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**Required for Consideration:**

1. An official request letter on the requesting entity's letterhead signed by an executive officer or administrator that includes a timeline specifying the dates for start and completion of the project or program.
2. Supporting documentation including but not limited to a detailed description of the project or program, a project or program budget, and the intended use and benefit of state funds for the project or program.
3. Verification that the recipient entity and the use of funds are within the state of South Carolina.
4. The signature of a member of the S.C. House of Representatives.

Disclaimer: Only non-recurring, one-time funds will be considered; recurring expenses (e.g., salaries) are not eligible.

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Project/Event Name: 2026-27 Unified Outreach Initiative

Requested Amount: \$ 300,000

Recipient Entity: Special Olympics South Carolina, Inc.

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ State Agency, \_\_\_\_\_ Local Government, X, Non-Profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ Other?

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Barbara Oswald Title/Position: Executive Vice President

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: BOswald@so-sc.org

Entity Website: www.so-sc.org County Location: Lexington

**Intended Use of the Funds:**

Funds will be utilized to provide opportunities and resources to Special Olympics athletes, family members, and volunteers in the areas of sports, education, and health. These opportunities not only engage and empower more than 30,000 Special Olympics athletes, but they also bring together volunteers, families, schools, and other community members to develop more kind, accepting, and inclusive communities throughout the state.

**Justification of Request / Public Benefit:**

Funding appropriated for Special Olympics SC will support State Program Events, Local Program Trainings for Athletes and Volunteers, Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Training, and Unified Youth Programs. These areas will provide benefits by (1) increasing opportunities for Special Olympics athletes to develop new skills, showcase their abilities, and engage with community members/volunteers through sports and leadership; (2) providing resources, training, and technical support for Unified Champion Schools to develop innovative initiatives that promote and foster more inclusive communities throughout South Carolina; and (3) providing opportunities for Special Olympics athletes and their families increased access to health services (including early intervention) and resources.

Rep. Tommy Pope



Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

Additional House Sponsors:

Print Name: T. R. Ligon #43 Signature: 

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## 2026-27 Unified Outreach Initiative

**RECIPIENT TYPE:** 501c3 non-profit organization

**TAX ID:** 57-0680248

**REQUESTED AMOUNT:** \$300,000

**PROJECT TIMEFRAME:** July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Barry S. Coats, President & CEO

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Special Olympics South Carolina seeks funding to support the **2026-27 Unified Outreach Initiative** that will provide opportunities and resources to Special Olympics athletes, family members, and volunteers in the areas of sports, education, and health to maximize the inclusive reach and impact on Special Olympics athletes, their families, and members of communities, statewide. Programming and resources developed through the **Unified Outreach Initiative** will benefit communities throughout the state of South Carolina.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. S. Coats', written over a printed name.

Barry S. Coats

President & CEO  
Special Olympics South Carolina, Inc.  
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## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED OUTREACH INITIATIVE:**

Special Olympics South Carolina (SOSC) engages communities across South Carolina to provide a variety of opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports, education, and health. These opportunities not only engage and empower more than 30,000 SOSC athletes, but they also bring together thousands of volunteers, families, and other community members to develop more inclusive communities throughout the state.

The **UNIFIED OUTREACH INITIATIVE** will provide opportunities and resources to SOSC athletes, family members, and volunteers in the areas of sports, education, and health to maximize the inclusive reach and impact on SOSC athletes, their families, and members of communities, statewide.

- **SPORTS:** SOSC will build upon the foundation of year-round sports at the local and state levels to provide excellent experiences to athletes, volunteers, family members and spectators while fostering a more inclusive community for everyone.
- **EDUCATION:** SOSC primary **education** initiative, Unified Champion Schools, will develop partnerships among Special Olympics and school communities to break down barriers among students of varying backgrounds and abilities, to create school communities that embrace diversity, acceptance, and inclusion.
- **HEALTH:** SOSC will provide opportunities for increased access to health services for SOSC athletes ages 2 years through adulthood. Health initiatives will include Youth Athletes Programs for early intervention, free health screenings, inclusive health trainings for healthcare providers, and developing networks for families so that they can have easy access to inclusive healthcare providers.

## **PROJECT GOALS & DELIVERABLES:**

### **1. Provide opportunities for SOSC athletes to develop new skills, showcase their abilities, and engage with community members/volunteers through sports and leadership.**

- a. Provide high-quality Special Olympics sports training and competition opportunities at local and state levels, with year-round programs for athletes ages 2 years through older adult years.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:** *Provide at least **40 local sports competitions** and **6 state-level competition events** in a variety of sports.*

- b. Provide inclusive sports and leadership training to empower SOSC athletes, family members, coaches, and other advocates.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:** *Engage a minimum of **250 stakeholders (athletes, families, and volunteers)** at the **2027 Annual Leadership Conference**, with evaluation surveys reporting an **80% “excellent” rating, or higher.***

- c. Utilize digital resources and technology to improve the access and quality of trainings and onboarding for all stakeholders, including athletes, their families, volunteers, and community groups.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:** ***Increase accessibility for trainings and onboarding** that will include the use of assistive technology, development of simple, easy-to-access digital resources, resulting in **600 new athletes** served from August 2026-June 2027.*

### **2. Support 450+ Unified Champion Schools® to develop innovative initiatives that promote and foster more inclusive school communities throughout South Carolina by providing technical support, resources, and funding.**

- a. Support elementary, middle, and high schools with resources and technical support for schools' hosting and/or participating in SOSC events and projects. These projects will qualify for support if they (1) increase capacity to serve students with and without intellectual disabilities with unified programming and (2) are sustainable initiatives.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:** *Support **8 new unified events or innovation projects** in schools during the 2026-27 school year.*

- b. Provide training to youth and adult leaders from Unified Champion Schools® to equip them with strategies and best practices to provide high-quality unified programming in their school communities.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:** *Provide training on unified strategies to a minimum of **1200 youth leaders and 320 educators.***



**3. Increase opportunities for SOSC athletes and their families to access health services and resources through Special Olympics outreach and programming.**

- a. Provide SOSC Young Athletes outreach opportunities (ages 2-7 years) and new Junior Athletes programming (ages 7-12 years) through events and programs supporting children ages 2-7 years, with and without intellectual disabilities, in inclusive play that provides fine and gross motor skill development as well as foundational sports and social skills. Early intervention through Youth Athletes and Junior Athletes Programs also provides a support system and sense of community for families while also providing opportunities for inclusive play for siblings of young children with special needs.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE: Conduct a minimum of 10 Young/Junior Athletes outreach events and programs across the state engaging at least 50 children and their families.**

- b. Provide opportunities for SOSC athletes to participate in free fitness programming and health screenings.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE: Engage a minimum of 150 athletes in free fitness programs and screenings.**

## **ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:**

SOSC was a charter member of the first Special Olympics event hosted at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1968, with a contingent of six athletes. The organization now reaches athletes in over 180 countries, serving as the world's #1 healthcare provider for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics is the only organization that also addresses social inclusion, and the sports needs of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics aims to better the lives of all individuals with intellectual disabilities through ***Sports, Health, Education and Community Engagement***.

SOSC is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves more than 30,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities throughout South Carolina, making it one of the largest state Special Olympics programs in the nation. The organization trains athletes who compete in 27 different sports, with opportunities provided through more than 400 Special Olympics events that take place across South Carolina in a typical year. To provide these services, SOSC engages over 16,000 trained and monitored volunteers. This community outreach not only provides sports opportunities for SOSC athletes, it also provides an opportunity to break down barriers and promote more inclusive communities.

In Special Olympics, the power and joy of sport shifts focus to what our athletes CAN do, instead of what they cannot. Attention to disabilities fades away. Instead, we see our athletes' talents and abilities, and applaud them for all that they can do. And they are doing a lot; from basketball to soccer to tennis. With 27 Olympic-style sports, SOSC offers adults and children with intellectual disabilities and their unified partners (teammates *without* intellectual disabilities) many ways to be involved in their communities; many ways to show who they really are. Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away. These opportunities lead to improved sports skills, higher self-esteem, equal status among peers and new friendships.

## POPULATION SERVED (PUBLIC SERVICE) & COMMUNITY NEED:

SOSC serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In terms of criteria for participation, a person is considered to have an intellectual disability for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:

1. The individual has been diagnosed with an intellectual disability by a medical professional or as determined by a government agency.
2. The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures, including an intelligent quotient or "IQ" of 75 or lower.
3. The person has a significant developmental delay, as determined by standardized measures, including a minimum of a 2-year development delay.
4. The person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work, independent living, self-direction, or self-care).

While Special Olympics focuses its services on children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, SOSC programming serves a much larger community, where family and community members work, lead, and participate side-by-side with SOSC athletes. This is where the magic of developing more inclusive schools and communities comes into play. By giving the larger community access to our population, everyone becomes more appreciative of the incredible gifts these athletes have and how much value that bring to their community.

Special Olympics athletes, as with many youth, often begin their sports participation during school. More than half of the athletes served by SOSC are school-aged children (16,000), representing all demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds. These formative years provide a foundation for sports participation and community inclusion. The Unified Champion Schools® program engages children with and without intellectual disabilities, ages 4 years to 21 years. Approximately 4500 youth with intellectual disabilities are currently served through Unified Champion Schools® and 5,000 students WITHOUT disabilities who serve as leaders, advocates, mentors, unified partners, and event volunteers. Through these opportunities, students from general education develop and enhance their ability to be an inclusive leader, teammate, and advocate in a diverse environment.

Unified Champion Schools® have become a primary strategy for SOSC in promoting inclusion in communities throughout the state. Studies show that in schools, youth face tremendous challenges that can be addressed through unified strategies. Studies conducted by the National School Climate Center indicate that **academic performance, personal development, and overall wellbeing** of students with and without disabilities are hampered by several key concerns of school leaders.



## ***Bullying & Safety Concerns***

For all students today, feeling unsafe has a negative impact on learning:

- 28% of students say they were bullied at school within the last 6 months.
- 35.5% of students reported being in a physical fight within the previous year.

For students with disabilities, bullying is the norm:

- 1 in 10 students with intellectual disabilities are bullied or victimized **at least once a week**.
- Students with disabilities are 2-3 times more likely to be bullied than their non-disabled peers.

## ***Isolation & Disengagement***

Students who feel connected to their schools and engaged in their learning are more successful academically and have healthier behavior, yet:

- 40-60% of students in high school are chronically disengaged from school.
- Only 50% of high school students feel they are an important part of their school community.

For students with intellectual disabilities:

- Only 10% of youth say they have a friend with intellectual disabilities; isolation is the norm.

## ***Emotional Distress & Unhealthy Behavior***

Students need to be healthy, safe, and ready to succeed; yet many are struggling:

- only 34% of students engaged in enough regular physical activity.
- 44% of children report stress-related sleeping difficulties.
- 15% of high school students say they have seriously considered suicide within the last year.
- 11% of high school students have made plans for suicide; 7% have attempted to take their own lives.

A socially inclusive school climate fosters inclusion, acceptance, respect, and human dignity for ALL students and is based on the foundational belief that the school's purpose is to educate, motivate and activate all students. The strategies utilized by Unified Champion Schools® provide opportunities for reforming school cultures to be more socially inclusive and to repair these broken areas of the education community.

## ***Measured Success***

Special Olympics inclusive strategies through Unified Champion Schools® are not new to South Carolina. These initiatives began in 2008 as a partnership was formed between Special Olympics and the US Department of Education. The program (known then as Project UNIYF) was immediately adopted in South Carolina as SOSC's primary education outreach initiative. During the 2008-09 school year, SOSC engaged 11 schools across the state through inclusive sports and advocacy activities. The program quickly evolved into what is now Unified Champion Schools®, engaging more than 450 schools from 64 school districts statewide. Each Unified Champion School provides unique combinations of activities to engage students in furthering inclusion in their school community.

The reach of Unified Champion Schools® expands and deepens each year with consistent development of new school and district partnerships. Most importantly, involvement with Unified Champion Schools® has proven to have a positive impact on students with and without disabilities, as revealed in a national study conducted by the University of Massachusetts-Boston:

- 96% of educators felt that the Unified Champion Schools® program has created a more socially inclusive environment.
- Educators indicated an ***increase in attendance*** of students with intellectual disabilities (85%) and students without intellectual disabilities (81%).
- 99% also felt the program is valuable for the school.
- 95% of schools reported increased participation of students with disabilities in school activities and ***more inclusive attitudes school-wide***.
- 64% of students with disabilities and 37% of students without disabilities reported a significant ***increase in self-esteem and self-confidence***.
- Students who participate feel more supported by their teachers and peers, have higher levels of grit, receive better grades, and are ***more empathetic and compassionate***.
- 76% became ***more patient*** and 76% ***learned to compromise***.
- Schools implementing Unified programming also reported positive impacts on academic outcomes including:
  - High schools that implement Unified Champion Schools® had a 2.6% *increase in graduation rates* for students with intellectual disabilities and 1.3% increase for students without intellectual disabilities.
  - Long term exposure to the program is associated with ***increases in standardized test scores and GPA*** for middle and high schools students with and without intellectual disabilities.

**Additionally, teachers reported the following improvements for ALL participating students:**



92%- Relationship Skills



89%- Social Awareness



89%- Responsible Decision-Making

## ***Beyond Schools***

SOSC recognizes that engaging school communities is an investment in developing more inclusive larger communities for Special Olympics athletes beyond their school years. Through 16 years of engaging youth and adults through Unified Champion Schools®, Special Olympics is improving the livelihood of SOSC athletes in the following ways:

- Developing a generation of young people without intellectual disabilities who are more inclusive, therefore more likely to befriend, employ, and interact with our population as throughout their adulthood.
- Empowering Special Olympics athletes to see themselves as leaders and learn to self-advocate as inclusive youth leadership activates young people of all abilities to lead Unified Champion Schools® together.
- Activating young people, with and without intellectual disabilities, to spread the message of inclusion beyond their campus, changing perspectives of not only their school-aged peers, but also influencing the adults in their families, their homes, and their larger communities.
- Developing young people who want to stay involved with Special Olympics Unified Sports® and other programs beyond their school years, increasing the number of volunteers supporting community-based programs.

## ***Changing Perceptions***

Special Olympics was founded for the purpose of getting individuals with intellectual disabilities out of the shadows and onto a competitive stage, where they can show the world what they are capable of accomplishing. Special Olympics also provides somewhere for athletes to have regular social interactions, build confidence, and demonstrate courage.

Research commissioned by Special Olympics has shown that many people underestimate the potential and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities (ID).

- Despite 85% of people with ID being only mildly impaired, there is a widespread belief that people with ID are not of capable of doing things such as playing sports and attending inclusive schools.

Sports have the potential to change external perceptions and attitudes towards the capabilities of people with ID. Special Olympics sports programming even improves parents' perceptions and expectations of their children with ID. A study found that:

- Many parents credit Special Olympics with helping them better understand their child's capabilities.
- 65% of parents felt that participation in Special Olympics has raised ***their expectations of their sons and daughters with ID.***

Special Olympics seeks to empower people with ID to achieve their personal best in all aspects of life, using sports to create opportunities for people with ID to demonstrate excellence, improve their physical fitness, and create relationships through sports. The impact of sports also goes beyond the athlete. Participation brings families together and provides a social network of other families involved in Special Olympics.

- 57% of athletes' siblings felt that participation in Special Olympics brought their family closer together.

### ***Impacting Health***

Research also demonstrates that physical activity improves motor skill development, muscular strength, immune system functioning, sleep patterns, and diet and nutrition. In addition, physical activity and sports can improve health outcomes by reducing the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer, conditions for which adults with disabilities are often at increased risk. Special Olympics is the ultimate prescription, as sports participation provides opportunities for athletes to get active and live healthier lifestyles.

Special Olympics athletes had a **31% lower health care usage rate** than individuals with ID not participating in Special Olympics.

The benefits of physical activity and Special Olympics sports participation extend beyond physical wellbeing. According to a study examining psychosocial outcomes:

- People with ID who are involved in Special Olympics demonstrate increased ability to adapt to stressors compared to involvement in sports outside of Special Olympics and no sports at all.
- Special Olympics athletes show increased levels of self-esteem, self-worth, and social inclusion compared to non-participants.
- Young adults with ID who participated in Special Olympics are **49% less likely to be diagnosed with depression**.

Special Olympics Unified Sports® provides people with and without ID the opportunity to play on the same sports teams, creating a space for friendship, physical activity, and fun. Research on Unified Sports® has found that Unified Sports® athletes (with ID) **experience improved social competence and social inclusion while decreasing problem behaviors**. The impact also extends to the unified partners, and their attitudes towards people with ID are improved as a result of Unified Sports® participation.

Findings from research and evaluations include:

- 82% of family member in the United States report that athlete **improved their self-esteem** after participating in Unified Sports®.
- 94% of athletes and partners say Unified Sports made them healthier and 91% of athletes AND partners report Unified Sports® improved their sports skills.



- 83% of athletes reported having more friends without ID after participating in Unified Sports®.
- Special Olympics coaches testimonies reveal that they see “improved confidence, enhanced communication (including previously mute athletes talking in order to communicate with partners!) and improved social inclusion”.

By consistently challenging the negative perceptions of people with ID and demonstrating their capabilities, Unified Sports® creates “bridges to social inclusion” in the community. There are four main elements of Unified Sports® that challenge barriers to inclusion in the community:

1. **Promoting the personal development of athletes and partners.** Developing social and sports skills while focusing on ability, rather than disability.
2. **Creating inclusive and equal bonds among athletes and partners.** Promoting true partnerships that are positive and inclusive.
3. **Generating positive perceptions of athletes.** Serving as a platform to inform the community about people with ID.
4. **Building alliances within the community.** Building parent support/advocacy networks and connecting with local sports organizations, schools, community groups, etc. for support.

These processes allow social inclusion to occur within Unified Sports® teams and in the broader community. Evaluations have shown that Unified Sports® has in fact helped athletes enhance their involvement in the community. As a result of Unified Sports® programming, **83% of participants reported that they do more activities in their community.** Through the power of sport, Unified Sports® connects people with and without ID, building bridges to social inclusion in the broader community and breaking down stigmas.

Funding supported inclusion programming and education reached more than **200,000 K-12 students** in South Carolina, sports training and competition opportunities were provided for more than **30,000 Special Olympics South Carolina athletes**, and various events engaged **10,000 volunteers** across the state.

**PROJECT BUDGET:**

| <b>UNIFIED<br/>OUTREACH<br/>LINE ITEMS</b>                     | <b>SPECIAL<br/>OLYMPICS<br/>TOTAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>PROPOSED<br/>STATE<br/>FUNDING<br/>ALLOCATION</b> | <b>BUDGET JUSTIFICATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>State Program<br/>Events</b>                                | \$485,000                                        | \$152,000                                            | State Fall Games: \$65,000; State Summer Games: \$45,000. Additional state-hosted competitions including basketball, cheer, equestrian, pickleball, kayaking, and tennis: \$42,000.                                     |
| <b>Unified Youth<br/>Programming</b>                           | \$320,000                                        | \$20,500                                             | Young Athletes resources & supplies including adaptive sports equipment: \$2500 x 5 new programs= \$12,500; Unified Schools Innovation Project funding: 8 x \$1000 per = \$8000.                                        |
| <b>Local Program<br/>Support</b>                               | \$545,000                                        | \$86,900                                             | Local Program support- 16 area programs x \$2000 per = \$32,000; New supplies for local competitions- \$1000 x 16 area programs= \$16,000; Local Program leadership training at Annual Leadership Conference: \$38,900. |
| <b>Athlete<br/>Leadership &amp;<br/>Volunteer<br/>Training</b> | \$675,000                                        | \$40,600                                             | Assistive Technology & Digital Resources: \$16,000; Local Program & Athlete Leadership Training Event(s): \$21,000; Coach Education Training \$1800 x2= \$3600.                                                         |

May 12, 2026

Marc Truesdale  
Budget Director  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 11867  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Marc:

From October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025, the Department contracted with Special Olympics of South Carolina in the amount of \$750,000 (\$250,000 annually). This contract funded the expansion of Unified Champion Schools, which provided resources, training, and inclusive activities such as sports, leadership, and literacy projects to promote whole-school engagement.

Sincerely,



Joshua R. Byers  
Senior Manager, Office of Finance

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Tender Hearts Maternity Home

Requested Amount: \$ 150,000

Recipient Entity: Tender Heart's Girls Home, Inc dba Tender Hearts Ministries

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☐ Local Government, ☒ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Ainslee Mass Title/Position: Founder + President

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: ainslee@tenderheartssc.org

Entity Website: tenderheartssc.org County Location: York

Intended Use of the Funds: purchase a maternity home

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: We will be able to safely house mothers who are facing homelessness, uncertainty and fear. We will teach them to be self-sufficient, help them gain employment and save their money to obtain their own housing

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: Thomas E. "Tommy" Pope Signature: TS Pope

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## Tender Hearts Ministries

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April 30, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Tender Hearts Girls Home, Inc., doing business as Tender Hearts Ministries, is an established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has faithfully served the homeless community for more than 20 years. Throughout these years, it has remained on our hearts to expand our outreach by opening a maternity home for vulnerable mothers and their babies.

We have recently been presented with a rare and urgent opportunity. An existing maternity home has closed its doors and is offering us the chance to purchase their fully equipped facility. This home is turnkey and ready to open immediately, allowing us to begin serving mothers in crisis without delay. However, the sellers are requesting a quick closing timeline.

We have until the end of May 2026 to raise \$250,000 in order to secure the purchase.

Historically, our ministry has been blessed to successfully raise funds for major capital needs, but the short timeframe of this opportunity creates a significant challenge. We currently have \$50,000 committed and are actively working toward an additional \$50,000, which we believe will bring us to \$100,000.

With that in mind, we humbly ask for any support you may be able to provide toward the remaining \$150,000 needed to make this life-changing vision a reality.

If we are able to close on the home by June 1, 2026, we can begin housing 5-6 homeless mothers by June 15, 2026. This means mothers facing homelessness, uncertainty, and fear could quickly find safe shelter, compassionate care, and hope for a better future for themselves and their children.

Every gift, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to opening these doors and extending love, stability, and dignity to women who need it most.

Thank you for considering this urgent request and for keeping a tender heart toward those in need. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further.

Keeping a tender heart toward those in need,

Ainslee Moss  
Founder & President  
Tender Hearts Ministries

Cell: 803-493-3597  
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The Lord is my strength  
and my shield, my heart  
trusted in Him, and I am  
helped: therefore my heart  
greatly rejoiceth; and with  
my song will I praise Him.

~ Psalm 28:7





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The Honorable Murrell Smith  
Speaker of the House  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
1100 Gervais Street  
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The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander  
President of the Senate  
South Carolina Senate  
1101 Pendleton Street  
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**RE: Letter of Support for Tender Hearts Ministries Grant Application**

May 1, 2026

Dear Speaker Smith, President Alexander, and the Honorable Members of our General Assembly:

It is with great pride and conviction that I write to you on behalf of the York Police Department to express our full, unreserved support for Tender Hearts Ministries in their application for grant funding. This funding is critical for the establishment of the Tender Hearts Girls Home, Inc., a planned facility dedicated to providing essential shelter and comprehensive assistance to pregnant women without resources in our community.

The York Police Department has proudly partnered with Tender Hearts Ministries for over two decades. For more than twenty years, they have been an indispensable ally to law enforcement in addressing the root causes of crisis in our city. Together, we have collaborated extensively on homeless programs and community outreach initiatives. Tender Hearts is a consistent presence at our Community Night Out, generously providing free backpacks and school supplies to local children. Furthermore, they empower our officers to make an immediate difference on the streets by providing us with thrift store gift cards, which we distribute directly to deserving citizens we encounter who are experiencing severe financial crisis.

Because of this deeply integrated partnership, our officers have been able to identify and assist countless citizens suffering from drug addiction, homelessness, chronic hunger, and other severe quality-of-life issues. Time and again, when we bring these vulnerable individuals to Tender Hearts, they are met not just with temporary charity, but with rigorous structure, unwavering support, and a pathway to a better life.

The results of their programs are nothing short of remarkable. Any citizen who completes a program through Tender Hearts leaves fully equipped with the life skills necessary to succeed and sustain their



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independence. We have seen firsthand that not a single graduate of their program has returned to homelessness, addiction, or the afflictions that initially brought them into contact with our officers. This level of success makes them one of the most effective community partners we have ever worked with.

As you are well aware, the York area is experiencing rapid and unprecedented growth. With this expansion comes a proportional increase in the need for specialized social services. We foresee a very real and urgent need for the Tender Hearts Girls Home, Inc. to support vulnerable pregnant women who currently have nowhere else to turn.

The York Police Department fully supports the creation of this facility. We eagerly look forward to the General Assembly awarding Tender Hearts Ministries this vital funding so that our officers – and our community – will have yet another proven, desperately needed resource available to save and transform lives.

Thank you for your time, your service to our state, and your thoughtful consideration of this outstanding organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian A. Trail  
Chief of Police

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**From:** Zack Lester <zlester@cloversc.org>  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 9:18 PM  
**To:** Tommy Pope <tommy@tommypope.com>  
**Subject:** Clover PD Headquarters - Brief Overview

**Caution:** This is an external email and contains attachments that have not been scanned. Please take care when opening any attachments within this email. If you are in doubt please contact the IT Department.

Rep. Pope,

Attached is a short overview of our Police Department Headquarters project for your awareness and consideration as budget discussions continue.

Our Department is in a strong place staffing-wise, but the current facility is just not built to support modern policing needs or future demand. The attached provides a quick look at what we're working with now, along with what a right-sized facility would allow us to do moving forward. I'm happy to provide anything additional that may be helpful.

On behalf of our Police Department, the citizens of Clover, Mayor & Council – we appreciate everything you're doing and your continued support.

