

Jim Stokes
President, Sustainable Solutions Georgia

Jim Stokes is president of Sustainable Solutions Georgia which works in the areas of energy, water and growth management.

Previously, Jim served for four years as president of the Georgia Conservancy. There he, with others, led successful efforts to prohibit further development on the south end of Jekyll Island and founded the Pine 2 Energy (P2E) Coalition and the Coastal Georgia Land Conservation Initiative. He has served as co-chair of P2E since its inception in 2006.

Prior to that, Jim had a 33-year career at the national law firm Alston & Bird, where he was a senior partner, chaired the management committee and founded the environmental practice group, which he led for 20 years. He led actions to obtain Georgia Environmental Protection Division approval of an innovative risk-based cleanup of the former Atlantic Steel site in Midtown Atlanta, which made possible Atlantic Station, one of the largest and most important brownfield redevelopments in the U.S.

In 2005, Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Jim as the sole environmental member of the Future of Forestry Joint Legislative Study Committee, which was the beginning of Jim's extensive work with the Georgia forestry community. He will become a member of the Georgia Forestry Association Board in January 2010.

Jim was an original member and chair of the Governor's Environmental Advisory Council, serving from 1992-2004. He now serves on the Atlanta Regional Commission's Environmental and Land Use Committee, Sustainable Atlanta Advisory Committee and Livable Communities Coalition Executive Committee and Board.

He has been included on *Georgia Trend's* list of the 100 Most Influential Georgians and the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* list of the Most Influential Atlantans.

Jim received an A.B. from Davidson College in 1966 and an LL.B from Yale Law School in 1969.

He and his wife, Esther, live in the Brookwood Hills neighborhood in Midtown Atlanta and have two grown daughters.

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