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News Release

Rhett Bickley Honored at Beautification Foundation Event

The West Columbia West Columbia Beautification Foundation will honor former Lexington County Landscape Administrator, Rhett Bickley, at a foundation fundraiser on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lexington Medical Center Auditorium at 2728 Sunset Boulevard, near I-26 and U.S. Highway 378. The Foundation is raising funds to begin beautification projects along the U.S. Highway 378 (Sunset Boulevard) corridor in West Columbia.

The Beautification Foundation will recognize Mr. Bickley's efforts to preserve and protect natural urban environments throughout his long career beginning with the South Carolina Forestry Commission and later as the first urban forester in South Carolina with the County of Lexington.

During Mr. Bickley's tenure at Lexington County, he was instrumental in assisting Lexington County municipalities with urban forestry issues and preservation of trophy trees. He provided guidance to cities and towns on developing municipal landscaping ordinances, expanding urban tree canopies and designing livable green spaces. He served as an ex-officio member of the West Columbia Beautification Foundation until 2011.

The Foundation is organized as a nonprofit corporation, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. Donations to the West Columbia Beautification Foundation are tax deductible.

For more information about the West Columbia Beautification Foundation and how to make contributions, contact Jennifer T. Cunningham, City Administrator, at City Hall (803) 791-1880.

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