Thanks again,  
Zack

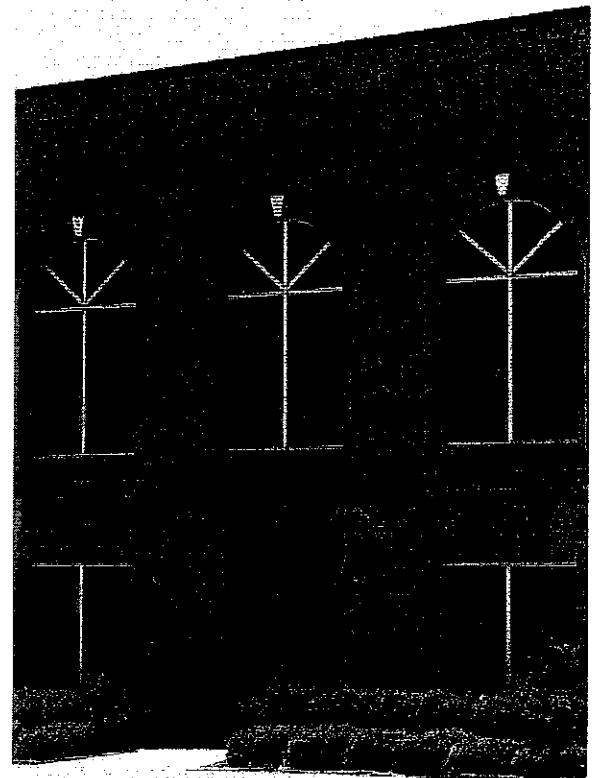
**Zack Lester III**  
Town Administrator  
116 Bethel Street [PO Box 1060]  
Clover, SC 29710  
Phone: 803.222.9495



# **TOWN OF CLOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

Public Safety Facility Needs  
& Funding Request

FY26-27





# OVERVIEW

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Public Safety Overview

Current Facility Conditions

Proposed Police  
Headquarters

Next Steps

# **PUBLIC SAFETY CAPACITY VS. COMMUNITY GROWTH**



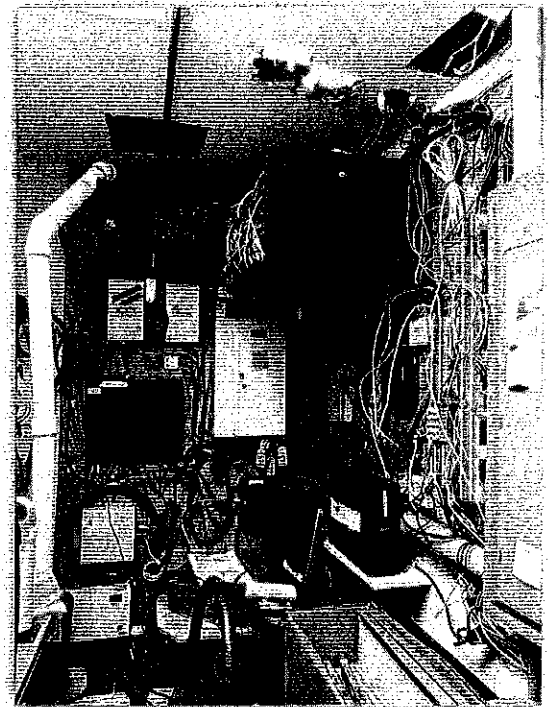
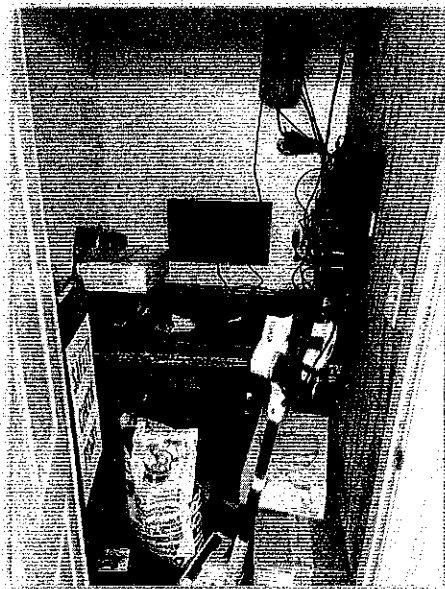
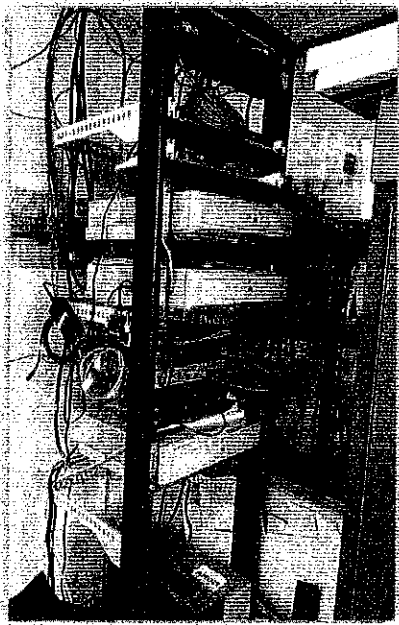
- Clover PD is **fully staffed** — rare in York County and surrounding municipalities
- Clover remains a **safe community**, but **calls, traffic, and case complexity are increasing**
- **Largest share of Town budget** already supports public safety
- **Current facility limits growth** — operations cannot scale with demand
- **Population Growth** has nearly doubled since 2020

***We have the personnel – we don't have the facility to support them.***

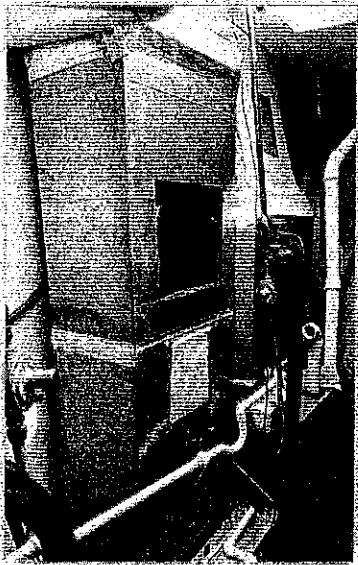
## **EXISTING HEADQUARTERS CONSTRAINTS**



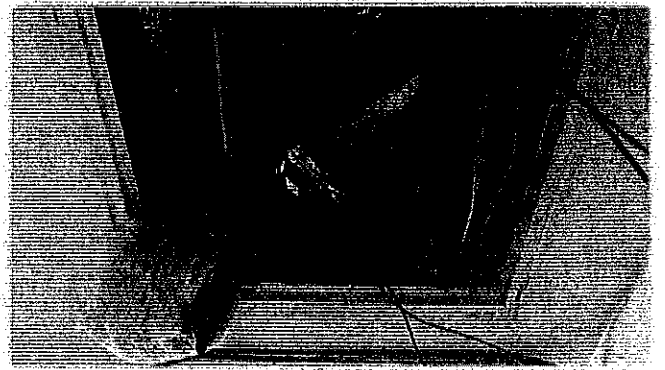
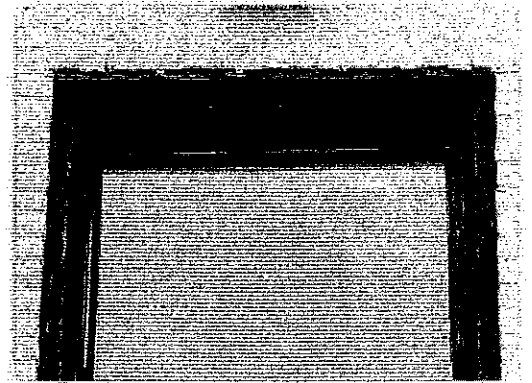
- **No privacy for sensitive investigations**
- **No meeting/ training space**
- **Equipment and materials scattered across Town facilities**



- **Evidence storage maxed out** (using closets, not pictured)
- Modern policing **technology forced into a century-old facility not designed to support it**



- **Original windows and aging construction** make climate control nearly impossible
- **HVAC system functionally unfixable** without major disruption



## **ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES**



- No secure Parking
- No secure Dispatch
- No holding or proper interview rooms

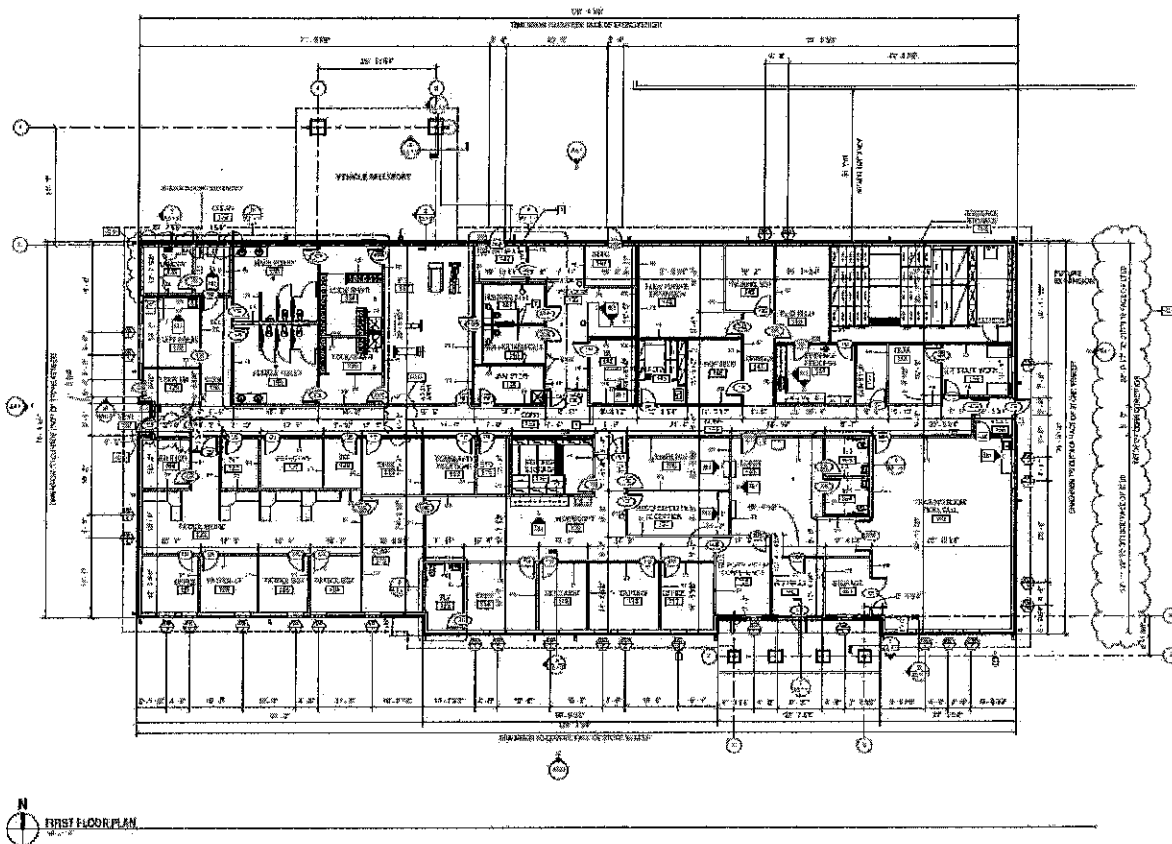
*If officer-per-square-foot were a metric,  
...Clover would rank at the top of the list*





## **RIGHT SIZED PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Secure sallyport & parking
- Dedicated dispatch & communications area
- Proper interview, holding, and evidence rooms
- Adequate office space for investigations & administration
- Training/ meeting space
- Centralized equipment storage
- Designed for future staffing and service demand



Floor plan shown represents desired product (~14,000 sf)

Modeled after the City of Tega Cay Police Department, which serves a similar-sized community and operational profile

*This is not an expansion- It's bringing operations up to modern public safety standards.*



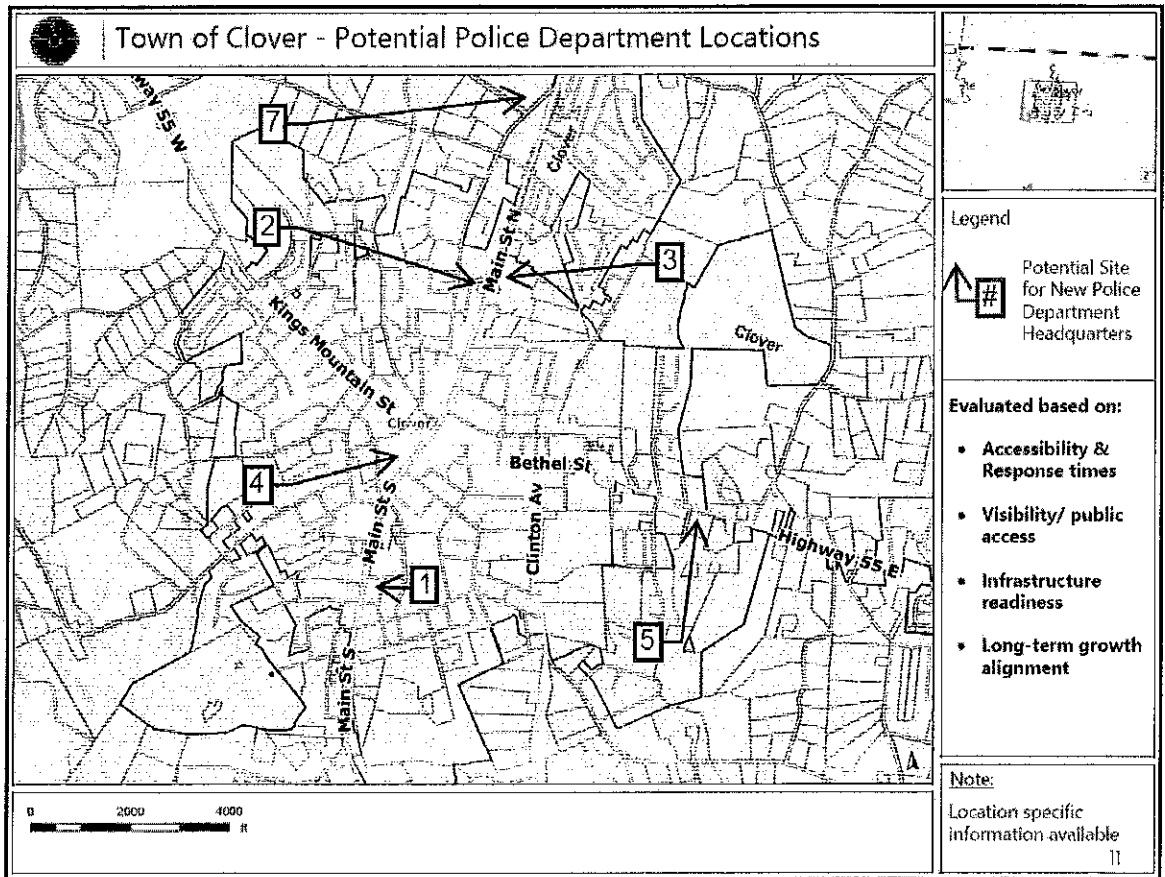
## **PURPOSE-BUILT DESIGN**

- **Improves officer safety** (secure sallyport, controlled access)
- **Protects evidence integrity** (proper storage + chain of custody)
- **Enhances casework efficiency** (dedicated investigative space)
- **Supports training & retention** (modern, functional workspace)
- **Designed to accommodate** future staffing, technology upgrades, and service demand **without requiring expansion**

**7 viable sites identified**  
 (additional options exist)

*Evaluated based on:*

- Accessibility & Response times
- Visibility/ Public Access
- Infrastructure readiness
- Long-term Growth Alignment



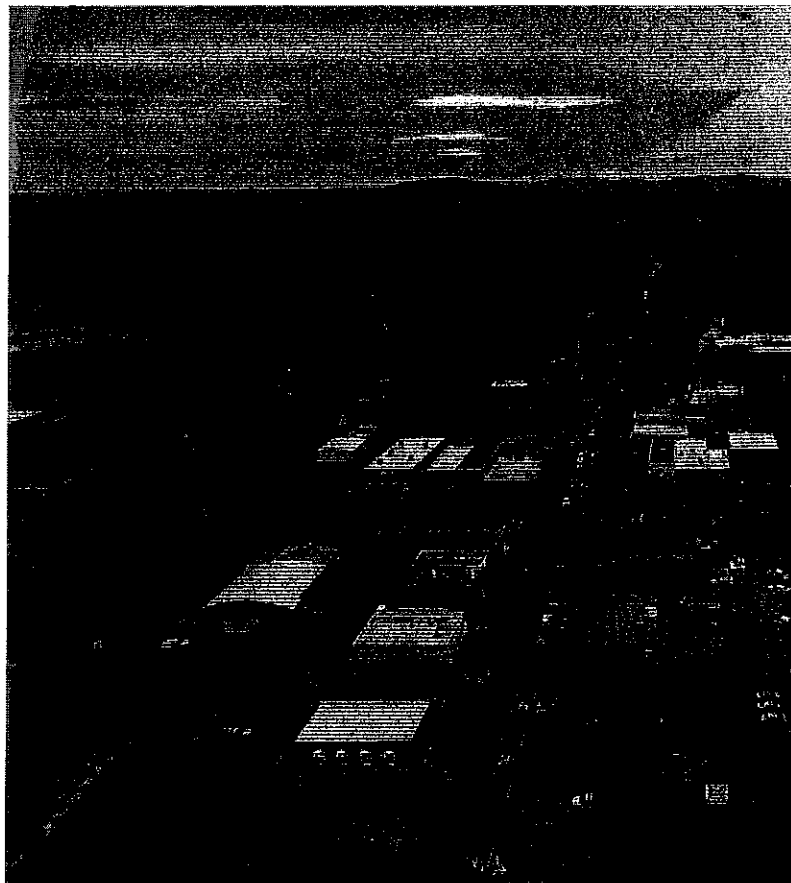
## **STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Existing Police Department building will be:
  - Restored (Historic asset preserved)
  - Repurposed to support Community Engagement and Development Services
  - Utilized to reduce fragmentation of departments across multiple facilities
- \$8M Investment supports:
  - New Headquarters property acquisition & Construction
  - Transition + Restoration of historic facility
  - Long-Term operational efficiency

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Thank you for your  
continued support of  
Clover and your  
partnership in  
strengthening public  
safety.

*Town of Clover*  
SOUTH CAROLINA



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Requested Amount: \$ 2 million

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: josh.edwards@yorkcountysc.gov

Entity Website: <https://www.yorkcountygov.com/> County Location: York

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: The Catawba Bend Preserve Greenway Trail will be an accessible, multi-modal, regional trail that provides access along the banks of the historic Catawba River. This regionally significant transportation corridor will someday connect lands from all of North and South Carolina via the Carolina Thread Trail System, including state and national lands, neighboring tribal lands, municipalities, and other regional recreational amenities. York County Council adopted the Catawba Bend Preserve Master Plan in October 2021 that will transform a 1,900-acre parcel of land situated along the Catawba River, into a public, nature-based recreation area. Nearly 1,700 acres of the project site has been placed under a conservation easement, protecting the land's natural resources. (See attachment for additional information).

J. Lopez

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**



## **House Member Appropriation Request Form**

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### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: T. R. Ligon #43 Signature: 

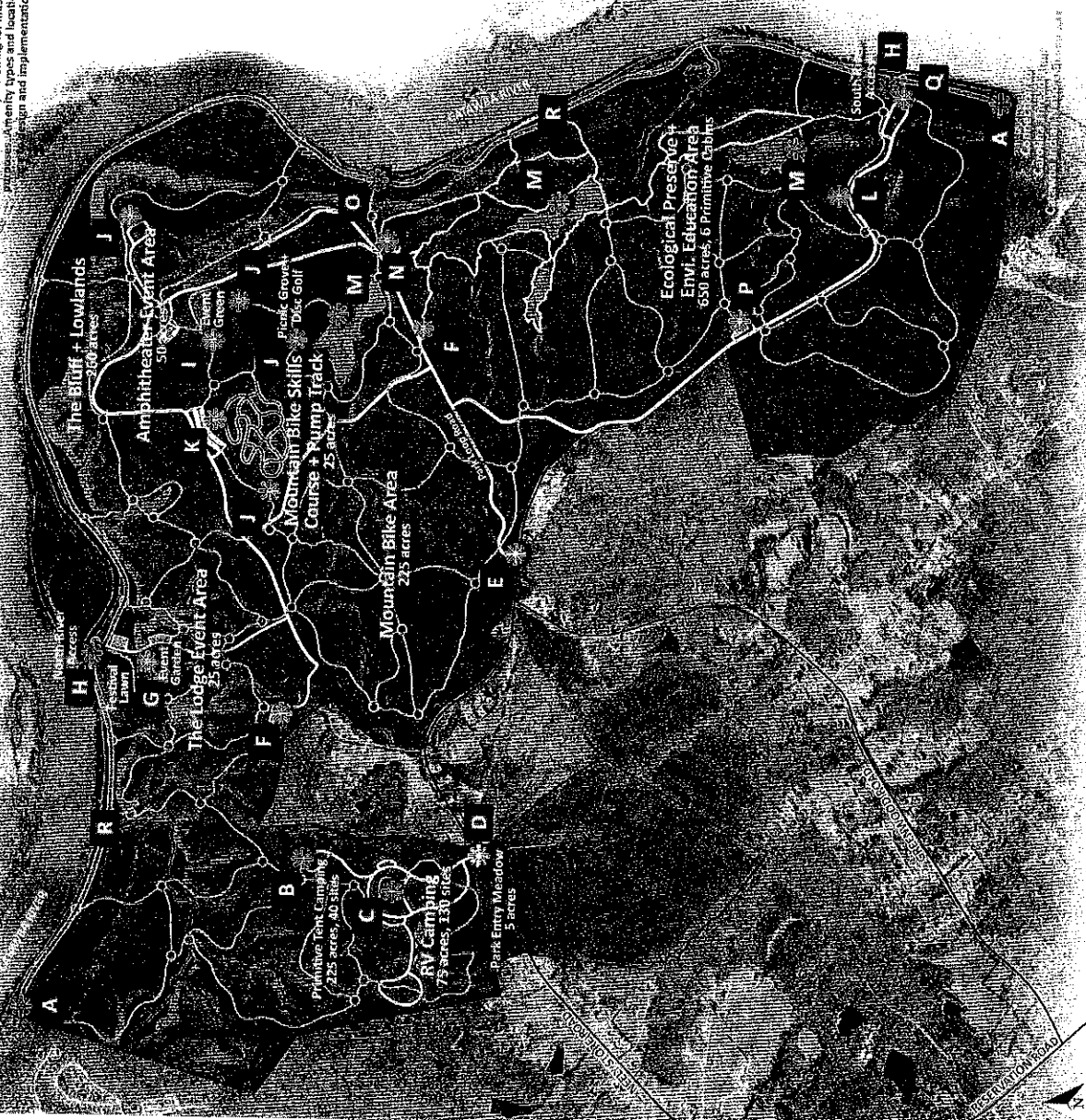
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This is a concept drawing for master planning purposes. Arterial types and location may vary from design and implementation variables.

# LEGEND

- Paved River Trail (4.3 miles)
- Hiking Trail (2.1 miles)
- Trail Wayfinding Signage
- Ex. Hiking Trails (4 miles)
- Ex. Cross Country Trail (3.1 miles)
- Park boundary
- New Park Roadway
- Park Entry Feature
- Future Building Location
- Lake Access and Dock
- River Feature
- Primitive Cabin
- River observation and rest area
- Tent camping check in, restrooms, and showers
- RV camping check in, restrooms, picnic pavilion, and playground
- Entry gateway
- Entry gateway and gatehouse
- Ranger station, maintenance facilities, and trailhead parking
- The Lodge multi-purpose event center
- Canoe and kayak launch to Catawba River
- Amphitheater, restrooms, and parking
- Picnic pavilion
- Mountain bike clubhouse, restrooms and parking
- Environmental Education Center, greenhouse, and playground
- Lake access and dock
- Trailhead parking and restroom
- Shoals Overlook and mid-point trail access
- Trailhead parking, and restroom
- Restrooms, showers, parking, and picnic pavilion
- 4.3-mile paved River Trail



## CATAWBA BEND PRESERVE MASTER PLAN YORK COUNTY, SC



Originally Approved October 4, 2021  
Updated November 5, 2023 (atherine Jones)

■ DODD STUDIO  
■ GREENWAYS INC.



## York County Manager's Office

February 2, 2026  
The Honorable Representative Ligon  
306C Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Funding Request for Catawba Bend Preserve in York County

Dear Representative Ligon:

York County Council adopted the Catawba Bend Preserve Master Plan in October 2021 that will transform a 1,900 acre parcel of land situated along the Catawba River, in the northeastern area of the County, into a public recreation area that over time will become a nature-based park. The mission of Catawba Bend Preserve is to provide nature-based, outdoor recreation preserve connecting visitors to activities and programs that celebrate the native landscapes and ecosystems of York County. Nearly 1,700 acres of the project site has been placed under a conservation easement, protecting the land's natural resources and limiting development. The Council adopted a Master Plan revision on November 20, 2023, included on the last page of this request.

This master plan offers a vision for what is possible. The plan was developed using public input, contributions from a specially constituted park steering committee, a detailed evaluation of the property, and recommendations of the County's master plan consultants. York County Council budgeted approximately \$7.5 Million for Phase one to fund necessary infrastructure to open the park, such as, roads, utilities, parking, etc. Additionally, approximately four miles of natural trails were completed in this phase.

York County is seeking assistance in funding amenities at this park to continue with its development and offer more opportunities for the citizens of York County as well as visitors. York County is seeking a match of up to \$2M to help design and construct the paved greenway trail along the Catawba River, which will also be part of the Carolina Thread Trail master plan. The Catawba Bend Preserve Greenway Trail will be an accessible, multi-modal, regional trail that provides access to users to the sights and sounds of the mix oak-pine forests, pasture-prairies, and wetlands along banks of the historic Catawba River. This regionally significant transportation corridor will someday connect lands from all of North and South Carolina via the Carolina Thread Trail System, including state and national lands, neighboring tribal lands, municipalities and other regional recreational amenities.

