Upstate Forever officials concerned about Keowee River development

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SENECA — Top-level officials with Upstate Forever (UF) are looking to schedule a meeting with the developers of the $200 million Keowee River mixed-used project to go over environmental concerns they have of construction plans so close to a river.

Local builder and developer Scott Vick unveiled plans for the 774-acre project Aug. 13.

Angela Viney, director of the sustainable communities program at Upstate Forever, said Monday that she reached out to Vick last week.

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Viney said the initial meeting would be at UF's offices in Greenville and would include UF Director Brad Wyche and other officials with the organization. As of Monday, no date had been scheduled for the meeting.

Viney said concerns about the project center on how developers plan to manage the waterfront. She said UF would be interested in knowing the number of docks planned with the project and whether homes would abut the water's edge.

Viney said she is not aware of a mixed-use project the size of Keowee River that is on the river.

"That's the issue — the river," Viney said.

The Keowee River flows out of Keowee Dam and joins the Twelve Mile River near Clemson and the beginning of the Seneca River.