richland Planning Commission Members

Re: Hillside Development

Commissioners:

The Board of the Alliance for a Livable and Sustainable Community supports the work done by the Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network on hillside development standards. We see this as a good start to incorporate planning principles that protect the communities' natural amenities which include ridgelines, hilltops, hill sides, steep slopes, view corridors and vistas, while also creating an attractive business development framework for sustained investment and functional urban growth.

Preserving the hills and view-scapes that are local icons by adopting these standards now will help the city protect these natural assets that remain and enhance the value to the city now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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President, ALSC