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Telephone: (803) 628-3954 Fax: (803) 684-8550 Web: [www.yorkcountygov.com](http://www.yorkcountygov.com)

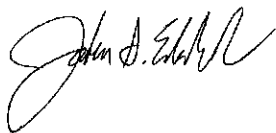
York County has funded the design and construction of the first mile of the Greenway Trail and construction will begin in the Spring of 2026. The additional funding will provide a match for the York County funding for phase two to continue to extend the trail south. Phase two can be designed and construction can begin in FY27 with your support.

Catawba Bend Preserve will open in early March, with natural hiking trails, fishing ponds, picnic areas, wildlife viewing, restrooms and more. Later in 2026, a disc golf course and mountain bike trails will be accessible to the public. Completing the first and second phase of the greenway project will add one more world-class amenity from the master plan to this regionally significant project that is sure to impact residents and visitors alike for decades to come. Opening Catawba Bend Preserve and adding trail access were two of the most received responses during completion of the recently completed county-wide park master plan.

As York County continues to provide more recreational opportunities throughout the County, I ask for your help to partner with us and help fund amenities at Catawba Bend Preserve. The County takes pride in providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences for all residents. These requests will provide for enhanced usability for all park patrons.

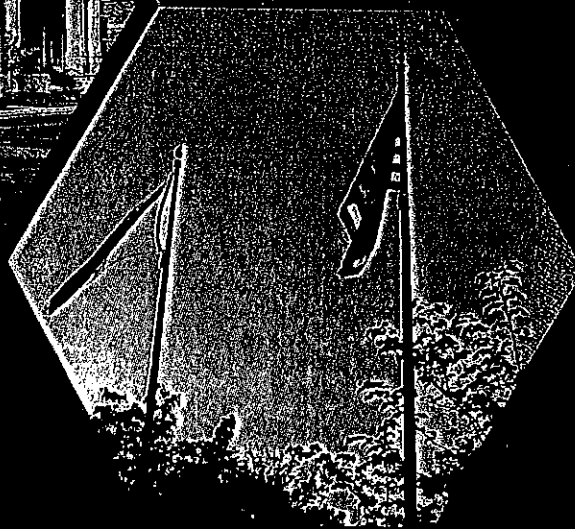
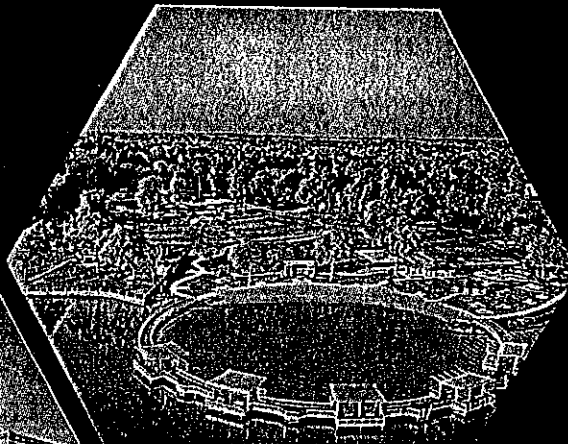
We thank you for your service, and your interest and support for these projects. Any available funding for parks and recreation facilities would be greatly appreciated. We will be glad to provide more in-depth information upon your request. With your support in the new Fiscal Year we can move forward with construction of Phase 2 in FY27.

Sincerely,



Joshua S. Edwards  
County Manager

# York County South Carolina



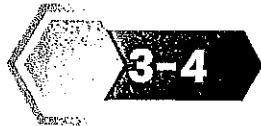
## LEGISLATIVE **AGENDA**

### 2026 Project & Policy Requests

An overview of project funding requests and policy recommendations from York County, SC Council and leaders.

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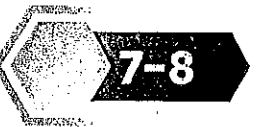
Introductory Letter



Project Request - Moss Justice Center



Project Request - Utility Infrastructure



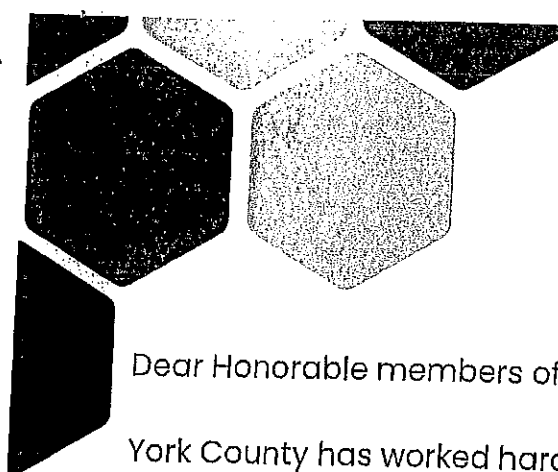
Project Request - Parks Assistance



Policy Recommendations



Back Cover



Dear Honorable members of York County's Legislative Delegation,

York County has worked hard, with your support, to navigate the ongoing challenges of growth through strategic leadership. As we continue to build on our long-term plans to best meet the needs of the citizens of York County, we ask for your continued support in several key areas.

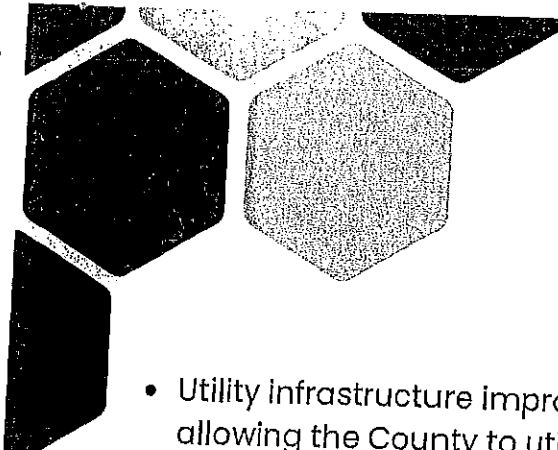
York County has kept its eye on the future through the establishment and execution of a Strategic Plan. The York County Strategic Plan was adopted in September 2024 and serves as a framework for the County Council and staff to provide the highest quality of governmental services to residents. The plan is a roadmap for translating the Council's vision into present and future organizational priorities over the course of three years. This plan has been integrated within our annual budget, capital project planning, and reflects York County Council's commitment towards achieving six goals:

- Grow Economic Opportunities
- Grow Responsibly
- High-Performing Organization
- Premier Parks
- Safe Community
- Quality Infrastructure

This year, York County is requesting state support in alignment with our strategic plan, including support for our public safety facilities, utility infrastructure, and parks. You will find detailed information on three requests, and a number of policy recommendations to assist us in delivering exceptional quality of services for our residents.

The success of this County directly aligns with your support. York County Council and executive staff would be remiss if we did not thank you for your assistance on the following projects:

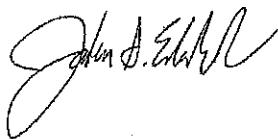


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- Utility infrastructure improvements to the Lake Wylie area, due to your support in allowing the County to utilize a previous utility company's surcharge.
  - Your support for the infrastructure improvements for I-77 and for assisting us in receiving SIB grants.
  - Providing \$1 million Rural Infrastructure Authority Funding (Regent Park Sewer Project) and an additional \$10 million through the South Carolina Infrastructure Improvement Plan (Crowders Creek Pump Station).
  - Providing \$750,000 in funding for trail improvements to Worth Mountain.
  - Providing \$1.8 million for our various parks:
    - Mountain bike trails and a disc golf course at Catawba Bend Preserve
    - Shade structures and batting cages for Field Day Park
    - Playground equipment at Ebenezer Park
    - Shed and storage at Allison Creek Park

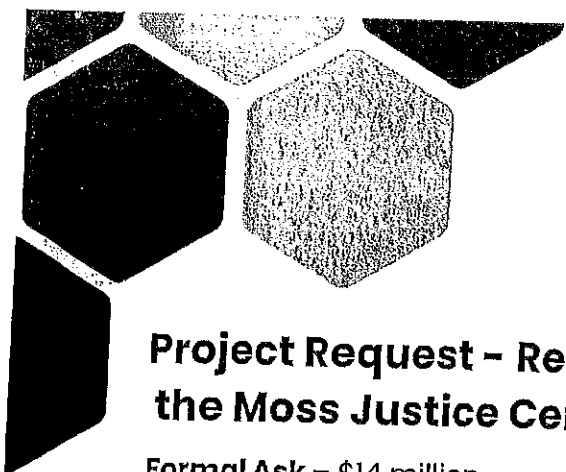
With your support and partnership, we can continue our vision and mission to create an open, efficient, and responsible government that allows our citizens and businesses to thrive and succeed.

We thank you for your continued investment in York County, and we look forward to working together on behalf of the citizens of our great region.

With much respect and appreciation,



Josh Edwards  
York County Manager



## Project Request – Renovations and improvements to the Moss Justice Center

**Formal Ask** – \$14 million

**Funding Match** – York County has committed an additional \$14 million through our Capital Improvement Plan to complete the renovations.

**Background** – York County requests state funding and statutory support to renovate the Moss Justice Detention Center, including:

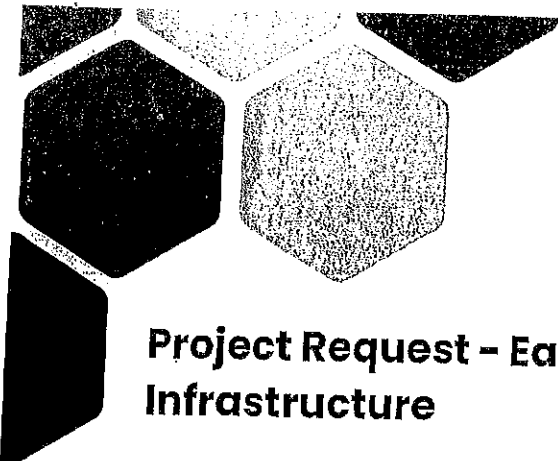
- Redesigned booking/intake for safety and workflow.
- A dedicated medical/mental health wing.
- Infrastructure modernization and compliance upgrades.

The York County Moss Justice Center's booking area was built in 1994. Due to the increased population and number of booked inmates, the existing booking and intake area is overcrowded on a regular basis. The York County Detention Center has seen tremendous growth over the years, from 150 inmates per day to the current average of more than 500 inmates per-day.

The existing booking areas will be demolished and replaced with new facilities that improve efficiency and increase the number of inmates who can move through the process at a time from four to eight. Renovations also include updating the previous pre-booking area to become new medical and mental health housing. The secure vehicular sally-port will be split and serve as an enclosed sally-port for ambulances and other medical transport vehicles, as well as an outdoor recreation area for medical housing.

The goal for the intake renovation is to design a booking area to meet the capacity needs for the next 30 years and provide an efficient flow of processing admissions into the facility. The current holding cell capacity and interview rooms do not meet the needs of admissions, and there is no proper separation between admissions, releases, and transfers to other facilities. The design and conceptualization of this project began in October 2024, and construction is expected to be fully complete by Winter 2028–29.

**Strategic Vision** – Safe Community. The improvements will contribute to staff safety, reduce liability, enhance operational efficiency, and aligns with South Carolina's Association of Counties public safety priorities.



## Project Request – Eastern York County Utility Infrastructure

**Formal Ask** – \$20 million

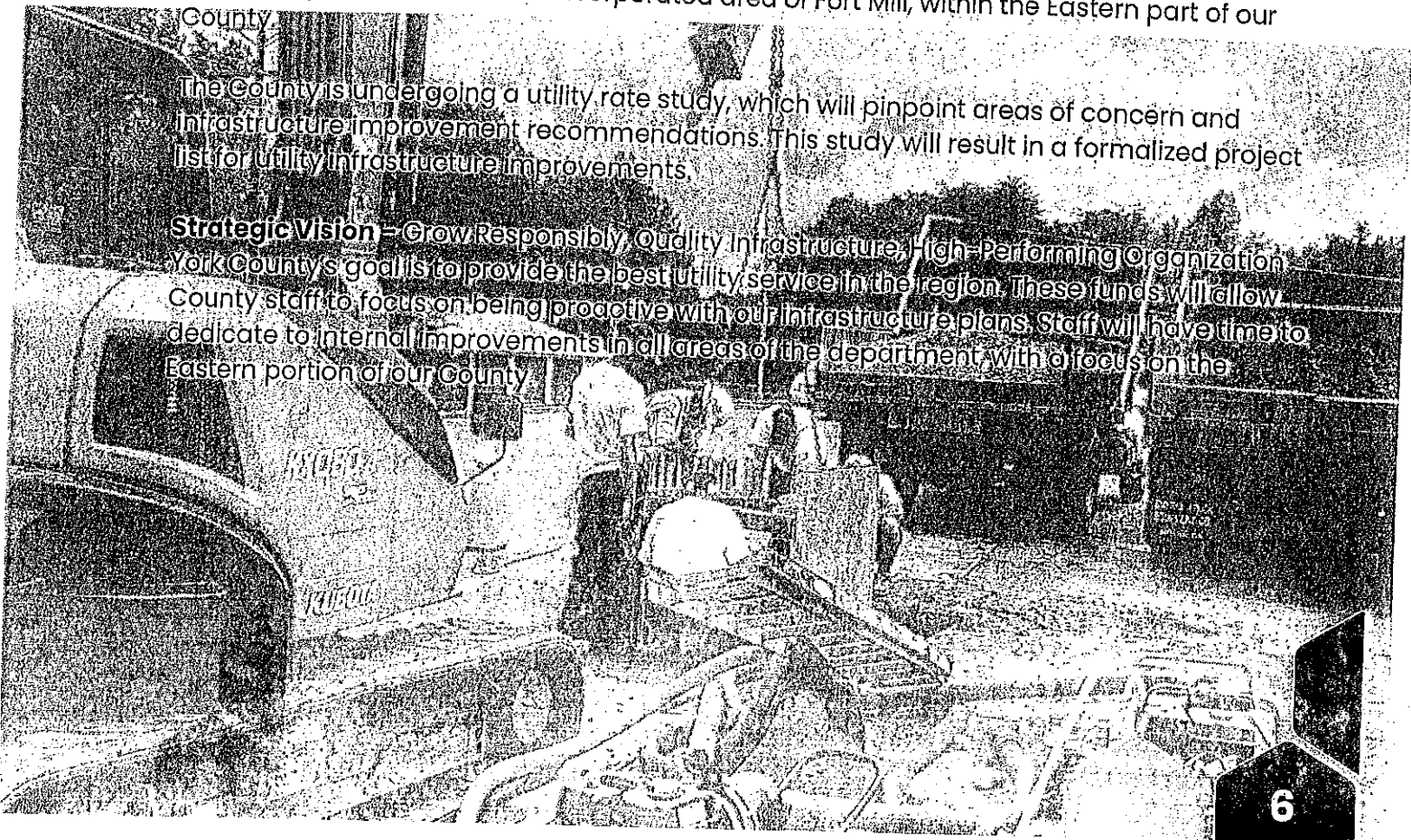
**Funding Match** – York County expects to budget a 50 percent match in funding towards various utility projects.

**Background** – York County's Utility Infrastructure in various areas is experiencing more frequent water outages. We request funding assistance to complete water line replacement in specific areas rather than continuously repairing the next weakest part of the water line.

In calendar year 2025, York County Utilities experienced a 31% increase in leaks, compared with the previous calendar year (from 627 to 821). These funds would allow us to systematically replace aging infrastructure in key areas and neighborhoods. Additionally, York County would use funds to update and/or replace sub-performing infrastructure that the County inherited in the unincorporated area of Fort Mill, within the Eastern part of our County.

The County is undergoing a utility rate study, which will pinpoint areas of concern and infrastructure improvement recommendations. This study will result in a formalized project list for utility infrastructure improvements.

**Strategic Vision** – Grow Responsibly, Quality Infrastructure, High-Performing Organization. York County's goal is to provide the best utility service in the region. These funds will allow County staff to focus on being proactive with our infrastructure plans. Staff will have time to dedicate to internal improvements in all areas of the department, with a focus on the Eastern portion of our County.





## Project Request – Parks Assistance, Catawba Bend Preserve

**Formal Ask** – \$2 million to design and construct a paved greenway trail, which will also be part of the Carolina Thread Trail master plan.

**Funding Match** – \$2 million

**Background** – The Catawba Bend Preserve Greenway Trail will be an accessible, multi-model, regional trail that provides access along the banks of the historic Catawba River. This regionally significant transportation corridor will someday connect lands from all of North and South Carolina via the Carolina Thread Trail System, including state and national lands, neighboring tribal lands, municipalities, and other regional recreational amenities. York County Council adopted the Catawba Bend Preserve Master Plan in October 2021 that will transform a 1,900-acre parcel of land situated along the Catawba River, into a public, nature-based recreation area. Nearly 1,700 acres of the project site has been placed under a conservation easement, protecting the land's natural resources.

York County's Trails Master Plan is underway and includes plans for Catawba Bend Preserve. The Catawba-specific plan was developed using public input, contributions from a specially constituted park steering committee, a detailed evaluation of the property, and recommendations of the County's master plan consultants. York County Council has budgeted approximately \$7.5 million for Phase One which includes the infrastructure to open the park, such as roads, utilities, restrooms, parking, etc. Additionally, approximately four miles of natural trails are also included within this phase, as well as a cross-country course.

Additionally, we have been awarded multiple grants for other park amenities at Catawba Bend Preserve through the Land & Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Trails Program, and Undiscovered SC Grant to design and construct mountain bike trails and a disc golf course. York County is providing approximately \$520,000 in matching funds for both projects.

Additionally, York County funded the design and construction of the first mile of the Greenway Trail that starts from our parking and trailhead area. The design is complete, and construction is slated to begin in Spring 2026.

**Strategic Vision** – Premier Parks. This request aligns with the Premier Parks goal of providing a wide variety of recreational experiences and will establish us as a premier recreational destination.





## Project Request – Parks Assistance, Worth Mountain County Park

*York County thanks lawmakers for their previous support of this park, which enabled York County to design and construct equestrian trails and a parking area at Worth Mountain.*

**Formal Ask** – York County is seeking an additional \$750,000 to finish design and construction on a restroom facility, approximately 4-6 additional miles of shared-use equestrian trails, picnic shelter and trail signage at Worth Mountain County Park.

**Funding Match** – York County will dedicate staff, materials, and maintenance equipment to upkeep the park.

**Background** – York County Council adopted the Worth Mountain Master Plan in December 2022 that will transform a 1,600-acre parcel of land situated along the Broad River, in the western area of the County, into a public recreation area that, over time, will become a nature-based park. The County received public input and worked with a master plan consultant to create a detailed evaluation of the property as presented in the master plan. This project will establish the following amenities as described in the master plan: a restroom facility, picnic shelter, and approximately 4-6 additional miles of shared-use trails.

**Strategic Vision** – Premier Parks. This request aligns with the Premier Parks goal in providing a wide variety of recreational experiences and will establish us as a premier recreational destination.



## Policy Recommendations

**Roads/Transportation** – York County values our partnership with SCDOT. One of the ways we support the State is through our Pennies for Progress Referendum, which was passed by voters five times. Through the Pennies program, we have appropriated more than \$1.2 billion to improve local, County, and State roads. In total, we have completed more than 250 miles of widening and resurfacing improvements and more than 50 intersection improvements.

In addition to our commitment to being a collaborative partner to improve our roads, we respectfully share the following positions on proposed legislation:

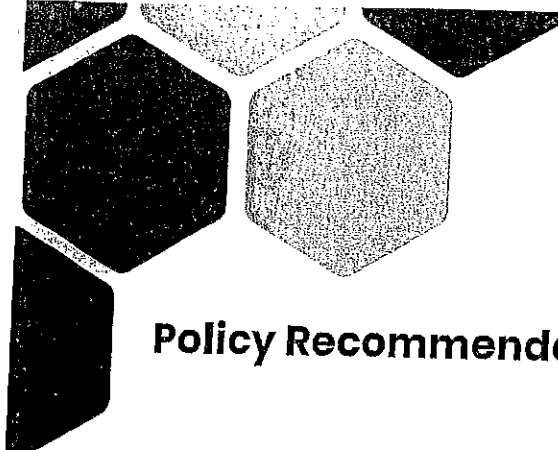
- York County does not support a plan to turn state roads over to local jurisdiction.
- As a County that borders North Carolina, we support legislation to all Fast Lane/HOV extension into South Carolina to allow a seamless transition for commuters traveling across state lines.

**Holding Contractors Accountable** – York County requests greater ability to penalize contractors who harm public infrastructure (i.e., public utilities) through careless operations.

- Look into the viability of requiring a performance bond from contractors to ensure the work performed is thorough and safe.

**Mandates** – York County requests that any mandates from the South Carolina legislature be funded, when applicable. Unfunded mandates place an undue burden on local government agencies, like York County.

**Annexation** – York County would like the state legislature to limit municipality's ability to annex land. Guard rails are needed to prevent islands of annexation that make the delivery of public services more difficult and complicated. Unchecked annexation also becomes a public safety issue, as some local agencies do not wish to respond outside of service areas, or are confused as to when their jurisdiction ends/begins.



## Policy Recommendations - Continued

- Expressly provide standing for counties to challenge the validity of an annexation in court
- SC courts have ruled that counties do not have standing to challenge annexations, even if there is a valid argument to be made on process or contiguity
- Amend Section 5-3-110 to require adjacent ROW to be included in all annexation, unless waived by ROW owner (county/DOT)
  - Could be drafted to include from the furthest point of the annexed real property's ROW frontage, to the nearest ROW in municipal limits
    - Prevents future alternating segments of different locality ROW ownership
  - Makes clearer service delivery responsibilities, and public safety jurisdiction
  - 5-3-110 currently allows annexation of exclusively right-of-way by ordinance, with prior approval from public entity holding ROW
- Amend Section 5-3-305 to refine "contiguous" to exclude "shoestring" annexations
  - The municipalities of Rock Hill, Fort Mill, and Clover have all employed shoestring annexation to gain territory, and not all of them would appear to meet even the current definition of contiguous. This leads to inefficient provision of public services.
- Further amend Section 5-3-305 to prohibit new doughnut holes
  - Prohibit annexation that would destroy the contiguity of unincorporated area (a parcel or series of parcels to be annexed would create a new enclave of unincorporated area)
  - As statute requires that municipal limits be contiguous, so too should it ensure that unincorporated areas are contiguous

**Impact fees** – York County requests clarification from the State on impact fees. Specifically, the County would like to better understand what can be funded by impact fees, if fees can be assessed in urban service boundaries, as opposed to school district-wide, and greater clarification on the County's role in working with a local school district asking to implement such fees.



## Policy Recommendations - Continued

Additionally, York County formally adopts and supports the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) 2026 Policy Positions. The SCAC has guided the County's Legislative priorities, with specific areas of interest including:

- County Government and Intergovernmental Relations
  - Including allowing for municipal annexation challenges/restrictions
- Land Use, Natural Resources and Transportation
  - Support legislation that would allow counties the ability to waive or reduce impact or tap fees for affordable and workforce housing
  - Support legislation clearly authorizing, while not requiring, jurisdictions to implement sound planning measures to address growth
  - Oppose legislation that would require a mandatory transfer of roads from SCDOT to local governments
  - Support legislation providing alternative funding sources and methodologies that would expedite project delivery for transportation infrastructure projects
  - Support legislation that would provide for a statutory scheme of road dedication in order to provide legal certainty and a uniform process for local governments
- Public Safety, Corrections and Judicial
  - Support legislation to provide state funding for increased local law enforcement pay and to authorize regional local law enforcement training and certification
- Revenue, Finance and Economic Development
  - Support legislation that would help alleviate the financial burden that the farm exemption in Act 236 of 2022 placed on counties
  - Support legislation repealing or amending the Code to allow for the imposition of a Local Option Sales Tax in addition to an Educational Sales Tax, regardless of the amount of each tax



# York County South Carolina



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House Member Appropriation Request Form  
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Project/Event Name: Laurens County Agriculture Center

Requested Amount: \$ 2,000,000

Recipient Entity: Laurens County

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Andy Howard Title/Position: Director, Laurens County PRT

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: ahoward@laurenscountysc.gov

Entity Website: https://www.laurenscountysc.gov/ County Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use of Funds: These funds will be used to complete the new Agriculture Center in Laurens County by covering post-pandemic cost increases as well as purchasing special equipment required to maintain the facility.

Justification of request / Public Benefit: See full funding proposal attached. Summary is below:

The Laurens County Agriculture Center, approved by voters through the 2020 Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum, was created to meet the county's long-standing need for a dedicated venue to support agriculture, youth programming, community events, and regional agritourism. The center houses spaces for large gatherings, livestock exhibitions, equestrian events, and offices for Clemson Extension, 4-H, and SC Forestry. It has already strengthened agricultural education, hosted statewide groups, and provided emergency shelter during Winter Storm Fern. It will soon host major events such as the Spotlight on Agriculture dinner with more than 500 attendees. Designed as a community asset, it brings significant economic activity by attracting visitors who stay, dine, and shop locally during livestock shows, rodeos, equestrian competitions, and other multi-day events. Due to post-pandemic cost increases exceeding original estimates, Laurens County is requesting \$2 million in state appropriations to cover overages, obtain essential equipment, and ensure the facility is fully prepared to serve farmers, youth, and agricultural organizations across South Carolina while preserving and promoting the state's agricultural heritage.

Luke Rankin

Primary House Sponsor- Print Name

L.S. Rankin

Primary House Sponsor- Signature

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March 9, 2026

Representative Luke S. Rankin  
Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee  
420A Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

**Re: Laurens County Agriculture Center Appropriations Request**

Dear Representative Rankin,

On behalf of Laurens County Council, I am pleased to offer my full support of our request for \$2 million in state appropriations for the Ag Center. This facility is already a major resource for agricultural groups, youth programs, livestock events, and statewide associations. It has hosted industry meetings, supported the launch of new 4-H programming, and even provided emergency shelter during Winter Storm Fern. The upcoming Spotlight on Agriculture annual dinner, which draws more than 500 participants, will be held at the center later this week. Its ability to bring farmers, students, and agricultural organizations together demonstrates its importance to the Upstate and the state's overall agricultural future.

Due to cost increases since the initial estimates, additional funds are necessary to help us reach the finish line. This investment will ensure that the Ag Center serves the purpose you and the voters intended by strengthening agriculture, supporting young people, and reinforcing the growth of South Carolina's farming community.

Thank you for representing us in Columbia and giving thoughtful consideration to our request. We look forward to continuing to work together towards building a better Laurens County.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey D. Carroll, Chairman



**Project:** Laurens County Agricultural Center

**Requested Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Recipient Entity:** Laurens County

### **Overview**

Agriculture is one of the foundational pillars of Laurens County. For decades, the dream of building a multi-purpose center to support agriculture, community gatherings, youth programming, and regional tourism seemed out of reach. However, when county leaders and residents made the Laurens County Agriculture Center one of the primary projects in the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) referendum, approved by voters in 2020, the dream of a modern facility finally came true.

Although it is not finished, the Laurens County Agriculture Center fills a major void by providing a purpose-built venue for agricultural events of all kinds. It is already becoming a central hub for the promotion and preservation of farming in the Upstate and throughout South Carolina. Located on a nearly 50-acre site in Laurens, the Agriculture Center is modeled after a successful agricultural complex in Lincoln County, Georgia. Laurens County used this model to design a facility capable of supporting robust agricultural programming, tourism events, youth development activities, and major community functions.

The new center includes a main building suitable for large-scale gatherings, banquets, and agricultural events. It also features a livestock tie barn and show facilities, a horse arena for equestrian events, and a dedicated office complex for Clemson Extension, 4-H, and SC Forestry to provide local agricultural support services.

### **Recent Uses**

The facility is already having an impact, even during construction. It inspired the creation of a new 4-H program at a local school, which demonstrates how access to a dedicated ag venue strengthens agricultural education. The center is quickly becoming a statewide meeting place for organizations such as the forestry, poultry, dairy, beef, and vegetable associations across South Carolina. Many of these organizations have already begun meeting at the new facility, which reinforces its value as a statewide agricultural resource.



In addition, it recently served as an overnight shelter and medical equipment power shelter (MEPS) during Winter Weather Storm Fern when Laurens County had a significant amount of ice accumulation.

The Agriculture Center will soon serve as the venue for the Annual Spotlight on Agriculture dinner, a more-than-50-year tradition celebrating farm families and agricultural excellence. With more than 500 attendees, this event alone underscores the necessity of a large, agriculture-centered gathering space.

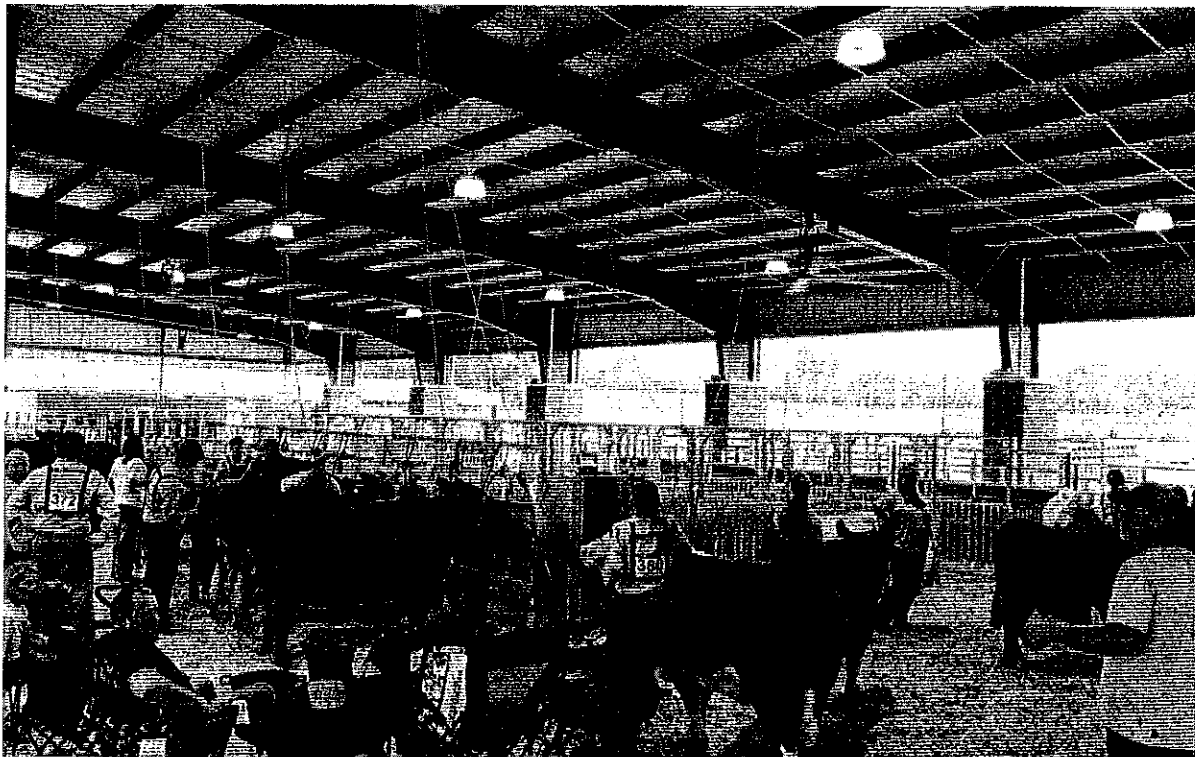
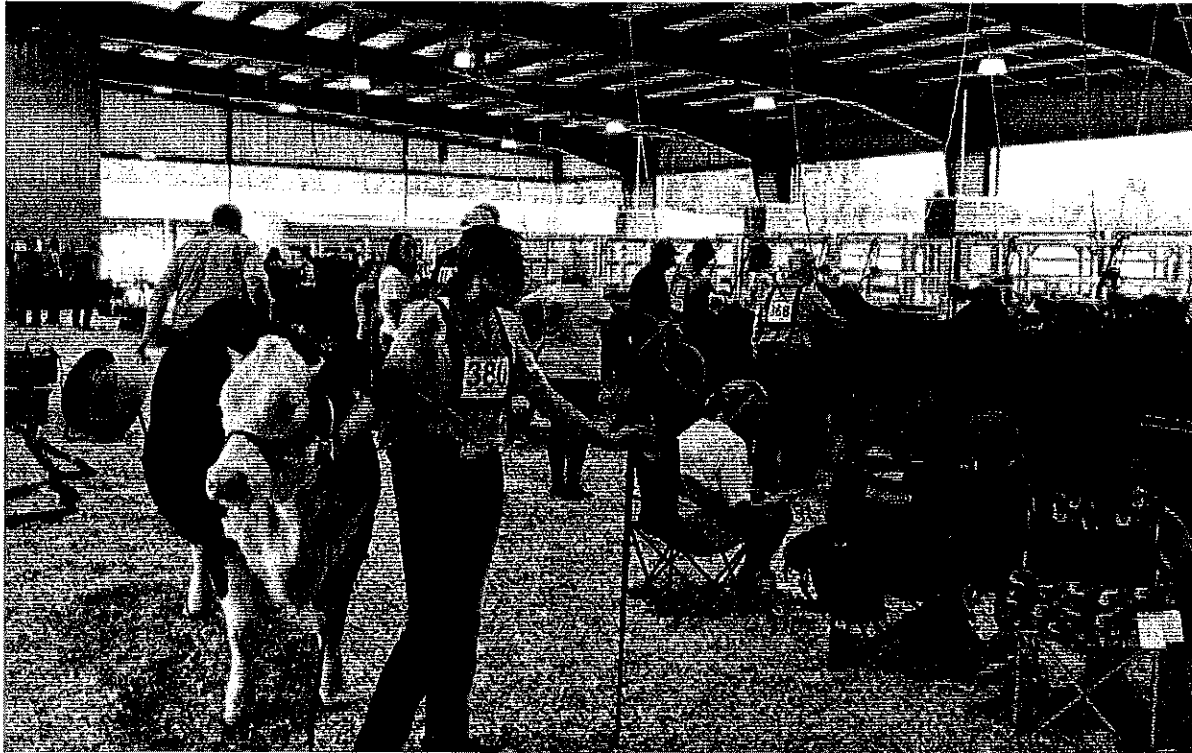
### **Agritourism & Economic Impact**

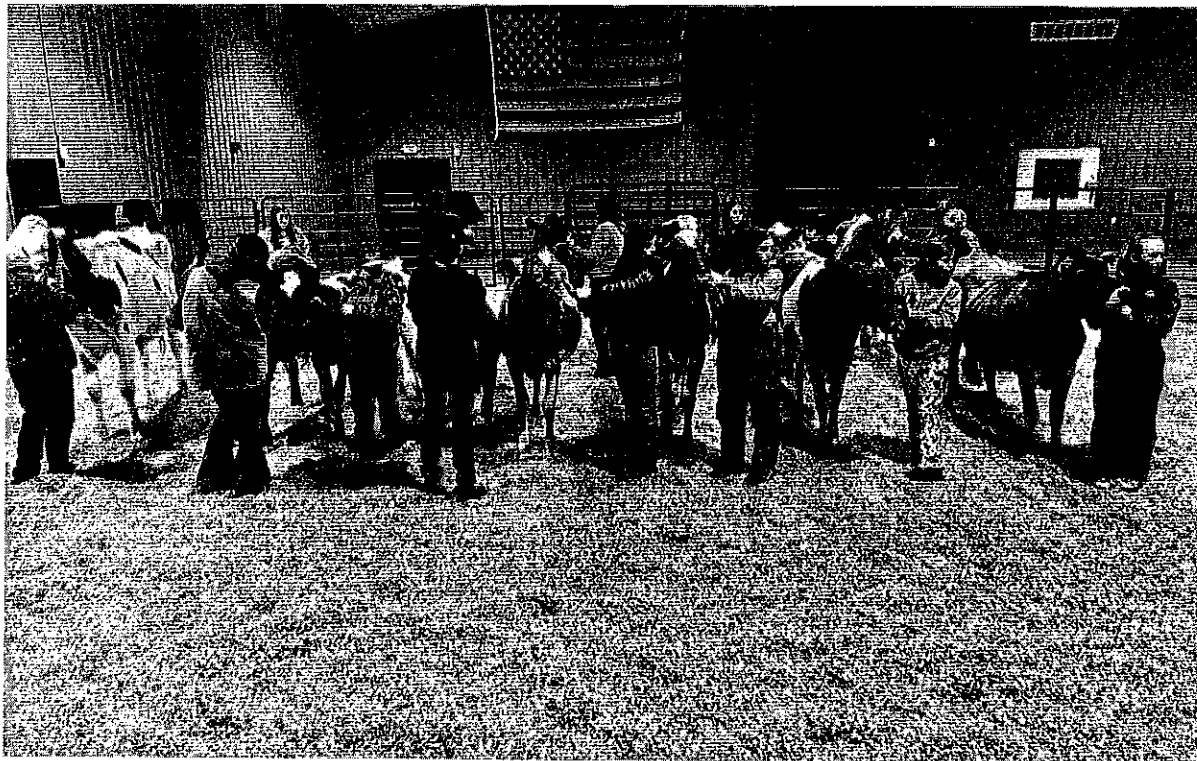
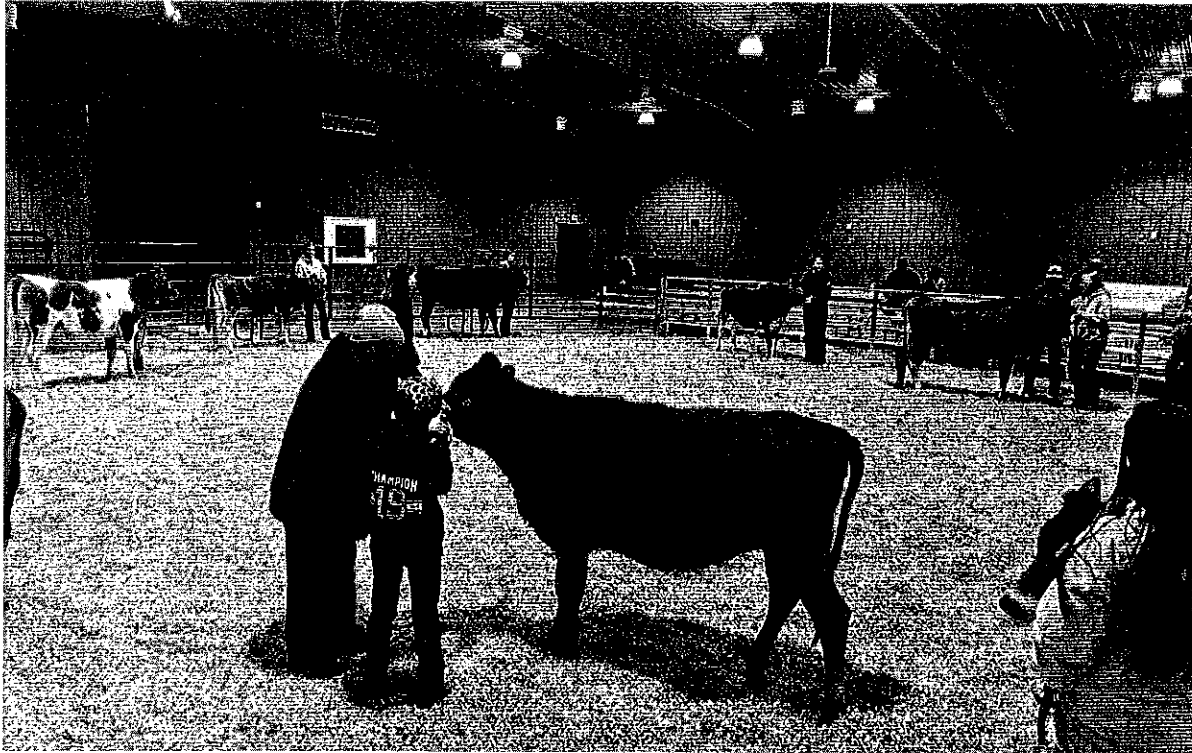
The Agriculture and Business Center is not a profit-seeking enterprise, which is true for nearly all public agricultural complexes nationwide. However, the economic value it generates for Laurens County is substantial. Agricultural shows, rodeos, equestrian events, association meetings, and multi-day youth competitions attract visitors from across the state and neighboring regions. These participants often stay overnight and bring new spending into Laurens County through accommodations, restaurants, retailers, fuel centers, and local attractions. This type of tourism not only supports local businesses but also encourages further economic development.

### **Funding Request**

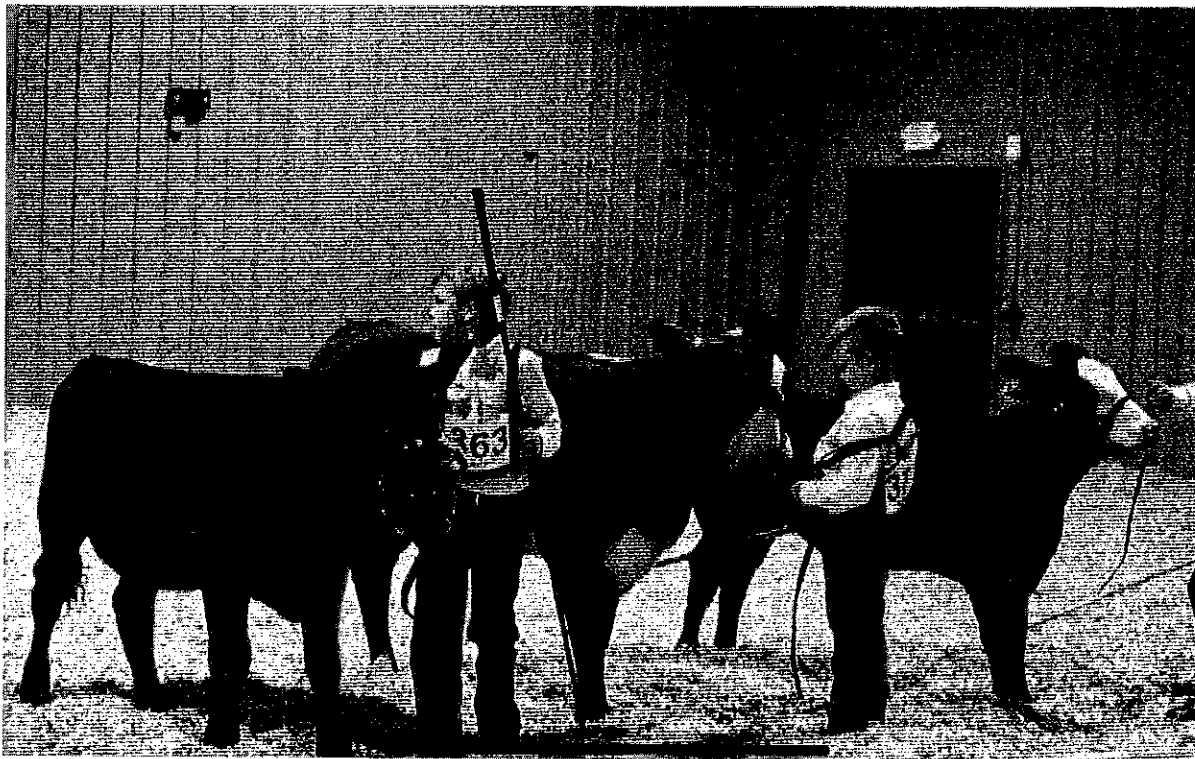
Due to inflation and material cost increases exceeding the original estimates obtained prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the project has incurred overages beyond the voter-approved CPST allocations. Laurens County is requesting \$2 million in state appropriations from the Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs committee to offset construction and infrastructure overages, purchase critical maintenance equipment, and support operational readiness for large-scale events. These investments will ensure the Agriculture Center functions at the level envisioned by voters, community leaders, and the agricultural community.

Investing in facilities like the Laurens County Agriculture Center is extremely important as it sets the tone for the future of agriculture in the state. This project affirms that agriculture is thriving in South Carolina and creating opportunities for young people, supporting farmers, strengthening industries, and preserving rural heritage.









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*Office of the  
Sheriff*  
Laurens County  
*Don Reynolds*



Dear Representative Luke Rankin,

**Request for State Funds to Acquire Land and Build a Training Facility for the Sheriff's Office**

I am writing on behalf of the Laurens County Sheriff's Office to formally request State funding to acquire land and construct a dedicated training facility for our Deputies and local law enforcement. As law enforcement professionals committed to serving and protecting our community, we recognize the critical importance of effective and continuous training. However, the Sheriff's Office currently lacks a dedicated space for training our Deputies. This gap in resources not only impacts our ability to provide consistent, high-quality training, but it also hampers our ability to respond to the evolving challenges of modern law enforcement.

**Project Overview**

Our request is for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to purchase land and build a state-of-the-art training facility, which will serve as a permanent, accessible location for the training and development of our Deputies and local Law Enforcement. The facility will be designed to accommodate both basic and advanced training, including defensive tactics, firearms training, scenario-based exercises, leadership development, and other essential law enforcement skills. With this resource, we will be able to offer our Deputies and local Law Enforcement the best possible preparation for the challenges they face while on duty.

**Current Training Limitations**

At present, our Deputies do not have a dedicated location for ongoing training. We are forced to rely on temporary spaces and off-site facilities, which are often inadequate for the full range of training required. This lack of a permanent facility significantly limits our ability to provide realistic, consistent, and comprehensive training programs. Deputies must travel to external training centers, which not only wastes valuable time but also incurs additional expenses and logistical challenges for both personnel and resources.

**Benefits of the Proposed Training Facility**

The construction of a dedicated training facility would yield numerous benefits for the Sheriff's Office and the community we serve:

1. **Enhanced Training Programs:** A custom-designed facility would allow us to provide specialized training that aligns with current law enforcement best practices, including crisis intervention, tactical response, and de-escalation techniques.

2. **Improved Officer Safety:** Well-trained Deputies are better prepared to handle high-pressure situations safely and effectively, reducing the risk of harm to themselves and the public.
3. **Cost Savings:** With a dedicated training facility, we will reduce the need for external training costs and travel expenditures, resulting in long-term savings for the department.
4. **Community Trust:** A well-equipped facility will help build stronger community relationships by ensuring our Deputies are better prepared to serve with professionalism, integrity, and respect.
5. **Operational Efficiency:** A local training center will eliminate logistical challenges and allow for more frequent, flexible training sessions, improving overall department readiness. This would also allow local and State Law Enforcement officers the ability to train locally in their region.

### **Project Timeline**

We propose the following timeline for the land acquisition and construction of the training facility:

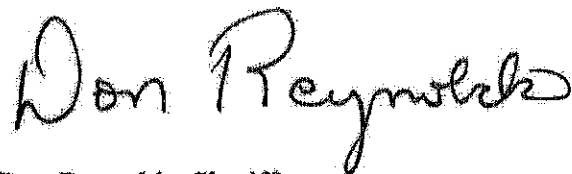
- **August 1, 2026:** Official start date for the project, with the commencement of land acquisition and site assessment.
- **September 2026 – December 2026:** Finalizing the land purchase, conducting environmental and zoning assessments, and engaging contractors for facility design.
- **January 2027 – June 2027:** Construction of the facility, including infrastructure, training rooms, and equipment installations.
- **July 2027:** Anticipated completion of the training facility, with the first training sessions set to begin in July 2027.

We are confident that this facility will significantly improve our ability to train our Deputies to the highest standard and enhance our overall service to the community.

We respectfully request your consideration of this important initiative. Should you require any further information or details regarding our project, please feel free to contact me directly at 864-872-9951 or [dreynolds@lcsosc.com](mailto:dreynolds@lcsosc.com).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your support in securing the necessary funding for this crucial project.

Sincerely,

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Don Reynolds, Sheriff



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## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Kershaw County Community Impact Initiative

Requested Amount: \$550,000

Recipient Entity: Kershaw County

The entity is a: State Agency, X Local Government, Non-Profit, or Other If **Other**, please explain:

Entity Contact: Danny Templar

Title/Position: County Administrator

Phone Number: Email:

Entity Website: <https://www.kershaw.sc.gov/>

County Location: Kershaw

Intended Use of the Funds: The funding request seeks approximately \$550,000 to support a coordinated, countywide Community Impact, focusing on recreation, public health, food security, youth development, historic preservation, and veteran recognition. The proposal combines multiple projects—including walking trails, park fitness equipment, a soup kitchen and food pantry, educational and youth programs, a veterans museum, and historic cemetery improvements—into a unified strategy to maximize public benefit and efficiency. Overall, the investment is intended to improve quality of life, expand access to essential services and wellness opportunities, preserve local history, and generate long-term community and economic benefits across Kershaw County. (Please see attached documentation)

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: The request will deliver broad public benefits by expanding access to recreation, health and wellness resources, food assistance, youth development programs, and preservation of historic and cultural assets across Kershaw County. It will improve quality of life for residents of all ages—particularly seniors, veterans, and underserved populations—while strengthening community engagement, public health outcomes, and local economic vitality.

Robert T. Reese

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Robert T. Reese

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional House Sponsors

Print Name:

Signature:



April 20, 2026

Dear Chairman Bannister:

Kershaw County affirms that it has previously partnered and contracted with the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc., to support community-based projects and public services within the county. Through these efforts, the organization has demonstrated the capacity to effectively deliver programming related to recreation, community development, and historic preservation. Based on this established working relationship and proven track record, Kershaw County fully endorses this funding request and supports the continued partnership to advance projects that provide meaningful public benefit to residents.

The proposed \$120,000 Cassatt Park Walking Trail project will create a 1,600-foot, 6-foot-wide asphalt walking trail within a future public park in Kershaw County, along with an entranceway, parking area, and supporting amenities, including benches and waste receptacles. The off-road trail will provide a safe, accessible recreational space for residents of all ages and abilities in an area that currently lacks sidewalks or pedestrian infrastructure, improving safety and expanding opportunities for walking, jogging, and fitness activities.

The trail is expected to serve hundreds of users weekly and will be the only dedicated walking facility for approximately 4,300 residents in the Cassatt area, supporting public health, wellness, and community engagement. In addition to enhancing quality of life, the project will strengthen public safety due to its proximity to a staffed fire station and is anticipated to support local economic activity and long-term growth by retaining and attracting residents and visitors.

With regards,

  
Danny Temple

Kershaw County Administrator

# KERSHAW COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION



January 21, 2026

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism  
Attn: Recreational Trails Program  
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 203  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Letter of Support – RTP Grant Application

Dear RTP Review Committee,

We, the Kershaw County Legislative Delegation, offer our strong support for Kershaw County's application to the South Carolina Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for funding assistance for the Cassatt Park Walking Trail project.

The proposed Cassatt Park Walking Trail represents an important investment in outdoor recreation, public health, and quality of life for residents of the Cassatt community. The project will create a safe, accessible, and ADA-compliant walking trail within the newly developed Cassatt Park, providing the first dedicated walking and pedestrian recreational facility within the Cassatt ZIP code. This no-cost recreational amenity will serve residents of all ages and abilities and help address a long-standing gap in local infrastructure.

This project is especially significant because the Cassatt area currently lacks sidewalks and non-motorized recreational trails. By providing a safe, off-road walking facility, the Cassatt Park Walking Trail will promote physical activity, improve pedestrian safety, and support wellness outcomes for seniors, families, and economically disadvantaged residents in a rural community where access to recreational opportunities is limited. These benefits directly align with the goals of the Recreational Trails Program and the South Carolina Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

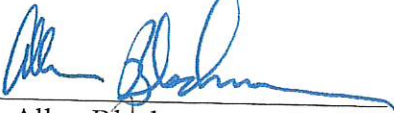
The Kershaw County Legislative Delegation appreciates SCPRT's continued partnership with local governments in advancing outdoor recreation opportunities across South Carolina. We believe the Cassatt Park Walking Trail will deliver lasting community benefits and respectfully encourage favorable consideration of Kershaw County's RTP grant application.

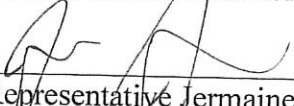


Thank you for your time and consideration.

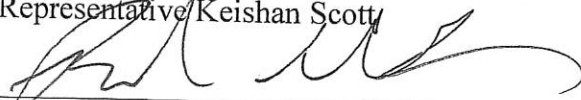
Sincerely,

Kershaw County Legislative Delegation

  
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Senator Allen Blackmon

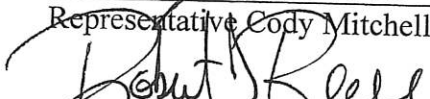
  
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# Proposed Cassatt Park Walking Trail

\$125,000 Project





**Adjacent Fire Department Facility**



**Trail Site**





**Trail Site**



**Adjacent Property to North of Trail Site**

The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. is uniquely positioned to serve as the lead organization for a countywide community engagement initiative that advances health, heritage, hunger relief, youth development, and civic pride throughout Kershaw County. As a trusted nonprofit rooted in the historic African American Knights Hill community, the organization has already demonstrated the ability to secure grants, coordinate partnerships, and deliver meaningful public improvements. Building on that momentum, the Board can anchor a unified 2026 Legislative Funding strategy supporting six transformational priorities: completion of the Knights Hill Seniors Walking Trail, installation of walking trail fitness equipment at Kirkwood Park, creation of the Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 museum and technology upgrades, expansion of programs through the Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation, restoration of Historic Cedars Cemetery, and support for the Mt. Moriah Outreach Inc. Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. By presenting these requests under one collaborative framework, legislators and stakeholders can view the package as a strategic countywide investment benefiting seniors, veterans, youth, families, and underserved residents.

The first pillar of the engagement plan should focus on health, wellness, and recreation. Knights Hill Park has become a visible symbol of community renewal through upgraded basketball courts, improved park facilities, and successful community events. Completing the rubberized walking trail will provide seniors and families with a safe and accessible place to walk in a community where sidewalks and lighting are limited. At the same time, Kirkwood Park's quarter-mile trail can be enhanced with five outdoor fitness stations designed for stretching, strength-building, and mobility, including pull-up bars, incline benches, knee raises, pistol squat equipment, and leg stretch stations valued at approximately \$13,683 plus freight. Together, these projects create a countywide wellness network that encourages preventive health, outdoor activity, and stronger community connections.

The second pillar should preserve Kershaw County's rich African American, military, and civic history. Support for Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 would allow one of the county's longstanding Black veteran institutions to establish an on-site museum, preserve historical records, modernize its presentation systems, and share the stories of veterans who served and sacrificed for the nation. This effort aligns naturally with the proposed upgrades to Historic Cedars Cemetery, a sacred burial ground in Camden that has served as a resting place for African American residents since the early 1800s. Legislative support of \$50,000 has been requested to clean the cemetery, pave muddy internal roads, improve grave site access, and preserve the dignity of this historic site. Together, these projects would strengthen heritage tourism, educational programming, and public appreciation for the county's untold history.

The third pillar should address food security, family stability, and compassionate outreach through support for Mt. Moriah Outreach Inc. A \$75,000 funding investment would strengthen the organization's soup kitchen and food pantry operations, helping meet the growing needs of seniors, working families, children, and individuals facing hardship. Funds could support facility upgrades, refrigeration and storage equipment, transportation logistics, expanded meal service capacity, volunteer coordination, and healthier food distribution options. As food insecurity continues to impact many communities, Mt. Moriah Outreach can serve as a central partner in ensuring that residents have reliable access to nutritious meals and emergency support. The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board can coordinate volunteer drives, donation campaigns, and seasonal outreach events that connect the pantry's mission to broader county service efforts.

The fourth pillar should center on youth leadership, scholarships, and educational opportunity through partnership with the Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation. The Foundation already supports scholarships, Boys State participation, STEM initiatives, reading programs, youth athletics, holiday drives, veterans recognition, and community celebrations. Coordinating these efforts with Knights Hill would expand access to mentorship academies, leadership camps, park-based enrichment programs, and intergenerational service projects. Youth participants could assist with cemetery beautification, veterans' appreciation events, wellness walks, and food pantry volunteerism, helping cultivate the next generation of civic-minded leaders.

To implement this plan, the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board should convene a Kershaw County Community Impact Coalition composed of legislators, county officials, municipalities, schools, faith institutions, veterans' groups, civic organizations, and private sponsors. Quarterly town halls, food drives, wellness walks, historical tours, youth showcase, ribbon cuttings, and community festivals can build public support while demonstrating measurable outcomes. A unified communications strategy highlighting seniors using the trails, veterans preserving history, families receiving meals, youth earning scholarships, and residents honoring loved ones at restored cemeteries will strengthen future appropriations and philanthropic support. Through this collaborative leadership model, Knights Hill can become the driving force behind a countywide movement that improves quality of life, preserves history, fights hunger, and expands opportunity for all residents of Kershaw County.



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CAMDEN, SC 29021

February 18, 2025

Health Services District of Kershaw County  
Attn: Derial Ogburn, Board Chairman  
PO Box 1558  
Camden, SC 29021

Subject: Letter of Support for Knights Hill Park Grant Application

Dear Chairman Ogburn,

I am writing to express my full support for the grant application submitted by the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board on behalf of Knights Hill Park. This funding will enable the completion of the final stages of the Seniors Walking Trail, specifically the installation of a rubberized membrane that will ensure safe and accessible use for all members of our community.

Knights Hill Park has long been a valued asset to our region, providing a vital space for recreation, exercise, and community gatherings. The proposed enhancements to the walking trail will significantly improve accessibility, allowing seniors and individuals with mobility challenges to fully enjoy the benefits of outdoor activity. This investment in public health and wellness aligns perfectly with the goals of the grant program, making it a worthy and impactful use of funding.

I urge you to give this application your strongest consideration. The completion of the Seniors Walking Trail will enhance the quality of life for countless residents, promoting fitness, social engagement, and overall well-being in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to reach out if I can provide any additional information in support of this important project.

Sincerely,

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**Jeffrey Graham**  
SC Senate District 35

Date February 20, 2025

Sallie Harrell, Executive Director or Derial Ogburn, Board Chair at  
Health Services District of KC  
PO Box 1558  
Camden, SC 29021

We, Kershaw County Parks & Recreation, support the grant application of the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. (KHHPB) to continue the upgrading of the Knights Hill Park, located in this historically African American community of Camden, South Carolina.

The District has supported KHHPB for the past two years which has allowed them to upgrade different aspects of Knights Hill. KHHPB has been able to upgrade shelter appliances, roof and bathrooms, basketball court, and park fencing. KHHPB has also been able to trench a walking trail. They are in the final stages of completing their Seniors Walking Trail, specifically to lay down a rubberized membrane to finally allow widespread use of our trail. The walking trail project began about 18 months ago. Future plans include installing lighting and electrical outlets around the court and the rest of the park facility for expanded use into evening hours, including the creation of a new walking trail.

The upgrading of the Knights Hill Park will serve not only the Knights Hill Community but offer expanded physical activity options for all of Kershaw County, thus our support for funding from your organization.

Sincerely,

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Shane Duncan  
Director  
Kershaw County Parks & Recreation



Councilman William C. Wilkes  
Camden City Council  
1000 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC 29020

February 14, 2025

Mr. Derial Ogburn, Chairman  
Health Services District of Kershaw County  
PO Box 1558, Camden, SC 29021

Dear Mr. Ogburn,

I am writing to express my full support for the grant application submitted by the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board to further enhance Knights Hill Park. This project represents a meaningful investment in the health and well-being of our community, and I urge your consideration of this request.

While Knights Hill Park is outside Camden's city limits, it serves a broad cross-section of residents, including many who live within the city. Its accessibility makes it a vital recreational space for families, seniors, and individuals seeking safe and convenient opportunities for exercise.

Completing the Seniors Walking Trail will significantly enhance its usability, allowing more residents—including seniors and those with mobility challenges—to safely enjoy this valuable community resource. By improving accessibility, this project will help ensure the park remains a welcoming and inclusive space for all who wish to take advantage of its amenities.

Over the past two years, improvements made possible through Health Services District funding have transformed this park into an even greater community asset. Continued investment will further strengthen the resources available to residents across Kershaw County.

I appreciate your time and consideration, as well as your ongoing commitment to initiatives that enhance public health and expand opportunities throughout our county.

Sincerely,

William C. Wilkes

## The Health Services District of Kershaw County

### Community Impact Project Application 2025

#### I. ORGANIZATION/AGENCY INFORMATION

**Name:** Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc.

**Address:** 822 St. Paul Road  
Camden, South Carolina 29020

**Phone:** 803-677-5737

**President:** Arthur Robinson, Jr.

**Exec Dir:** William S. Robinson, MA

**Contact:** 803-609-1197 (c)/[wsrassc@aol.com](mailto:wsrassc@aol.com)

**FEIN:** 88-1894745

**Facebook:** Facebook.com/KnightsHillPreservation

**Years:** Established April 19, 2022

**Mission:** The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. was established to:

- Support the upkeep of and the activities that take place at the Knights Hill Park located in the Knights Hill area of Camden, SC,
- Preserve, record, and document the history of African Americans in and from the Knights Hill community,
- Create programs for youth in the Knights Hill community,
- Identify and work to preserve significant historic structures in the Knights Hill community.

**Partnerships:** Currently our organization is a partner with the statewide “**Wholespire: inspiring wellness in all communities**” Foundation for a third year. The Foundation funded our application to upgrade the basketball court at the Knights Hill Park for \$5,000 in August 2022. Court upgrades included fixing cracks, replacing backboards and rims, repainting, relining and purchasing new aluminum bleachers. In September 2023, the Foundation granted our organization \$6,000 to help create a walking trail for Seniors in the community, which allowed us to remove trees, brush and cut a trail around the perimeter of the park. In September 2024, we received an additional \$6,000 from the Foundation to contribute to a more permanent surface for our walking trail. Plans were to cover the trail with crushed run or begin asphaltting the surface. Unexpected tornadoes slammed across the state including in Kershaw County, and we suffered damage to our brand new fence that had just been installed around the perimeter of the park that runs alongside the walking trail. All grantees were allowed to use their funding to address any damage needs in lieu of completing submitted projects. We made some repairs to our fence and covered the trail with



wooden mulch. KC County Council and Parks and Recreation provided letters of support for our applications.

As a part of the basketball court project, we have worked with the Kershaw County Parks and Recreation Department (KC PARD) to, first, trim the branches that hung over the court, and, then, to mount the new backboards and rims, and put together the new bleacher kits that were purchased.

On February 14, 2024, the Deputy County Administrator and Executive Director of the KC Department of Parks and Recreation visited our park to review some unaddressed items we reported. We are in a unique position, in that we are listed as a part of the county's park system, but it is the Knights Hill community (via our organization) that has owned the park for more than 100 years. We are working together to update a written agreement that was made in the 1980s, and the result has been that the Recreation Department has committed to maintenance of our grounds and fields and ready our baseball field for play by this Spring, while the Woodward Park project pulls other fields offline during their upgrades. At this writing, our diamond is close to practice condition.

We are partnering for a second year with the County Accommodations Tax program, receiving \$1000 in November to assist with the planning of our 2025 May Day Festival. May Day Festival 2024 occurred at the park on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and drew more than 400 persons throughout the day. New activities included a Corvette Car Show, horseback riding, new food vendors and line dancing. Being an election year, many local and statewide candidates stopped by and addressed the crowd at various times during the day. May Day 2025 will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We plan to make application for additional support again this year to help support next year's event.

In December 2023, we were granted \$5,000 from the Health Foundation of Kershaw County to provide solar lighting for our walking trail. We have been allowed to retain those funds and apply towards the rubberized surfacing of the trail as we are currently awaiting cost proposals from two separate vendors as potential project partners.

Knight Hill Park finds itself in a unique situation. While the park is listed as part of the Kershaw County PARD system, it is prohibited from receiving state-generated funding because the park is owned by the community. Discussions of funding support have occurred at the state level, and while the county delegation supports our efforts they have not figured out a way to get funding directly allocated because we are not part of a governmental



unit. Thus, we have to rely on foundation and/or private funding support along with donations from the general public.

**990s:** While we have now been in operation for two full years now, we have not reached the \$50,000 threshold of revenue in a calendar year that requires long form 990 filing. We will be filing the 990-N card versus a full 990 Form again this year. A copy of that filing is attached along with copies of the previous two years.

**Budget:** See attached 2024 Financial Report. We still have not generated a proposed organizational budget because of limited funding. Our first year was focused on realigning Board expertise, adopting by-laws, expanding community support, changing banking institutions, and fine-tuning our financial processes and procedures. An annual budget will be developed as soon as we reach \$50,000 in annual revenues, which we have yet to reach.

## II. PROJECT DETAILS

**Project Title:** Surfacing the Seniors Walking Trail at Knights Hill Park

**Funding Request:** \$176,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$185,900

Project Budgets are attached.

To cover our 1350-foot walking trail with a rubberized P3300 surface that includes small gravel underpinning and rubberized top surface.

To date, we have received support from **Wholespire** foundation in Columbia, SC (\$6,000) and from the **Health Foundation of Kershaw County** (\$5,000) towards the continued development of our Seniors Walking Trail. At this writing we have \$9,000 on hand specifically earmarked for this final phase of our project.

### **Specific Use of Funds:**

1. To complete surfacing of the Seniors Walking Trail by this year's May Day Festival on May 10, 2025, and include it in a ribbon cutting ceremony with the upgraded basketball court.
2. The current park site was deeded to the community in 1901 where the Knights Hill Elementary School once stood – a school that was built for Black residents of the community before integration. After integration, the school was relocated, and the

community negotiated an agreement with the Kershaw County Parks and Recreation Department (KC PARD) to be a part of the county's park system. In 2022, it was brought to the attention of the community group that the agreement signed in the 1980s did not include maintenance of the park, which answered questions as to why the park grounds had been neglected over the decades.

In our organization's first year of existence after reorganizing as an IRS-recognized non-profit (2022), we were able to secure funding to upgrade a basketball court in our 4-acre community-owned park in the historically African American Knights Hill community of Camden. The court was repaired, as youth in the community desired as the first park upgrades. The court has been used nearly daily since.

Additional upgrades have included the installation of a new roof and ceiling fans in our shelter building, new appliances (stove, refrigerator, microwave) in the facility kitchen, purchase of four picnic tables/benches, and new flooring, toilets, vanity/sinks and mirrors have been installed in the bathrooms, enhancing safety and an ability to host expanded activities the park can be used for. In 2024, a new vinyl 6-foot fence was installed around the perimeter of the park to provide both security and privacy from the adjacent residential properties.

At this writing, many seniors still walk along Knights Hill and Saint Paul Roads in a community with no sidewalks, no lighting and have to carry sticks to ward off dogs, deer and any reptiles that may be encountered along the way. Others decide to leave the community and frequent other parks (Scott, Larry Doby, etc.) or have taken out memberships at Planet Fitness in order to maintain their desired levels of physical activity. All prefer to remain in their local community and walk in a safe environment in Knights Hill. The Knights Hill Park trail will be the solution to these challenges.

Each Tuesday morning at 10am there is a Seniors exercise program that takes place at the St. Paul United Methodist Church (adjacent to the park), and seniors who participate in the stretching and chair exercises state how wonderful it would be to just walk across a parking lot to a nice trail for additional cardiovascular work. This is the impetus for creating the walking trail, which has had to be delayed several times, first, in order to have the property boundaries surveyed and marked, and a second time for not receiving anticipated funding to complete the project. Now that the property perimeter is clearly marked, new fencing has been installed, a trail carved out, we are proceeding with acquiring the necessary funds to complete the walking trail surfacing.

This request for funding is for the following activities regarding the walking trail:

- Final layout staking of the 6-foot-wide path along the perimeter of the park



- Remove current topsoil and wood chips from path
- Furnish and install filter fabric under stone base along trail path
- Furnish and install approximately 1050 square yards of 4" crush run stone base
- Fine grade and compact subgrade
- Furnish and install PP3300 bonded rubber pavement at 1.5" thickness approximately 1350 linear feet by 6 feet wide (color to be selected prior to installation).

3. Knights Hill is still a predominantly African American community. New residential development has brought others to the community, and we have had young people visit from surrounding neighborhoods and counties to use our basketball court especially during their college breaks. Groups of others have rented our shelter building for various birthday, graduation and reunion activities over the past year. Our desire is to create a park that is welcoming to all, and supports the recreational, social and health needs of the expanding Knights Hill community while offering another park option in the county.

While our park still serves predominantly African Americans, over the past year, our May Day Festival last year drew a more diverse crowd with expanded activities (i.e., horseback riding, car show, line dancing) and local and statewide politicians that made campaign stops at our event. More diverse participation continues to be evident on our basketball court, which is in use nearly every day that weather permits.

4. No special training will be necessary for the upgrades to the park, as we will rely on vendor experts to complete our trail project. Our Executive Director will serve as the on-site organizational project manager. We are still exploring the creation of a summer jobs program for youth to staff and maintain the park, especially for college/university students that may be pursuing a degree in recreation, physical activity and/or health. Once our trail is completed, work will continue on our baseball field which will increase potential work opportunities for young people.

Recently, Maurice Johnson of Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer, currently located in Lugoff, used the outfield of our baseball field to train one of his star running backs – taking him through running, handoff and passing drills. As a coach and athletic trainer that resides in Knights Hill, he inquired about a possible partnership where he would use our park as a training and practice location for the youth involved in his programs. We are very interested in this potential collaboration.

5. There are no specific safety concerns regarding the upgrades to the park, as professionals will be contracted to do the work. Our safety concerns are with those

that utilize the park, so we want to make sure that all upgrades are done with “creating a safe environment for activities” in mind.

6. We will use three phase evaluation methodology, that includes *process*, *outcomes*, and *impact*. **Process** evaluates how well things went regarding engaging those necessary to complete the upgrades. **Outcome** measures the actual use of the upgraded facilities, which will be done by monitoring the number of people using the park on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis and comparing it to previous use. **Impact** will be evaluated by instituting a survey of some sort regarding what residents think and feel about the upgraded park facilities, or conducting community meetings to garner the same. If the park has had some impact on the community, negatively or positively, this will be revealed via the survey or via the meetings. Currently, we hear about *everything* that goes on at the park, and we will continue to be open and accessible for community feedback.

Yes, we are willing to share all evaluation results with the Health Services District.

7. The overall goal and objective of upgrading Knights Hill Park is to improve the overall health and well-being of residents in this historically African American community. We want to create a nice, safe, and user-friendly community-based park facility where an entire family can come and engage in activities that will help youth to grow, adults to remain active and seniors to engage in physical activities that can prevent the onset of chronic diseases like hypertension, diabetes and cancer. On-going physical activity has proven to be such a vital preventive strategy to engage the mind, the body and awaken the spirit. We just want to offer these to a community that has had limited ability to do so. We're almost there!

## Community Impact Project 2025 Budget

Project Title:

Applicant's Name:

## Surfacing the Seniors Walking Trail at Knights Hill Park

Applicant's Email:

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| Item         | Description                                                                                                                                 | Quantity | Cost per Unit | Total         | Funding Level | Expenditures | Fund Balance |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1            | Layout and Staking<br>Staking out a 6-foot wide<br>surface area around the<br>entire existing trail                                         | 1350     | 1             | 1350          | 0             | 0            | 0            |
| 2            | Top Soil Removal<br>Remove 4" of top soil<br>and wood chip mulch<br>from existing trail                                                     | 400      | 173           | 69200         |               |              |              |
| 3            | Fiber Membrane<br>Installation<br>Furnish and install filter<br>fiber under stone base<br>around trail                                      | 2506     | 2             | 5012          |               |              |              |
| 4            | Stone Base<br>Installation<br>Furnish and install 1050<br>sq yards of crush run<br>stone base at 4" thick<br>around trail                   | 6        | 198           | 1188          |               |              |              |
| 5            | Site Work<br>Fine grade and compact<br>subgrade                                                                                             | 3        | 1050          | 3150          |               |              |              |
| 6            | Rubberway<br>Walking Trail<br>Furnish and install<br>PP3300 rubberized<br>pavement at 1.5" thick<br>along 1350 feet long trail<br>x 6' wide | 11       | 8100          | 89100         |               |              |              |
| 7            |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 8            |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 9            | Administrative<br>Costs<br>Project Coordination,<br>Supplies (10%)                                                                          | 338      | 50            | 16900         |               |              |              |
| 10           |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 11           |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
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| 17           |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 18           |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 19           |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 20           |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                                                                                                                             |          |               | <b>185900</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     |

**Additional Notes:**

\* Project Coordination is facilitated by a volunteer Executive Director that needs to be present to serve as a focused project manager for all upgrades made to the park, and is compensated for his role via the funds acquired for different projects.



## **Kershaw County Community Impact Initiative**

### **Consolidated Project Budget & Budget Narrative**

The Kershaw County Community Impact Initiative is a coordinated investment strategy led by the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. to strengthen recreation, health, food security, youth development, historic preservation, and veteran recognition throughout Kershaw County. This initiative combines six community-based projects under one unified funding request to maximize public benefit, increase operational efficiency, and create measurable outcomes across multiple sectors. The total proposed funding request is **\$430,000**.

| <b>Project Component</b>                               | <b>Funding Allocation</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Knights Hill Park Walking Trail                        | \$185,000                 |
| Kirkwood Park Walking Trail Equipment                  | \$20,000                  |
| Mt. Moriah Outreach Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry         | \$75,000                  |
| Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation Programs           | \$50,000                  |
| Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 Museum Project | \$50,000                  |
| Historic Cedars Cemetery Upgrades                      | \$50,000                  |
| <b>Total Funding Request</b>                           | <b>\$430,000</b>          |

## **Budget Narrative**

### **Knights Hill Park Walking Trail – \$185,000**

Funding will support the completion of a permanent walking trail at Knights Hill Park, a historic community-owned park serving residents of Camden and surrounding areas. This allocation will cover trail grading, removal of existing wood-chip material, installation of filter fabric, crushed stone base, drainage stabilization, compaction, and installation of a rubberized surface designed for seniors, families, and persons with mobility concerns. Additional funds may support signage, benches, striping, and contingency costs associated with final construction. This project creates a safe, accessible place for physical activity in a community with limited sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure.

### **Kirkwood Park Walking Trail Equipment – \$20,000**

Funding will support the purchase, freight, installation, and site preparation of outdoor fitness equipment along the Kirkwood Park walking trail. Equipment includes pull-up bars, incline benches, vertical knee raise station, pistol squat station, and flexibility/stretch units designed for users ages 13 and older. Prior estimates place equipment costs near \$13,683 plus freight, and this request includes installation, surfacing, and contingency expenses. This investment transforms the walking trail into a functional outdoor wellness destination.

### **Mt. Moriah Outreach Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry – \$75,000**

Funding will strengthen hunger relief operations for residents facing food insecurity. Resources will support commercial refrigeration, dry storage shelving, meal preparation equipment, pantry inventory, utility assistance, volunteer support, transportation for food pickup and delivery, and facility improvements necessary to safely serve clients. This investment will expand emergency food assistance, hot meal distribution, and senior nutrition outreach while improving operational sustainability.

### **Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation – \$50,000**

Funding will support youth leadership, scholarship, mentorship, and educational outreach programs across Kershaw County. Resources may be used for scholarships for graduating seniors, Boys State sponsorships, STEM competitions, literacy initiatives, school partnerships, youth sports support, and community service events. Administrative support, event materials, transportation, and program coordination are also included. This allocation helps build long-term educational and workforce pathways for local youth.

### **Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 Museum Project – \$50,000**

Funding will preserve and showcase the history of one of Kershaw County's longstanding Black veteran institutions. Resources will support museum-quality display cases, archival frames, enlargement of historical photos, research into veterans' biographies, projector and screen installation, upgraded sound systems, wi-fi infrastructure, and presentation development. This project creates a permanent educational space honoring military service while expanding civic and heritage tourism opportunities.

### **Historic Cedars Cemetery Upgrades – \$50,000**

Funding will support restoration and preservation of Historic Cedars Cemetery, an important African American burial ground in Camden with roots dating to the early 1800s. Funds will be used for debris removal, landscape cleanup, road stabilization, paving muddy access lanes, grave site accessibility improvements, signage, and preservation planning. This project protects sacred space, improves visitor access, and preserves a vital chapter of local history.

### **Administrative & Oversight Narrative**

The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. will serve as the lead coordinating entity for stakeholder communication, progress monitoring, public engagement, and reporting. Each partner organization will manage day-to-day implementation of its funded component while providing documentation of expenditures, milestones, and outcomes. Quarterly coalition meetings will ensure accountability and cross-project collaboration.

### **Expected Community Return on Investment**

This \$430,000 investment will generate countywide benefits through improved public health infrastructure, expanded access to food assistance, preservation of historic assets, increased tourism potential, youth advancement opportunities, and stronger community partnerships. Residents of all ages—from seniors and veterans to students and working families—will directly benefit from these strategic improvements.

Appendix:

## Kershaw County Projects Requesting State Funding Support - II

The Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 – a post of Black service Veterans located in Cassett, SC - was chartered in 1951, and named in honor of a soldier that lost his life in service during World War I. The initial Post was located in a residential community near the Springdale Racecourse, but when the area was annexed into the City of Camden, the Post was forced to relocate. In 1987, Post 203 purchased the property where it is currently located at the corner of Hwy #1 and Cheraw Road and broke ground to build in February 1988.

Since its inception, Post 203 has grown in membership having conducted outreach events at local schools, churches and military celebrations while providing necessary resources to Veterans of Kershaw County. The Post 203 facility is now nearly 40 years old and is in need of constant upgrades. Over the past 24 months the post has repaired its roof, installed new gutters, and removed kitchen appliances that had lasted beyond their useful shelf life. Additional upgrades will still need to be made to the kitchen and men's and women's bathrooms, but as the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America approaches, the Post membership wants to educate the public about the long history of their post, an important part of Kershaw County history that hasn't been told. They desire to be an integral part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

This request is to support the establishment of an on-site museum that will a) expand on the stories of those soldiers that are currently recognized, b) add additional photos and background stories of members not currently displayed, c) allow for the display (and preserving) of the numerous historical documents and awards that are the foundation of Post 203, and d) install new technology that will allow for presentations of Post 203's important history to the public going forward.

Specifically, this request will support:

- new glass enclosed picture/document frames
- enlargement of honoree photos
- research into back stories of all exhibited honorees
- glass top floor display cases
- installation of multiple wi-fi access points
- installation of an automated ceiling-mounted screen for public presentations
- installation of a ceiling-mounted projector for public presentations
- upgrading of facility sound system
- creating the first presentation on the history of Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203

The Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 is, and has been, an important part of Kershaw County since its inception, and is asking for **\$50,000** to upgrade technology and create the first on-site museum highlighting the service of members who suffered the ultimate sacrifice in the conflicts of this nation. This contribution will allow Post 203 to expand the activities that it offers to others across the county. We appreciate any consideration given our request.





## Kershaw County, South Carolina History



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### LIFE STORY AND OBITUARY

# HISTORIC CEMETERIES GIVE VISITORS 'A REAL SENSE OF PLACE'

With Halloween approaching, Camden's "City of the Dead" is beckoning.

But a trip through the city's three historical cemeteries along Campbell Street doesn't have to be scary. Instead, it can be calming and informative.

Quaker Cemetery is the better known of the three cemeteries, located within several blocks of one another in the downtown area.

But Beth-El Jewish Cemetery and Cedars Cemetery are garnering more attention through the Clean Community Commission's efforts to clean them up and add fencing.

Joanna Craig, director of Historic Camden Revolutionary War Park, said people visit old cemeteries for a variety of reasons: to enjoy a beautiful setting, study fascinating headstones or pay homage to a war hero.

But the main reason, she said, is to find out more about people through history.

"It gives you a real sense of place," Craig said.

All three cemeteries offer stillness and beauty, and all three offer a hands-on history lesson.

Here's a look:

### Quaker Cemetery

Location: Meeting Street at Campbell Street

Established: 1759

History: Samuel Wyly, a leader in the Quaker community, offered four acres of land to be rented for a single peppercorn per year. The cemetery has since grown to 50 acres and is governed by a board of directors. The oldest Quaker graves from the late 1750s are marked with arching bricks rather than headstones. Nearly 250 years after it was established, the graveyard still has open plots.

People buried there: Many of Camden's heroes and legends are buried in Quaker. Among them is Richard Kirkland, the "Angel of Marye's Heights," who risked his life to carry water to wounded enemy soldiers at the Civil War's Battle of Fredericksburg. He died just six months later, at age 20, during a battle at Chickamauga, Ga., in 1863. But his memory and act of humanity are kept alive each year when locals gather at his grave for a wreath-laying ceremony.

### Cedars Cemetery

Location: Campbell Street

Established: 1868

History: People have been buried on the property since the early 1800s. But the grounds did not officially become a cemetery until **Cyrus McGirt** purchased 14 lots on Campbell Street in December 1868 from J.D. Dunlap for \$225 and began allowing burials there. One hundred years after McGirt bought the property, his descendants deeded it to the Cedars Cemetery Association.

People buried there: Burial sites range from unmarked slave graves to the resting places of prominent members of the African-American community in Camden. Board members of the

Cedars Cemetery Association believe Bonds Conway is buried here in an unmarked grave. In 1793, Conway became the first person in Camden to buy his freedom. He was a successful businessman, landowner and homeowner. One of his homes now is used as the headquarters of the Kershaw County Historical Society.

### Beth-El Jewish Cemetery

Location: Campbell Street

Established: 1878

History: The Hebrew Benevolent Association bought a lot for \$75 from Col. William Shannon for the cemetery. In November 1878, the cemetery's charter was granted. The cemetery was expanded in the early 1900s.

People buried there: The cemetery features familiar names from Camden's Jewish community. One monument that stands out was erected in 1881 by Herman Baum in memory of his brother, Marcus, who died at age 31 during the Civil War's Battle of the Wilderness. The monument, which stands 10-feet tall at the front of the cemetery, reads: "The sterling qualities of his nature were illustrated by his brief career, to which a glorious Death in defiance of his adopted Country formed a fitting close. . . . He fell at the side of his beloved Chief Gen. J.B. Kershaw, a martyr to the 'Lost Cause.' His bones now mingle with the dust upon that field of Honor but his memory is enshrined in the hearts of those who esteem it a privilege to erect this Humble memento."

### TAKE A TOUR

Quaker Cemetery, at the corner of Meeting and Campbell streets in Camden, is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Brochures are provided at the front gate.

Beth-El Jewish Cemetery is next door to Quaker, and Cedars Cemetery is a few blocks down Campbell Street. Those two cemeteries will be included in a brochure due out next year by the Kershaw County Clean Community Commission, highlighting spots along Campbell Street.

Quaker Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the commission is working to gain that recognition for the other two sites as well.

The commission has fixed the fence around the Beth-El cemetery and is raising money to build a brick and iron fence at Cedars but still needs \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Donations may be mailed to the Kershaw County Clean Community Commission, P.O. Box 1731, Camden, 29020. Call (803) 432-1427.

Reach Rupon at (803) 771-8622 or [krupon@thestate.com](mailto:krupon@thestate.com)

Caption: PHOTO: BWJoanna Craig of Historic Camden cleans off the grave of Benjamin Perkins in the Quaker Cemetery in Camden. FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE STATE

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October 20, 2005 | State, The (Columbia, SC)

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KERSHAW HISTORY

OCTOBER 20, 2005

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Revolutionary War, when the names of several Jewish merchants can be found in the records. In 1788, Col. Joseph Kershaw left Camden lot 315 for a burying ground and a place of worship for "God's ancient people, the Jews," though they never used the lot for those purposes.

Many other Jewish families migrated to Camden from the German Confederation before the Civil War. By the late 20th century, Camden's Jewish population played a prominent role in the life of the Camden community.

***Marker #3c: Cedars Cemetery***  
**Campbell Street between York and King Streets**



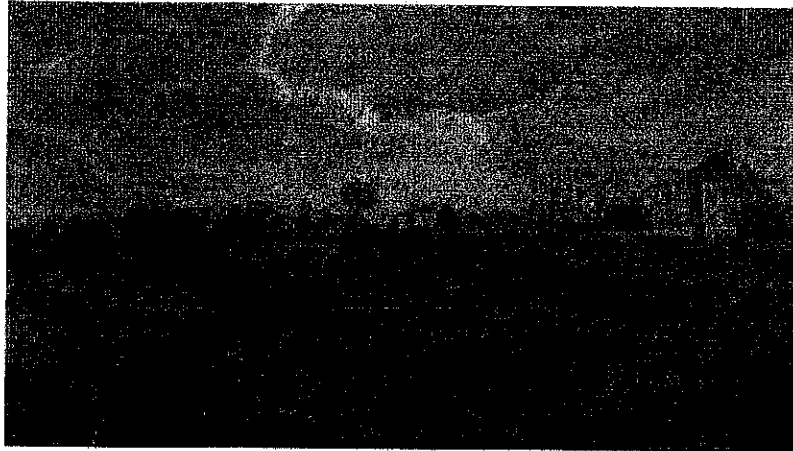
The early beginnings of this burial ground for the African American people of Camden are lost in the mists of time. Tradition holds that the owner of the land upon which it stands allowed a burial on the tract at some unknown date. The ground continued to be used for interments of African Americans. The cemetery was established by the 1840s, as documented by the earliest dated headstone in the burying ground. In 1962, the McGyrth, later McGirt, family signed a quit claim deed over to the Colored People's Cemetery Association for the city lots occupied by the cemetery. At that time the name was changed to Cedars Cemetery. Cedars Cemetery is a hallowed place. We



may never know the exact number of Camden citizens who rest in this ground, for many graves are unmarked. Others have stones ranging from handmade to artist-engraved. The lives of those who rest here tell the story of the people of color in Camden.

***Marker #4: The Blue House Site***

**The northwestern corner of Meeting and Broad Streets**



This is the site of the Blue House, built by June 1, 1780. The house was within the palisaded garrison which the British built around the town of Camden

*Painting from the Collection of Historic Camden* during the Revolutionary War. Blue House was the home of Dr. Isaac Alexander, who attended the Patriot sick and wounded during the war.

This house was where the fatally wounded Baron Johann DeKalb, fallen Continental Army hero of the Battle of Camden, died on August 19, 1780. We are not sure of the date of the demise of Blue House, but it appears to have been standing when a c1830 painting of lower Camden was produced by Isaac Brownfield Alexander.

***Marker #5: The first Town Square***

**The intersection of Broad and Bull Streets**

This area is the site of Camden's first public square. Joseph Kershaw modeled his town plan for Camden on that of Philadelphia. Kershaw's plan incorporated wide streets, open public squares, and open land for future use. The earliest plan of

### **Kershaw County Projects Requesting State Funding Support**

The Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation, Inc. was created in May 7, 2024 to support the activities of the Chi Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Foundation is recognized by the State of South Carolina and the Internal Revenue Service as a public benefit non-profit organization, so those that donate to the Chapter can now receive tax write-offs for their support.

Among the activities that the Foundation will support include:

1. Scholarship funds to support young (Black) men that graduate from Kershaw County schools who are entering their first year of an institution of higher education;
2. Covering the costs for young men of Kershaw County to attend SC Boys State;
3. Provide financial rewards to young men that compete in regional, statewide and national music competitions, with a specific focus on the classical music genre;
4. External support for Kershaw County STEM programs and competitions;
5. Financial support for students facing hardship with meeting college costs after the Freshman year;
6. In partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club at Camden High School and Kershaw County First Steps, support for annual *Back to School Bashes*, pre-game breakfasts for Camden's football team, Reading Across America Days in KC elementary schools and recognition of special teachers and businesses as part of their educational outreach activities;
7. Sponsorship funding for local little league baseball teams;
8. Annual holiday turkey drive with Food 4 the Soul organization addressing the county's homeless population;
9. Annual Veterans breakfast and Adopt a Highway (*Vonnie Holiday Street*) maintenance as part of their yearly community enrichment activities, recognizing that nearly 70% of the Chapter is made up of men that have served in the military; and
10. Has become an integral partner of the recently established Camden, SC Juneteenth Celebration.

The Chi Chi Chapter of the Omegas of Kershaw County is, and has been, an important part of Kershaw County since its inception, and is asking for **\$50,000** in support for its Foundation to continue the activities that support so many across the county. We appreciate any consideration given our request.

**Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer**

**Maurice Johnson**

**February 1, 2025**

I am writing you concerning a sponsorship opportunity with Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer. Demon Elite would love to have your support. The purpose of Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer is to help youth in our area know there is more to life than life in the streets. Demon Elite aims to help every athlete understand that they are loved and supported.

Our goal is to raise money for athletes to be able to play safely and comfortably without causing financial burden on families that cannot afford it. This work cannot be done without the generous financial support of donors like you. As a token of appreciation, all donors will receive recognition on social media and featured on flyers.

Your support means so much to us. We hope that by supporting our cause with your donation, Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer can achieve sponsorship goals.

If you would like to participate as a donor, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

**Maurice Johnson**

**Football Coach/ Athletic Trainer**

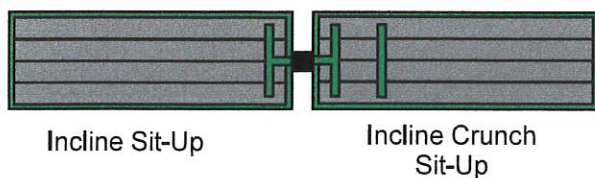


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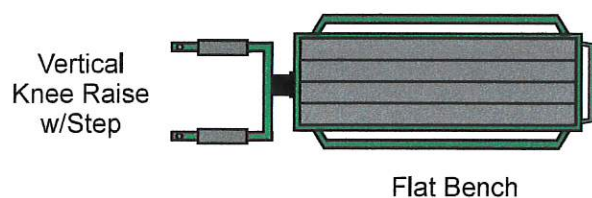
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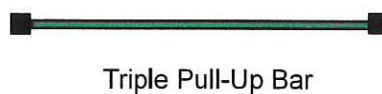
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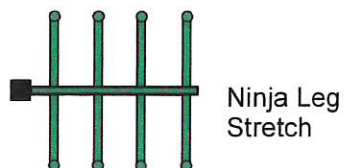
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**FE-1315 - Triple Pull-Up**



**FE-1306 - Ninja Leg Stretch**



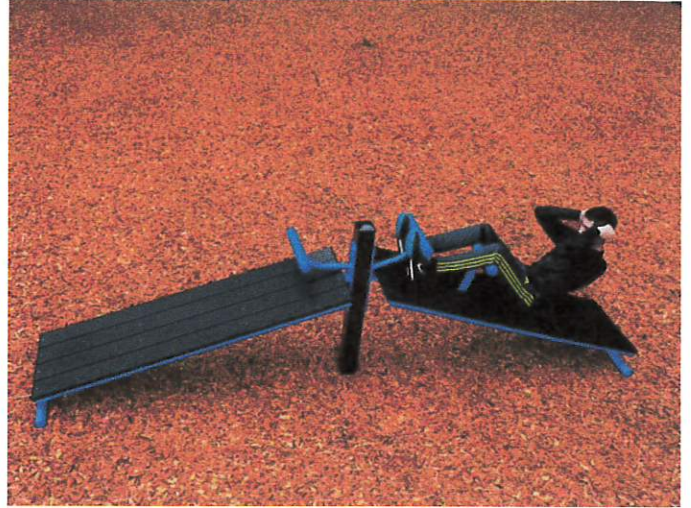


Order would be for "In Ground Installation"

**FE-1302 Ninja Climber**



**FE-1332 Incline sit-up bench and crunch sit up bench**



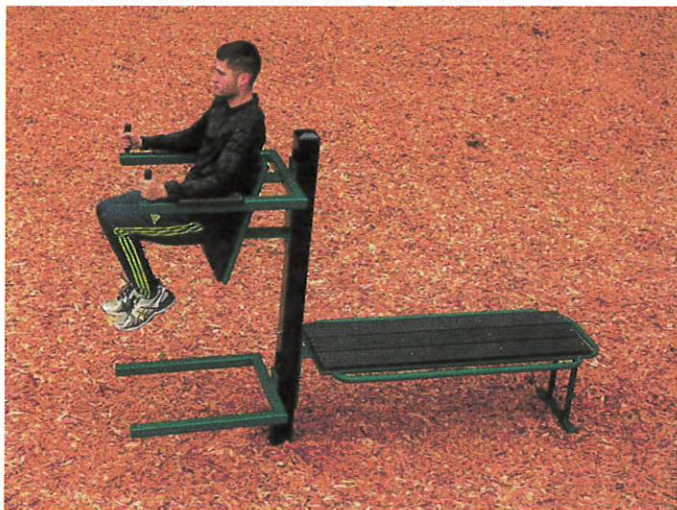
**FE-1315 Triple Pull Up**



**FE-1334 Pistol Squat**



**FE-1327 Flat bench and Vertical knee raise**





## Re: Kirkwood Park Walking Trail Equipment

From: Rickey Macklin (remacklin07@gmail.com)

To: rreese4@bellsouth.net

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026 at 09:43 AM EDT

These are all for in-ground installation. This may require some additional funding for the installs (concrete blocks). However, I'm unaware of that potential cost.

*Rickey Macklin*  
*Be Great!*

On Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 6:40 PM Rickey Macklin <remacklin07@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey Sir,

There are 5 items for stretching and working out on the quarter-mile walking trail.

The price quote is \$13,683.13 - plus freight. I also added a drawing for your reference.

The company is Pacific Outdoor Products.

POCs:

Sam Emmons or Sarah Stoeck

425-432-6000

<https://www.stayfitoutdoorfitness.com/>

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks again.

*Rickey E. Macklin, M.T.S.*  
*Be Great!*



April 15, 2026

Representative Robert T. Reese  
Blatt Building 314A  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Application for 2026 – 2027 House Appropriation Grant

Dear Representative Reese:

My name is Frances C. Perry, I am the president of Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc. also known as Mt. Moriah Soup Kitchen.

We, the Board of Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc., located at 813 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina, humbly request that you advocate on our behalf for a grant for our Outreach Organization.

**Mt. Moriah Outreach's Soup Kitchen** was organized during the summer of 1983 by Mount Moriah Baptist Church to feed the hunger serving meals to those in need in the Camden community. When first organized, it was decided that meals would be served the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and Saturdays of each month. The soup kitchen got off to a slow start. During the first month, after preparing the meals members would go out into the community and ask people to visit the Soup Kitchen, reminding them that it was "free." As word spread throughout the community, the number of people coming to the soup kitchen increased and Mondays were added to the kitchen schedule.

After only a few months in operation, members saw another need and started providing meals to the sick, shut-in, and elderly members of the church. It was later brought to our attention that there were others in the local community who had requested to be served and they were included. Unfortunately, several of our dedicated volunteers and much-loved cooks who operated the Soup Kitchen on Mondays and Wednesdays became ill and could no longer do what they loved so much. In 2009 the Soup Kitchen entered into a partnership with Food for the Soul who began serving meals to walk-ins from our location on Wednesdays while being trained and awaiting the completion of their multi-purpose soup kitchen. Mt Zion Baptist Church (Black River Rd) also blessed us by joining us in 2009 providing, preparing, serving and delivering meals from our location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.

We no longer have to go out to get people to come in, now there are individuals waiting to be served before the meal is ready and the doors are open. *We are no longer just a soup kitchen!*

**Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc. is a "Bridge Builder Within the Community"** operating as a separate, 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-deductible organization registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State, formed in 2011 to continue the outreach work of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Mt. Moriah Outreach's hunger relief and nutrition program Soup Kitchen provides cooked meals at its onsite facility, serving meals to walk-ups and delivering approximately 75 meals to the homebound. USDA emergency food items are handed out during soup kitchen when available. Over the past 40 plus years, the number of meals served has multiplied. Currently over 1300 meals a month are prepared and served by our all-volunteer staff on Mondays and Saturdays. Special holiday meals are prepared for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*Additional services are:* **Saturday snack bag** (breakfast, lunch, snack & fruit item) with each Saturday meal, mid-year **Back Packing program** providing school supplies and back packs to the county's nine elementary schools plus CLC and Wateree Community Head Start once a year, **Personal Hygiene Bags** (toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, body soap, toothpaste, mouth wash, and lotion) once a year and when available.

During 2020 - 2021 A disease known to us as COVID-19, devastated Kershaw County. COVID-19 caused additional hardships and/or sorrow for many of the county's residents, changing lives forever. Mt. Moriah Outreach also felt the effects of this virus with several of our dedicated volunteers falling ill as well. As a result, we were forced to adjust operating protocols, safety procedures (all meals served as take outs, removable plexi-glass panels installed), and additional mandatory sanitation guidelines implemented. Although faced with unforeseen challenges throughout the years, Mt. Moriah Outreach has stepped up and remained committed to our community and our mission.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church was established on January 22, 1866. One-hundred and four (104) black members of the Camden Baptist and Swift Creek Baptist churches established at that time to form themselves into a separate organization. During the slavery era, the original members had been permitted to attend those churches and sit in the balconies. Rev. Charles H. Corey, Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and Rev. James Hamilton, Missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Convention, having been sent for, was present and ready to proceed and it was resolved that we adopt our name as Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Early in the 1870s plans were made to build a new church and leave the dilapidated blacksmith shop that had been used for worship services located almost on the very site of Mount Moriah's current location 801 Broad Street in Camden, SC. The sanctuary was completed in 1889. Due to a fire, on January 5, 1956, the interior of the church was destroyed. In Spite of this unfortunate occurrence, the membership banded together to rebuild what is now the current beautiful sanctuary.

If awarded these funds, this will allow us to purchase a van for soup kitchen, update electrical and lighting, purchase kitchen equipment, replace leaking and broken windows, and develop a new youth training program.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information listed below.

Appreciatively,

Frances C. Perry  
President

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MMO Inc  
PO Box 876 | 813 Broad Street  
Camden, SC 29021  
(803) 432-4454 Phone/Fax  
mmoinccamdensc@gmail.com

Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc. is a 501©3 Non-profit Tax-deductible Organization



**BUDGET – MT. MORIAH OUTREACH, INC. / SOUP KITCHEN  
813 BROAD STREET, CAMDEN, SC 29020**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>VAN</b>                                                                         | <b>\$32,000</b>        |
| <b>SOUP KITCHEN FOOD &amp; SUPPLIES</b>                                            | <b>\$10,000</b>        |
| <b>ELECTRICAL</b>                                                                  | <b>\$12,000</b>        |
| <b>KITCHEN EQUIPMENT - COMMERCIAL</b><br>(60in Range Exhaust Hood, Mixer, Freezer) | <b>\$ 8,000</b>        |
| <b>WINDOWS</b>                                                                     | <b>\$ 8,000</b>        |
| <b>YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM</b>                                                      | <b><u>\$ 5,000</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL COST</b>                                                                  | <b>\$75,000</b>        |



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## House Member Appropriation Request Form

THIS DOCUMENT & SUPPORTING MATERIAL WILL BE PUBLIC

Project/Event Name: Kershaw County Community Impact Initiative

Requested Amount: \$550,000

Recipient Entity: Kershaw County

The entity is a: State Agency, ☒ Local Government, Non-Profit, or Other If **Other**, please explain:

Entity Contact: Danny Templar

Title/Position: County Administrator

Phone Number: Email:

Entity Website: <https://www.kershaw.sc.gov/>

County Location: Kershaw

Intended Use of the Funds: The funding request seeks approximately \$550,000 to support a coordinated, countywide Community Impact, focusing on recreation, public health, food security, youth development, historic preservation, and veteran recognition. The proposal combines multiple projects—including walking trails, park fitness equipment, a soup kitchen and food pantry, educational and youth programs, a veterans museum, and historic cemetery improvements—into a unified strategy to maximize public benefit and efficiency. Overall, the investment is intended to improve quality of life, expand access to essential services and wellness opportunities, preserve local history, and generate long-term community and economic benefits across Kershaw County. (Please see attached documentation)

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: The request will deliver broad public benefits by expanding access to recreation, health and wellness resources, food assistance, youth development programs, and preservation of historic and cultural assets across Kershaw County. It will improve quality of life for residents of all ages—particularly seniors, veterans, and underserved populations—while strengthening community engagement, public health outcomes, and local economic vitality.

Robert T. Reese

Robert T. Reese

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional House Sponsors

Print Name:

Signature:





April 20, 2026

Dear Chairman Bannister:

Kershaw County affirms that it has previously partnered and contracted with the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc., to support community-based projects and public services within the county. Through these efforts, the organization has demonstrated the capacity to effectively deliver programming related to recreation, community development, and historic preservation. Based on this established working relationship and proven track record, Kershaw County fully endorses this funding request and supports the continued partnership to advance projects that provide meaningful public benefit to residents.

The proposed \$120,000 Cassatt Park Walking Trail project will create a 1,600-foot, 6-foot-wide asphalt walking trail within a future public park in Kershaw County, along with an entranceway, parking area, and supporting amenities, including benches and waste receptacles. The off-road trail will provide a safe, accessible recreational space for residents of all ages and abilities in an area that currently lacks sidewalks or pedestrian infrastructure, improving safety and expanding opportunities for walking, jogging, and fitness activities.

The trail is expected to serve hundreds of users weekly and will be the only dedicated walking facility for approximately 4,300 residents in the Cassatt area, supporting public health, wellness, and community engagement. In addition to enhancing quality of life, the project will strengthen public safety due to its proximity to a staffed fire station and is anticipated to support local economic activity and long-term growth by retaining and attracting residents and visitors.

With regards,

  
Danny Temple

Kershaw County Administrator

The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. is uniquely positioned to serve as the lead organization for a countywide community engagement initiative that advances health, heritage, hunger relief, youth development, and civic pride throughout Kershaw County. As a trusted nonprofit rooted in the historic African American Knights Hill community, the organization has already demonstrated the ability to secure grants, coordinate partnerships, and deliver meaningful public improvements. Building on that momentum, the Board can anchor a unified 2026 Legislative Funding strategy supporting six transformational priorities: completion of the Knights Hill Seniors Walking Trail, installation of walking trail fitness equipment at Kirkwood Park, creation of the Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 museum and technology upgrades, expansion of programs through the Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation, restoration of Historic Cedars Cemetery, and support for the Mt. Moriah Outreach Inc. Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. By presenting these requests under one collaborative framework, legislators and stakeholders can view the package as a strategic countywide investment benefiting seniors, veterans, youth, families, and underserved residents.

The first pillar of the engagement plan should focus on health, wellness, and recreation. Knights Hill Park has become a visible symbol of community renewal through upgraded basketball courts, improved park facilities, and successful community events. Completing the rubberized walking trail will provide seniors and families with a safe and accessible place to walk in a community where sidewalks and lighting are limited. At the same time, Kirkwood Park's quarter-mile trail can be enhanced with five outdoor fitness stations designed for stretching, strength-building, and mobility, including pull-up bars, incline benches, knee raises, pistol squat equipment, and leg stretch stations valued at approximately \$13,683 plus freight. Together, these projects create a countywide wellness network that encourages preventive health, outdoor activity, and stronger community connections.

The second pillar should preserve Kershaw County's rich African American, military, and civic history. Support for Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 would allow one of the county's longstanding Black veteran institutions to establish an on-site museum, preserve historical records, modernize its presentation systems, and share the stories of veterans who served and sacrificed for the nation. This effort aligns naturally with the proposed upgrades to Historic Cedars Cemetery, a sacred burial ground in Camden that has served as a resting place for African American residents since the early 1800s. Legislative support of \$50,000 has been requested to clean the cemetery, pave muddy internal roads, improve grave site access, and preserve the dignity of this historic site. Together, these projects would strengthen heritage tourism, educational programming, and public appreciation for the county's untold history.

The third pillar should address food security, family stability, and compassionate outreach through support for Mt. Moriah Outreach Inc. A \$75,000 funding investment would strengthen the organization's soup kitchen and food pantry operations, helping meet the growing needs of seniors, working families, children, and individuals facing hardship. Funds could support facility upgrades, refrigeration and storage equipment, transportation logistics, expanded meal service capacity, volunteer coordination, and healthier food distribution options. As food insecurity continues to impact many communities, Mt. Moriah Outreach can serve as a central partner in ensuring that residents have reliable access to nutritious meals and emergency support. The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board can coordinate volunteer drives, donation campaigns, and seasonal outreach events that connect the pantry's mission to broader county service efforts.

The fourth pillar should center on youth leadership, scholarships, and educational opportunity through partnership with the Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation. The Foundation already supports scholarships, Boys State participation, STEM initiatives, reading programs, youth athletics, holiday drives, veterans recognition, and community celebrations. Coordinating these efforts with Knights Hill would expand access to mentorship academies, leadership camps, park-based enrichment programs, and intergenerational service projects. Youth participants could assist with cemetery beautification, veterans' appreciation events, wellness walks, and food pantry volunteerism, helping cultivate the next generation of civic-minded leaders.

To implement this plan, the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board should convene a Kershaw County Community Impact Coalition composed of legislators, county officials, municipalities, schools, faith institutions, veterans' groups, civic organizations, and private sponsors. Quarterly town halls, food drives, wellness walks, historical tours, youth showcase, ribbon cuttings, and community festivals can build public support while demonstrating measurable outcomes. A unified communications strategy highlighting seniors using the trails, veterans preserving history, families receiving meals, youth earning scholarships, and residents honoring loved ones at restored cemeteries will strengthen future appropriations and philanthropic support. Through this collaborative leadership model, Knights Hill can become the driving force behind a countywide movement that improves quality of life, preserves history, fights hunger, and expands opportunity for all residents of Kershaw County.

JEFFERY GRAHAM  
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P.O. BOX 633  
CAMDEN, SC 29021

February 18, 2025

Health Services District of Kershaw County  
Attn: Derial Ogburn, Board Chairman  
PO Box 1558  
Camden, SC 29021

Subject: Letter of Support for Knights Hill Park Grant Application

Dear Chairman Ogburn,

I am writing to express my full support for the grant application submitted by the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board on behalf of Knights Hill Park. This funding will enable the completion of the final stages of the Seniors Walking Trail, specifically the installation of a rubberized membrane that will ensure safe and accessible use for all members of our community.

Knights Hill Park has long been a valued asset to our region, providing a vital space for recreation, exercise, and community gatherings. The proposed enhancements to the walking trail will significantly improve accessibility, allowing seniors and individuals with mobility challenges to fully enjoy the benefits of outdoor activity. This investment in public health and wellness aligns perfectly with the goals of the grant program, making it a worthy and impactful use of funding.

I urge you to give this application your strongest consideration. The completion of the Seniors Walking Trail will enhance the quality of life for countless residents, promoting fitness, social engagement, and overall well-being in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to reach out if I can provide any additional information in support of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Graham", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

**Jeffrey Graham**  
SC Senate District 35

Date February 20, 2025

Sallie Harrell, Executive Director or Derial Ogburn, Board Chair at  
Health Services District of KC  
PO Box 1558  
Camden, SC 29021

We, Kershaw County Parks & Recreation, support the grant application of the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. (KHHPB) to continue the upgrading of the Knights Hill Park, located in this historically African American community of Camden, South Carolina.

The District has supported KHHPB for the past two years which has allowed them to upgrade different aspects of Knights Hill. KHHPB has been able to upgrade shelter appliances, roof and bathrooms, basketball court, and park fencing. KHHPB has also been able to trench a walking trail. They are in the final stages of completing their Seniors Walking Trail, specifically to lay down a rubberized membrane to finally allow widespread use of our trail. The walking trail project began about 18 months ago. Future plans include installing lighting and electrical outlets around the court and the rest of the park facility for expanded use into evening hours, including the creation of a new walking trail.

The upgrading of the Knights Hill Park will serve not only the Knights Hill Community but offer expanded physical activity options for all of Kershaw County, thus our support for funding from your organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Duncan", with a stylized, flowing script.

Shane Duncan  
Director  
Kershaw County Parks & Recreation





Councilman William C. Wilkes  
Camden City Council  
1000 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC 29020

February 14, 2025

Mr. Derial Ogburn, Chairman  
Health Services District of Kershaw County  
PO Box 1558, Camden, SC 29021

Dear Mr. Ogburn,

I am writing to express my full support for the grant application submitted by the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board to further enhance Knights Hill Park. This project represents a meaningful investment in the health and well-being of our community, and I urge your consideration of this request.

While Knights Hill Park is outside Camden's city limits, it serves a broad cross-section of residents, including many who live within the city. Its accessibility makes it a vital recreational space for families, seniors, and individuals seeking safe and convenient opportunities for exercise.

Completing the Seniors Walking Trail will significantly enhance its usability, allowing more residents—including seniors and those with mobility challenges—to safely enjoy this valuable community resource. By improving accessibility, this project will help ensure the park remains a welcoming and inclusive space for all who wish to take advantage of its amenities.

Over the past two years, improvements made possible through Health Services District funding have transformed this park into an even greater community asset. Continued investment will further strengthen the resources available to residents across Kershaw County.

I appreciate your time and consideration, as well as your ongoing commitment to initiatives that enhance public health and expand opportunities throughout our county.

Sincerely,

William C. Wilkes

## The Health Services District of Kershaw County

### Community Impact Project Application 2025

#### I. ORGANIZATION/AGENCY INFORMATION

**Name:** Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc.

**Address:** 822 St. Paul Road  
Camden, South Carolina 29020

**Phone:** 803-677-5737

**President:** Arthur Robinson, Jr.

**Exec Dir:** William S. Robinson, MA

**Contact:** 803-609-1197 (c)/[wsrassc@aol.com](mailto:wsrassc@aol.com)

**FEIN:** 88-1894745

**Facebook:** Facebook.com/KnightsHillPreservation

**Years:** Established April 19, 2022

**Mission:** The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. was established to:

- Support the upkeep of and the activities that take place at the Knights Hill Park located in the Knights Hill area of Camden, SC,
- Preserve, record, and document the history of African Americans in and from the Knights Hill community,
- Create programs for youth in the Knights Hill community,
- Identify and work to preserve significant historic structures in the Knights Hill community.

**Partnerships:** Currently our organization is a partner with the statewide “**Wholespire: inspiring wellness in all communities**” Foundation for a third year. The Foundation funded our application to upgrade the basketball court at the Knights Hill Park for \$5,000 in August 2022. Court upgrades included fixing cracks, replacing backboards and rims, repainting, relining and purchasing new aluminum bleachers. In September 2023, the Foundation granted our organization \$6,000 to help create a walking trail for Seniors in the community, which allowed us to remove trees, brush and cut a trail around the perimeter of the park. In September 2024, we received an additional \$6,000 from the Foundation to contribute to a more permanent surface for our walking trail. Plans were to cover the trail with crushed run or begin asphaltting the surface. Unexpected tornadoes slammed across the state including in Kershaw County, and we suffered damage to our brand new fence that had just been installed around the perimeter of the park that runs alongside the walking trail. All grantees were allowed to use their funding to address any damage needs in lieu of completing submitted projects. We made some repairs to our fence and covered the trail with

wooden mulch. KC County Council and Parks and Recreation provided letters of support for our applications.

As a part of the basketball court project, we have worked with the Kershaw County Parks and Recreation Department (KC PARD) to, first, trim the branches that hung over the court, and, then, to mount the new backboards and rims, and put together the new bleacher kits that were purchased.

On February 14, 2024, the Deputy County Administrator and Executive Director of the KC Department of Parks and Recreation visited our park to review some unaddressed items we reported. We are in a unique position, in that we are listed as a part of the county's park system, but it is the Knights Hill community (via our organization) that has owned the park for more than 100 years. We are working together to update a written agreement that was made in the 1980s, and the result has been that the Recreation Department has committed to maintenance of our grounds and fields and ready our baseball field for play by this Spring, while the Woodward Park project pulls other fields offline during their upgrades. At this writing, our diamond is close to practice condition.

We are partnering for a second year with the County Accommodations Tax program, receiving \$1000 in November to assist with the planning of our 2025 May Day Festival. May Day Festival 2024 occurred at the park on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and drew more than 400 persons throughout the day. New activities included a Corvette Car Show, horseback riding, new food vendors and line dancing. Being an election year, many local and statewide candidates stopped by and addressed the crowd at various times during the day. May Day 2025 will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We plan to make application for additional support again this year to help support next year's event.

In December 2023, we were granted \$5,000 from the Health Foundation of Kershaw County to provide solar lighting for our walking trail. We have been allowed to retain those funds and apply towards the rubberized surfacing of the trail as we are currently awaiting cost proposals from two separate vendors as potential project partners.

Knight Hill Park finds itself in a unique situation. While the park is listed as part of the Kershaw County PARD system, it is prohibited from receiving state-generated funding because the park is owned by the community. Discussions of funding support have occurred at the state level, and while the county delegation supports our efforts they have not figured out a way to get funding directly allocated because we are not part of a governmental



unit. Thus, we have to rely on foundation and/or private funding support along with donations from the general public.

**990s:** While we have now been in operation for two full years now, we have not reached the \$50,000 threshold of revenue in a calendar year that requires long form 990 filing. We will be filing the 990-N card versus a full 990 Form again this year. A copy of that filing is attached along with copies of the previous two years.

**Budget:** See attached 2024 Financial Report. We still have not generated a proposed organizational budget because of limited funding. Our first year was focused on realigning Board expertise, adopting by-laws, expanding community support, changing banking institutions, and fine-tuning our financial processes and procedures. An annual budget will be developed as soon as we reach \$50,000 in annual revenues, which we have yet to reach.

## II. PROJECT DETAILS

**Project Title:** Surfacing the Seniors Walking Trail at Knights Hill Park

**Funding Request:** \$176,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$185,900

Project Budgets are attached.

To cover our 1350-foot walking trail with a rubberized P3300 surface that includes small gravel underpinning and rubberized top surface.

To date, we have received support from **Wholespire** foundation in Columbia, SC (\$6,000) and from the **Health Foundation of Kershaw County** (\$5,000) towards the continued development of our Seniors Walking Trail. At this writing we have \$9,000 on hand specifically earmarked for this final phase of our project.

### **Specific Use of Funds:**

1. To complete surfacing of the Seniors Walking Trail by this year's May Day Festival on May 10, 2025, and include it in a ribbon cutting ceremony with the upgraded basketball court.
2. The current park site was deeded to the community in 1901 where the Knights Hill Elementary School once stood – a school that was built for Black residents of the community before integration. After integration, the school was relocated, and the

community negotiated an agreement with the Kershaw County Parks and Recreation Department (KC PARD) to be a part of the county's park system. In 2022, it was brought to the attention of the community group that the agreement signed in the 1980s did not include maintenance of the park, which answered questions as to why the park grounds had been neglected over the decades.

In our organization's first year of existence after reorganizing as an IRS-recognized non-profit (2022), we were able to secure funding to upgrade a basketball court in our 4-acre community-owned park in the historically African American Knights Hill community of Camden. The court was repaired, as youth in the community desired as the first park upgrades. The court has been used nearly daily since.

Additional upgrades have included the installation of a new roof and ceiling fans in our shelter building, new appliances (stove, refrigerator, microwave) in the facility kitchen, purchase of four picnic tables/benches, and new flooring, toilets, vanity/sinks and mirrors have been installed in the bathrooms, enhancing safety and an ability to host expanded activities the park can be used for. In 2024, a new vinyl 6-foot fence was installed around the perimeter of the park to provide both security and privacy from the adjacent residential properties.

At this writing, many seniors still walk along Knights Hill and Saint Paul Roads in a community with no sidewalks, no lighting and have to carry sticks to ward off dogs, deer and any reptiles that may be encountered along the way. Others decide to leave the community and frequent other parks (Scott, Larry Doby, etc.) or have taken out memberships at Planet Fitness in order to maintain their desired levels of physical activity. All prefer to remain in their local community and walk in a safe environment in Knights Hill. The Knights Hill Park trail will be the solution to these challenges.

Each Tuesday morning at 10am there is a Seniors exercise program that takes place at the St. Paul United Methodist Church (adjacent to the park), and seniors who participate in the stretching and chair exercises state how wonderful it would be to just walk across a parking lot to a nice trail for additional cardiovascular work. This is the impetus for creating the walking trail, which has had to be delayed several times, first, in order to have the property boundaries surveyed and marked, and a second time for not receiving anticipated funding to complete the project. Now that the property perimeter is clearly marked, new fencing has been installed, a trail carved out, we are proceeding with acquiring the necessary funds to complete the walking trail surfacing.

This request for funding is for the following activities regarding the walking trail:

- Final layout staking of the 6-foot-wide path along the perimeter of the park



- Remove current topsoil and wood chips from path
- Furnish and install filter fabric under stone base along trail path
- Furnish and install approximately 1050 square yards of 4" crush run stone base
- Fine grade and compact subgrade
- Furnish and install PP3300 bonded rubber pavement at 1.5" thickness approximately 1350 linear feet by 6 feet wide (color to be selected prior to installation).

3. Knights Hill is still a predominantly African American community. New residential development has brought others to the community, and we have had young people visit from surrounding neighborhoods and counties to use our basketball court especially during their college breaks. Groups of others have rented our shelter building for various birthday, graduation and reunion activities over the past year. Our desire is to create a park that is welcoming to all, and supports the recreational, social and health needs of the expanding Knights Hill community while offering another park option in the county.

While our park still serves predominantly African Americans, over the past year, our May Day Festival last year drew a more diverse crowd with expanded activities (i.e., horseback riding, car show, line dancing) and local and statewide politicians that made campaign stops at our event. More diverse participation continues to be evident on our basketball court, which is in use nearly every day that weather permits.

4. No special training will be necessary for the upgrades to the park, as we will rely on vendor experts to complete our trail project. Our Executive Director will serve as the on-site organizational project manager. We are still exploring the creation of a summer jobs program for youth to staff and maintain the park, especially for college/university students that may be pursuing a degree in recreation, physical activity and/or health. Once our trail is completed, work will continue on our baseball field which will increase potential work opportunities for young people.

Recently, Maurice Johnson of Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer, currently located in Lugoff, used the outfield of our baseball field to train one of his star running backs – taking him through running, handoff and passing drills. As a coach and athletic trainer that resides in Knights Hill, he inquired about a possible partnership where he would use our park as a training and practice location for the youth involved in his programs. We are very interested in this potential collaboration.

5. There are no specific safety concerns regarding the upgrades to the park, as professionals will be contracted to do the work. Our safety concerns are with those

that utilize the park, so we want to make sure that all upgrades are done with “creating a safe environment for activities” in mind.

6. We will use three phase evaluation methodology, that includes *process*, *outcomes*, and *impact*. **Process** evaluates how well things went regarding engaging those necessary to complete the upgrades. **Outcome** measures the actual use of the upgraded facilities, which will be done by monitoring the number of people using the park on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis and comparing it to previous use. **Impact** will be evaluated by instituting a survey of some sort regarding what residents think and feel about the upgraded park facilities, or conducting community meetings to garner the same. If the park has had some impact on the community, negatively or positively, this will be revealed via the survey or via the meetings. Currently, we hear about *everything* that goes on at the park, and we will continue to be open and accessible for community feedback.

Yes, we are willing to share all evaluation results with the Health Services District.

7. The overall goal and objective of upgrading Knights Hill Park is to improve the overall health and well-being of residents in this historically African American community. We want to create a nice, safe, and user-friendly community-based park facility where an entire family can come and engage in activities that will help youth to grow, adults to remain active and seniors to engage in physical activities that can prevent the onset of chronic diseases like hypertension, diabetes and cancer. On-going physical activity has proven to be such a vital preventive strategy to engage the mind, the body and awaken the spirit. We just want to offer these to a community that has had limited ability to do so. We’re almost there!

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| Project Title: | Surfacing the Seniors Walking Trail at Knights Hill Park |
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Project Title:

Applicant's Name:

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| Applicant's Name: | Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. |
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Applicant's Email:

WSRSC@aol.com

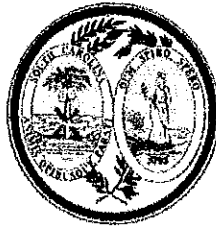
| Item         | Description                                                                                                                  | Quantity | Cost per Unit | Total         | Funding Level | Expenditures | Fund Balance |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1            | Layout and Staking<br>Staking out a 6-foot wide surface area around the entire existing trail                                | 1350     | 1             | 1350          | 0             | 0            | 0            |
| 2            | Top Soil Removal<br>Remove 4" of top soil and wood chip mulch from existing trail                                            | 400      | 173           | 69200         |               |              | 0            |
| 3            | Fiber Membrane Installation<br>Furnish and install filter fiber under stone base around trail                                | 2506     | 2             | 5012          |               |              | 0            |
| 4            | Stone Base Installation<br>Furnish and install 1050 sq yards of crush run stone base at 4" thick around trail                | 6        | 198           | 1188          |               |              | 0            |
| 5            | Site Work<br>Fine grade and compact subgrade                                                                                 | 3        | 1050          | 3150          |               |              | 0            |
| 6            | Rubberway Walking Trail<br>Furnish and install PP3300 rubberized pavement at 1.5" thick along 1350 feet long trail x 6' wide | 11       | 8100          | 89100         |               |              | 0            |
| 7            |                                                                                                                              |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 8            |                                                                                                                              |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 9            | Administrative Costs<br>Project Coordination, Supplies (10%)                                                                 | 338      | 50            | 16900         |               |              | 0            |
| 10           |                                                                                                                              |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| 11           |                                                                                                                              |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
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| 20           |                                                                                                                              |          |               | 0             |               |              | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                                                                                                              |          |               | <b>185900</b> |               |              | <b>0</b>     |

**Additional Notes:**

\* Project Coordination is facilitated by a volunteer Executive Director that needs to be present to serve as a focused project manager for all upgrades made to the park, and is compensated for his role via the funds acquired for different projects.



# KERSHAW COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION



January 21, 2026

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism  
Attn: Recreational Trails Program  
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 203  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Letter of Support – RTP Grant Application

Dear RTP Review Committee,

We, **the Kershaw County Legislative Delegation**, offer our strong support for Kershaw County's application to the South Carolina Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for funding assistance for the Cassatt Park Walking Trail project.

The proposed Cassatt Park Walking Trail represents an important investment in outdoor recreation, public health, and quality of life for residents of the Cassatt community. The project will create a safe, accessible, and ADA-compliant walking trail within the newly developed Cassatt Park, providing the first dedicated walking and pedestrian recreational facility within the Cassatt ZIP code. This no-cost recreational amenity will serve residents of all ages and abilities and help address a long-standing gap in local infrastructure.

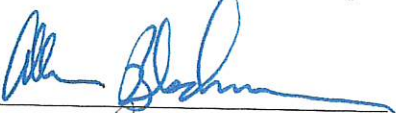
This project is especially significant because the Cassatt area currently lacks sidewalks and non-motorized recreational trails. By providing a safe, off-road walking facility, the Cassatt Park Walking Trail will promote physical activity, improve pedestrian safety, and support wellness outcomes for seniors, families, and economically disadvantaged residents in a rural community where access to recreational opportunities is limited. These benefits directly align with the goals of the Recreational Trails Program and the South Carolina Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

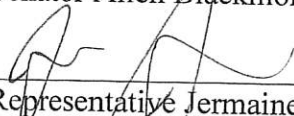
The Kershaw County Legislative Delegation appreciates SCPRT's continued partnership with local governments in advancing outdoor recreation opportunities across South Carolina. We believe the Cassatt Park Walking Trail will deliver lasting community benefits and respectfully encourage favorable consideration of Kershaw County's RTP grant application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

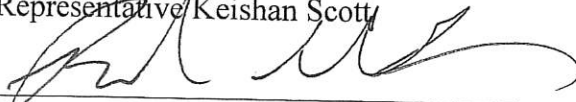
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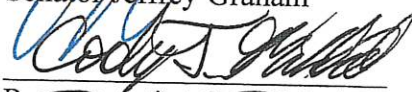
  
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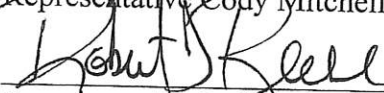
  
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Representative Cody Mitchell

  
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Representative Robert Reese

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# Proposed Cassatt Park Walking Trail

\$125,000 Project





**Adjacent Fire Department Facility**



**Trail Site**





**Trail Site**



**Adjacent Property to North of Trail Site**

## **Kershaw County Community Impact Initiative**

### **Consolidated Project Budget & Budget Narrative**

The Kershaw County Community Impact Initiative is a coordinated investment strategy led by the Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. to strengthen recreation, health, food security, youth development, historic preservation, and veteran recognition throughout Kershaw County. This initiative combines six community-based projects under one unified funding request to maximize public benefit, increase operational efficiency, and create measurable outcomes across multiple sectors. The total proposed funding request is **\$430,000**.

| <b>Project Component</b>                               | <b>Funding Allocation</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Knights Hill Park Walking Trail                        | \$185,000                 |
| Kirkwood Park Walking Trail Equipment                  | \$20,000                  |
| Mt. Moriah Outreach Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry         | \$75,000                  |
| Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation Programs           | \$50,000                  |
| Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 Museum Project | \$50,000                  |
| Historic Cedars Cemetery Upgrades                      | \$50,000                  |
| <b>Total Funding Request</b>                           | <b>\$430,000</b>          |

## **Budget Narrative**

### **Knights Hill Park Walking Trail – \$185,000**

Funding will support the completion of a permanent walking trail at Knights Hill Park, a historic community-owned park serving residents of Camden and surrounding areas. This allocation will cover trail grading, removal of existing wood-chip material, installation of filter fabric, crushed stone base, drainage stabilization, compaction, and installation of a rubberized surface designed for seniors, families, and persons with mobility concerns. Additional funds may support signage, benches, striping, and contingency costs associated with final construction. This project creates a safe, accessible place for physical activity in a community with limited sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure.

### **Kirkwood Park Walking Trail Equipment – \$20,000**

Funding will support the purchase, freight, installation, and site preparation of outdoor fitness equipment along the Kirkwood Park walking trail. Equipment includes pull-up bars, incline benches, vertical knee raise station, pistol squat station, and flexibility/stretch units designed for users ages 13 and older. Prior estimates place equipment costs near \$13,683 plus freight, and this request includes installation, surfacing, and contingency expenses. This investment transforms the walking trail into a functional outdoor wellness destination.

### **Mt. Moriah Outreach Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry – \$75,000**

Funding will strengthen hunger relief operations for residents facing food insecurity. Resources will support commercial refrigeration, dry storage shelving, meal preparation equipment, pantry inventory, utility assistance, volunteer support, transportation for food pickup and delivery, and facility improvements necessary to safely serve clients. This investment will expand emergency food assistance, hot meal distribution, and senior nutrition outreach while improving operational sustainability.

### **Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation – \$50,000**

Funding will support youth leadership, scholarship, mentorship, and educational outreach programs across Kershaw County. Resources may be used for scholarships for graduating seniors, Boys State sponsorships, STEM competitions, literacy initiatives, school partnerships, youth sports support, and community service events. Administrative support, event materials, transportation, and program coordination are also included. This allocation helps build long-term educational and workforce pathways for local youth.



### **Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 Museum Project – \$50,000**

Funding will preserve and showcase the history of one of Kershaw County's longstanding Black veteran institutions. Resources will support museum-quality display cases, archival frames, enlargement of historical photos, research into veterans' biographies, projector and screen installation, upgraded sound systems, wi-fi infrastructure, and presentation development. This project creates a permanent educational space honoring military service while expanding civic and heritage tourism opportunities.

### **Historic Cedars Cemetery Upgrades – \$50,000**

Funding will support restoration and preservation of Historic Cedars Cemetery, an important African American burial ground in Camden with roots dating to the early 1800s. Funds will be used for debris removal, landscape cleanup, road stabilization, paving muddy access lanes, grave site accessibility improvements, signage, and preservation planning. This project protects sacred space, improves visitor access, and preserves a vital chapter of local history.

### **Administrative & Oversight Narrative**

The Knights Hill Historic Preservation Board, Inc. will serve as the lead coordinating entity for stakeholder communication, progress monitoring, public engagement, and reporting. Each partner organization will manage day-to-day implementation of its funded component while providing documentation of expenditures, milestones, and outcomes. Quarterly coalition meetings will ensure accountability and cross-project collaboration.

### **Expected Community Return on Investment**

This \$430,000 investment will generate countywide benefits through improved public health infrastructure, expanded access to food assistance, preservation of historic assets, increased tourism potential, youth advancement opportunities, and stronger community partnerships. Residents of all ages—from seniors and veterans to students and working families—will directly benefit from these strategic improvements.

Appendix:

## **Kershaw County Projects Requesting State Funding Support - II**

The Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 – a post of Black service Veterans located in Cassett, SC - was chartered in 1951, and named in honor of a soldier that lost his life in service during World War I. The initial Post was located in a residential community near the Springdale Racecourse, but when the area was annexed into the City of Camden, the Post was forced to relocate. In 1987, Post 203 purchased the property where it is currently located at the corner of Hwy #1 and Cheraw Road and broke ground to build in February 1988.

Since its inception, Post 203 has grown in membership having conducted outreach events at local schools, churches and military celebrations while providing necessary resources to Veterans of Kershaw County. The Post 203 facility is now nearly 40 years old and is in need of constant upgrades. Over the past 24 months the post has repaired its roof, installed new gutters, and removed kitchen appliances that had lasted beyond their useful shelf life. Additional upgrades will still need to be made to the kitchen and men's and women's bathrooms, but as the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America approaches, the Post membership wants to educate the public about the long history of their post, an important part of Kershaw County history that hasn't been told. They desire to be an integral part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

This request is to support the establishment of an on-site museum that will a) expand on the stories of those soldiers that are currently recognized, b) add additional photos and background stories of members not currently displayed, c) allow for the display (and preserving) of the numerous historical documents and awards that are the foundation of Post 203, and d) install new technology that will allow for presentations of Post 203's important history to the public going forward.

Specifically, this request will support:

- new glass enclosed picture/document frames
- enlargement of honoree photos
- research into back stories of all exhibited honorees
- glass top floor display cases
- installation of multiple wi-fi access points
- installation of an automated ceiling-mounted screen for public presentations
- installation of a ceiling-mounted projector for public presentations
- upgrading of facility sound system
- creating the first presentation on the history of Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203

The Sanders Stoney American Legion Post 203 is, and has been, an important part of Kershaw County since its inception, and is asking for **\$50,000** to upgrade technology and create the first on-site museum highlighting the service of members who suffered the ultimate sacrifice in the conflicts of this nation. This contribution will allow Post 203 to expand the activities that it offers to others across the county. We appreciate any consideration given our request.



## Kershaw County, South Carolina History



NO IMAGE AVAILABLE

### LIFE STORY AND OBITUARY

# HISTORIC CEMETERIES GIVE VISITORS 'A REAL SENSE OF PLACE'

With Halloween approaching, Camden's "City of the Dead" is beckoning.

But a trip through the city's three historical cemeteries along Campbell Street doesn't have to be scary. Instead, it can be calming and informative.

Quaker Cemetery is the better known of the three cemeteries, located within several blocks of one another in the downtown area.

But Beth-El Jewish Cemetery and Cedars Cemetery are garnering more attention through the Clean Community Commission's efforts to clean them up and add fencing.

Joanna Craig, director of Historic Camden Revolutionary War Park, said people visit old cemeteries for a variety of reasons: to enjoy a beautiful setting, study fascinating headstones or pay homage to a war hero.

But the main reason, she said, is to find out more about people through history.



"It gives you a real sense of place," Craig said.

All three cemeteries offer stillness and beauty, and all three offer a hands-on history lesson.

Here's a look:

### Quaker Cemetery

Location: Meeting Street at Campbell Street

Established: 1759

History: Samuel Wyly, a leader in the Quaker community, offered four acres of land to be rented for a single peppercorn per year. The cemetery has since grown to 50 acres and is governed by a board of directors. The oldest Quaker graves from the late 1750s are marked with arching bricks rather than headstones. Nearly 250 years after it was established, the graveyard still has open plots.

People buried there: Many of Camden's heroes and legends are buried in Quaker. Among them is Richard Kirkland, the "Angel of Marye's Heights," who risked his life to carry water to wounded enemy soldiers at the Civil War's Battle of Fredericksburg. He died just six months later, at age 20, during a battle at Chickamauga, Ga., in 1863. But his memory and act of humanity are kept alive each year when locals gather at his grave for a wreath-laying ceremony.

### Cedars Cemetery

Location: Campbell Street

Established: 1868

History: People have been buried on the property since the early 1800s. But the grounds did not officially become a cemetery until **Cyrus McGirt** purchased 14 lots on Campbell Street in December 1868 from J.D. Dunlap for \$225 and began allowing burials there. One hundred years after McGirt bought the property, his descendants deeded it to the Cedars Cemetery Association.

People buried there: Burial sites range from unmarked slave graves to the resting places of prominent members of the African-American community in Camden. Board members of the

Cedars Cemetery Association believe Bonds Conway is buried here in an unmarked grave. In 1793, Conway became the first person in Camden to buy his freedom. He was a successful businessman, landowner and homeowner. One of his homes now is used as the headquarters of the Kershaw County Historical Society.

### Beth-El Jewish Cemetery

Location: Campbell Street

Established: 1878

History: The Hebrew Benevolent Association bought a lot for \$75 from Col. William Shannon for the cemetery. In November 1878, the cemetery's charter was granted. The cemetery was expanded in the early 1900s.

People buried there: The cemetery features familiar names from Camden's Jewish community. One monument that stands out was erected in 1881 by Herman Baum in memory of his brother, Marcus, who died at age 31 during the Civil War's Battle of the Wilderness. The monument, which stands 10-feet tall at the front of the cemetery, reads: "The sterling qualities of his nature were illustrated by his brief career, to which a glorious Death in defiance of his adopted Country formed a fitting close. . . . He fell at the side of his beloved Chief Gen. J.B. Kershaw, a martyr to the 'Lost Cause.' His bones now mingle with the dust upon that field of Honor but his memory is enshrined in the hearts of those who esteem it a privilege to erect this Humble memento."

### TAKE A TOUR

Quaker Cemetery, at the corner of Meeting and Campbell streets in Camden, is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Brochures are provided at the front gate.

Beth-El Jewish Cemetery is next door to Quaker, and Cedars Cemetery is a few blocks down Campbell Street. Those two cemeteries will be included in a brochure due out next year by the Kershaw County Clean Community Commission, highlighting spots along Campbell Street.

Quaker Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the commission is working to gain that recognition for the other two sites as well.

The commission has fixed the fence around the Beth-El cemetery and is raising money to build a brick and iron fence at Cedars but still needs \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Donations may be mailed to the Kershaw County Clean Community Commission, P.O. Box 1731, Camden, 29020. Call (803) 432-1427.

Reach Rupon at (803) 771-8622 or [krupon@thestate.com](mailto:krupon@thestate.com)

Caption: PHOTO: BWJoanna Craig of Historic Camden cleans off the grave of Benjamin Perkins in the Quaker Cemetery in Camden. FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE STATE

 Memo: KERSHAW NIEGBORS

October 20, 2005 | State, The (Columbia, SC)

Author/Byline: KRISTY EPPLEY RUPON Staff Writer | Page: 7 | Section: NEIGHBORS 2



OCTOBER 20, 2005

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Revolutionary War, when the names of several Jewish merchants can be found in the records. In 1788, Col. Joseph Kershaw left Camden lot 315 for a burying ground and a place of worship for "God's ancient people, the Jews," though they never used the lot for those purposes.

Many other Jewish families migrated to Camden from the German Confederation before the Civil War. By the late 20th century, Camden's Jewish population played a prominent role in the life of the Camden community.

***Marker #3c: Cedars Cemetery***  
**Campbell Street between York and King Streets**



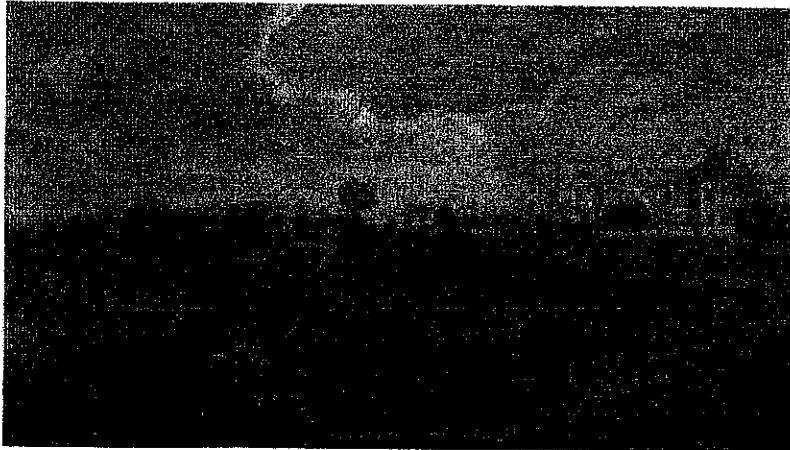
The early beginnings of this burial ground for the African American people of Camden are lost in the mists of time. Tradition holds that the owner of the land upon which it stands allowed a burial on the tract at some unknown date. The ground continued to be used for interments of African Americans. The cemetery was established by the 1840s, as documented by the earliest dated headstone in the burying ground. In 1962, the McGyrth, later McGirt, family signed a quit claim deed over to the Colored People's Cemetery Association for the city lots occupied by the cemetery. At that time the name was changed to Cedars Cemetery. Cedars Cemetery is a hallowed place. We



may never know the exact number of Camden citizens who rest in this ground, for many graves are unmarked. Others have stones ranging from handmade to artist-engraved. The lives of those who rest here tell the story of the people of color in Camden.

***Marker #4: The Blue House Site***

**The northwestern corner of Meeting and Broad Streets**



This is the site of the Blue House, built by June 1, 1780. The house was within the palisaded garrison which the British built around the town of Camden

*Painting from the Collection of Historic Camden* during the Revolutionary War. Blue House was the home of Dr. Isaac Alexander, who attended the Patriot sick and wounded during the war.

This house was where the fatally wounded Baron Johann DeKalb, fallen Continental Army hero of the Battle of Camden, died on August 19, 1780. We are not sure of the date of the demise of Blue House, but it appears to have been standing when a c1830 painting of lower Camden was produced by Isaac Brownfield Alexander.

***Marker #5: The first Town Square***

**The intersection of Broad and Bull Streets**

This area is the site of Camden's first public square. Joseph Kershaw modeled his town plan for Camden on that of Philadelphia. Kershaw's plan incorporated wide streets, open public squares, and open land for future use. The earliest plan of

### Kershaw County Projects Requesting State Funding Support

The Omegas of Kershaw County Foundation, Inc. was created in May 7, 2024 to support the activities of the Chi Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Foundation is recognized by the State of South Carolina and the Internal Revenue Service as a public benefit non-profit organization, so those that donate to the Chapter can now receive tax write-offs for their support.

Among the activities that the Foundation will support include:

1. Scholarship funds to support young (Black) men that graduate from Kershaw County schools who are entering their first year of an institution of higher education;
2. Covering the costs for young men of Kershaw County to attend SC Boys State;
3. Provide financial rewards to young men that compete in regional, statewide and national music competitions, with a specific focus on the classical music genre;
4. External support for Kershaw County STEM programs and competitions;
5. Financial support for students facing hardship with meeting college costs after the Freshman year;
6. In partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club at Camden High School and Kershaw County First Steps, support for annual *Back to School Bashes*, pre-game breakfasts for Camden's football team, Reading Across America Days in KC elementary schools and recognition of special teachers and businesses as part of their educational outreach activities;
7. Sponsorship funding for local little league baseball teams;
8. Annual holiday turkey drive with Food 4 the Soul organization addressing the county's homeless population;
9. Annual Veterans breakfast and Adopt a Highway (*Vonnie Holiday Street*) maintenance as part of their yearly community enrichment activities, recognizing that nearly 70% of the Chapter is made up of men that have served in the military; and
10. Has become an integral partner of the recently established Camden, SC Juneteenth Celebration.

The Chi Chi Chapter of the Omegas of Kershaw County is, and has been, an important part of Kershaw County since its inception, and is asking for **\$50,000** in support for its Foundation to continue the activities that support so many across the county. We appreciate any consideration given our request.

**Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer**

**Maurice Johnson**

**February 1, 2025**

I am writing you concerning a sponsorship opportunity with Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer. Demon Elite would love to have your support. The purpose of Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer is to help youth in our area know there is more to life then life in the streets. Demon Elite aims to help every athlete understand that they are loved and supported.

Our goal is to raise money for athletes to be able to play safely and comfortably without causing financial burden on families that cannot afford it. This work cannot be done without the generous financial support of donors like you. As a token of appreciation, all donors will receive recognition on social media and featured on flyers.

Your support means so much to us. We hope that by supporting our cause with your donation, Demon Elite Youth Football and Cheer can achieve sponsorship goals.

If you would like to participate as a donor, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

**Maurice Johnson**

**Football Coach/ Athletic Trainer**

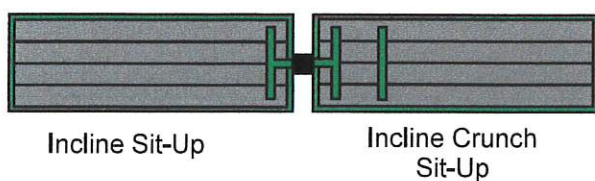


Contact # (757) 389-6020

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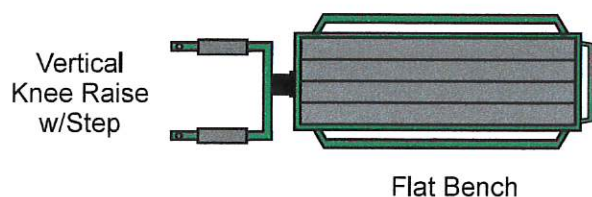
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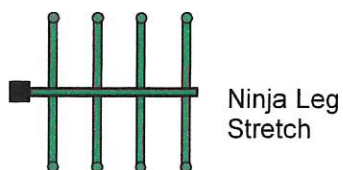
**FE-1327 - Flat Bench and  
Vertical Knee Raise**



**FE-1315 - Triple Pull-Up**



**FE-1306 - Ninja Leg Stretch**





Order would be for "In Ground Installation"

**FE-1302 Ninja Climber**



**FE-1332 Incline sit-up bench and crunch sit up bench**



**FE-1315 Triple Pull Up**



**FE-1334 Pistol Squat**



**FE-1327 Flat bench and Vertical knee raise**



## Re: Kirkwood Park Walking Trail Equipment

From: Rickey Macklin (remacklin07@gmail.com)

To: rreese4@bellsouth.net

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026 at 09:43 AM EDT

These are all for in-ground installation. This may require some additional funding for the installs (concrete blocks). However, I'm unawar of that potential cost.

*Rickey Macklin*  
**Be Great!**

On Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 6:40 PM Rickey Macklin <remacklin07@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey Sir,

There are 5 items for stretching and working out on the quarter-mile walking trail.

The price quote is \$13,683.13 - plus freight. I also added a drawing for your reference.

The company is Pacific Outdoor Products.

POCs:

Sam Emmons or Sarah Stoeck

425-432-6000

<https://www.stayfitoutdoorfitness.com/>

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks again.

*Rickey E. Macklin, M.T.S.*  
**Be Great!**





April 15, 2026

Representative Robert T. Reese  
Blatt Building 314A  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Application for 2026 – 2027 House Appropriation Grant

Dear Representative Reese:

My name is Frances C. Perry, I am the president of Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc. also known as Mt. Moriah Soup Kitchen.

We, the Board of Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc., located at 813 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina, humbly request that you advocate on our behalf for a grant for our Outreach Organization.

**Mt. Moriah Outreach's Soup Kitchen** was organized during the summer of 1983 by Mount Moriah Baptist Church to feed the hunger serving meals to those in need in the Camden community. When first organized, it was decided that meals would be served the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and Saturdays of each month. The soup kitchen got off to a slow start. During the first month, after preparing the meals members would go out into the community and ask people to visit the Soup Kitchen, reminding them that it was "free." As word spread throughout the community, the number of people coming to the soup kitchen increased and Mondays were added to the kitchen schedule.

After only a few months in operation, members saw another need and started providing meals to the sick, shut-in, and elderly members of the church. It was later brought to our attention that there were others in the local community who had requested to be served and they were included. Unfortunately, several of our dedicated volunteers and much-loved cooks who operated the Soup Kitchen on Mondays and Wednesdays became ill and could no longer do what they loved so much. In 2009 the Soup Kitchen entered into a partnership with Food for the Soul who began serving meals to walk-ins from our location on Wednesdays while being trained and awaiting the completion of their multi-purpose soup kitchen. Mt Zion Baptist Church (Black River Rd) also blessed us by joining us in 2009 providing, preparing, serving and delivering meals from our location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.

We no longer have to go out to get people to come in, now there are individuals waiting to be served before the meal is ready and the doors are open. *We are no longer just a soup kitchen!*

**Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc. is a "Bridge Builder Within the Community"** operating as a separate, 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-deductible organization registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State, formed in 2011 to continue the outreach work of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Mt. Moriah Outreach's hunger relief and nutrition program Soup Kitchen provides cooked meals at its onsite facility, serving meals to walk-ups and delivering approximately 75 meals to the homebound. USDA emergency food items are handed out during soup kitchen when available. Over the past 40 plus years, the number of meals served has multiplied. Currently over 1300 meals a month are prepared and served by our all-volunteer staff on Mondays and Saturdays. Special holiday meals are prepared for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*Additional services are:* **Saturday snack bag** (breakfast, lunch, snack & fruit item) with each Saturday meal, mid-year **Back Packing program** providing school supplies and back packs to the county's nine elementary schools plus CLC and Wateree Community Head Start once a year, **Personal Hygiene Bags** (toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, body soap, toothpaste, mouth wash, and lotion) once a year and when available.

During 2020 - 2021 A disease known to us as COVID-19, devastated Kershaw County. COVID-19 caused additional hardships and/or sorrow for many of the county's residents, changing lives forever. Mt. Moriah Outreach also felt the effects of this virus with several of our dedicated volunteers falling ill as well. As a result, we were forced to adjust operating protocols, safety procedures (all meals served as take outs, removable plexi-glass panels installed), and additional mandatory sanitation guidelines implemented. Although faced with unforeseen challenges throughout the years, Mt. Moriah Outreach has stepped up and remained committed to our community and our mission.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church was established on January 22, 1866. One-hundred and four (104) black members of the Camden Baptist and Swift Creek Baptist churches established at that time to form themselves into a separate organization. During the slavery era, the original members had been permitted to attend those churches and sit in the balconies. Rev. Charles H. Corey, Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and Rev. James Hamilton, Missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Convention, having been sent for, was present and ready to proceed and it was resolved that we adopt our name as Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Early in the 1870s plans were made to build a new church and leave the dilapidated blacksmith shop that had been used for worship services located almost on the very site of Mount Moriah's current location 801 Broad Street in Camden, SC. The sanctuary was completed in 1889. Due to a fire, on January 5, 1956, the interior of the church was destroyed. In Spite of this unfortunate occurrence, the membership banded together to rebuild what is now the current beautiful sanctuary.

If awarded these funds, this will allow us to purchase a van for soup kitchen, update electrical and lighting, purchase kitchen equipment, replace leaking and broken windows, and develop a new youth training program.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information listed below.

Appreciatively,

Frances C. Perry  
President

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MMO Inc  
PO Box 876 | 813 Broad Street  
Camden, SC 29021  
(803) 432-4454 Phone/Fax  
mmoinccamdensc@gmail.com

Mt. Moriah Outreach, Inc. is a 501©3 Non-profit Tax-deductible Organization





**BUDGET – MT. MORIAH OUTREACH, INC. / SOUP KITCHEN  
813 BROAD STREET, CAMDEN, SC 29020**

|                                                                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>VAN</b>                                                                          | <b>\$32,000</b>        |
| <b>SOUP KITCHEN FOOD &amp; SUPPLIES</b>                                             | <b>\$10,000</b>        |
| <b>ELECTRICAL</b>                                                                   | <b>\$12,000</b>        |
| <b>KITCHEN EQUIPMENT - COMMERCIAL<br/>(60in Range Exhaust Hood, Mixer, Freezer)</b> | <b>\$ 8,000</b>        |
| <b>WINDOWS</b>                                                                      | <b>\$ 8,000</b>        |
| <b>YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM</b>                                                       | <b><u>\$ 5,000</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL COST</b>                                                                   | <b>\$75,000</b>        |

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April 24, 2026

Representative Michael F. Rivers, Sr.  
SC House of Representatives  
432C Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Rivers,

On behalf of Colleton County, please consider this letter as a letter of support and request for the Johnsville Community Center. Colleton County included the Community Center as part of a CPST Referendum totaling over \$937,000. The voters of Colleton County considered this project to provide quality of life resources, senior services, child development and strategic emergency management asset planning.

This CPST portion of the Johnsville Community Center is already underway and under construction. The additional funding requested under the \$450,000 appropriation would be used immediately as a "Phase II" implementation to the current construction timeline to expand the current scope of the project. The current scope is under a "Construction Manager At Risk" contract under our procurement guidelines, and the \$450,000 would expand that scope. While it will add to the current timeline under the executed CMAR agreement, it will not halt construction, but rather immediately expand the scope while making the full potential of this amazing project a reality.

Colleton County is very thankful for the partnership with the Johnsville Community Center, and we are very grateful for our partnership with our legislative leaders. Your leadership and assistance create opportunities for our rural communities, as South Carolina continues to prosper. We are extremely blessed.

Very Respectfully,

Thomas R. Higgs, II  
Colleton County Administrator  
109 Benson Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488

Cc: Mr. Clarence Wiggins, Johnsville Community Center

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Request for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Colleton Co. Firefighters

Requested Amount: \$ 3,754,033.56

Recipient Entity: Colleton County

The entity is a:        State Agency, X Local Government,        Non-Profit, or        Other

If **Other**, please explain:

Entity Contact: Thomas Higgs

Title/Position: County Administrator

Phone Number:

Email: [thiggs@colletoncounty.org](mailto:thiggs@colletoncounty.org)

Entity Website: colletoncounty.org

County Location: Colleton

Intended Use of the Funds: Please See Attachment

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: Please See Attachment

Robert Robbins

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Robert Palmer

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: BILL NAGER

Signature: W. M. [unclear]

Print Name: James Teeple

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

Signature:





February 17, 2026

Colleton County Legislative Delegation  
403 E. Washington Street  
P.O. Box 2103  
Walterboro, SC 29488

Dear Colleton County Legislative Delegation Members,

On behalf of Colleton County, we are seeking assistance toward the \$3,754,033.56 purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This critical firefighting equipment provides airway protection to our fire-rescue personnel from harmful and toxic gases when fighting fires. This equipment has a 15-year shelf life, and the current equipment expires later this year. While this equipment is expensive, it is not optional for our fire fighters. Our County is extremely thankful for the Colleton County Legislative Delegation and the SC Legislature for your consideration in this request toward this mandatory equipment.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. R. Higgs, II", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas R. Higgs, II  
Colleton County Administrator  
109 Benson Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488

# Quote



## Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment

Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc.  
2724 Darrell Newton Drive  
Graham, NC 27253

| Order # | Date       |
|---------|------------|
| S220186 | 02/16/2026 |



| Bill To:                                                                     | Ship To:                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Colleton Co. Fire-Rescue<br>113 Mable T Willis Blvd.<br>Walterboro, SC 29488 | Colleton Co. Fire-Rescue<br>113 Mable T Willis Blvd.<br>Walterboro, SC 29488 |
| Customer: Colleton County Fire Rescue                                        | Contact: Colleton Co. Fire-Rescue                                            |

**Notes:** MSA SCBA G1 2026 PRICING -REVISED

Pricing per NC Sheriff's Association Contract 26-03-0521 - First Responder Supplies and Equipment | North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

| Sales Rep | Payment Terms | FOB Point | Carrier         | Ship Service | Date Scheduled |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| cleris    | NET 30        | Origin    | Best Way Ground |              | 02/12/2026     |

| Expiration Date |
|-----------------|
|                 |

| Item # | Type      | Number       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Unit Price | Qty Ordered | Total Price     |
|--------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1      | Drop Ship | SPR-G1FS     | MSA G1 SCBA 4500PSI, CGA QD Cylinder, Serviceable Tun w/Chest Strap, Metal Cylinder Band, Continuous Hose, Adjustable Swivel Lumbar, Continuous Hose, Transfill Hose & Pouch, LC Speaker Module, ITIC PASS, Rechargeable Battery<br>A-G1FS444MD2C4LAR | \$8,055.00 | 278 ea      | \$ 2,239,290.00 |
| 2      | Drop Ship | SPR-G1FS     | MSA G1 SCBA 4500PSI, CGA QD Cylinder, Serviceable Tun w/Chest Strap, Metal Cylinder Band, Continuous Hose, Adjustable Swivel Lumbar, Continuous Hose, Transfill Hose & Pouch, LC Speaker Module, ITIC PASS, Rechargeable Battery<br>A-G1FS444MD2C4LER | \$9,375.00 | 26 ea       | \$ 243,750.00   |
| 3      | Drop Ship | SPR-G1FS     | MSA G1 SCBA 4500PSI, CGA QD Cylinder, Serviceable Tun w/Chest Strap NO PASS, Metal Cylinder Band, Continuous Hose, Adjustable Swivel Lumbar, Continuous Hose, LC Speaker Module, NO PASS, Rechargeable Battery<br>A-G1FS4410MD2C0LHR                  | \$7,095.00 | 16 ea       | \$ 113,520.00   |
| 4      | Drop Ship | SPR-10175708 | MSA CYL VLV QC G1 RC 4500 PSIG 66CF LP PKGD<br>Colleton County Logo                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$745.00   | 650 ea      | \$ 484,250.00   |

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| Item # | Type      | Number                             | Description                                                                    | Unit Price | Qty Ordered | Total Price  |
|--------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 5      | Drop Ship | SPR-10175710                       | MSA CYL VLV QC G1 RC 4500 PSIG 88CF PKGD<br>Colleton County Logo               | \$915.00   | 18 ea       | \$ 16,470.00 |
| 6      | Drop Ship | 10183993                           | MSA Kit, Protective Cap, 66SCF, 45 min, G1                                     | \$73.00    | 20 ea       | \$ 1,460.00  |
| 7      | Drop Ship | SPR-10161813                       | MSA Facepiece, G1, FS, MD, MD NC, SPT C-HARN                                   | \$420.00   | 225 ea      | \$ 94,500.00 |
| 8      | Drop Ship | SPR-10144230                       | MSA SPECTACLE KIT, G1 FACEPIECE                                                | \$165.00   | 10 ea       | \$ 1,650.00  |
| 9      | Drop Ship | SPR-10158385                       | MSA KIT, CHARGING STATION, G1                                                  | \$915.00   | 25 ea       | \$ 22,875.00 |
| 10     | Drop Ship | SPR-10148741                       | MSA Battery Pack, G1, Rechargeable                                             | \$475.00   | 100 ea      | \$ 47,500.00 |
| 11     | Drop Ship | SPR-10144231                       | MSA Kit, Filter Adapter Assy, G1 Facepiece                                     | \$155.00   | 2 ea        | \$ 310.00    |
| 12     | Drop Ship | 805078                             | MSA VALVE ASSY, ULTRA ELITE, QUIK CHEK                                         | \$205.00   | 2 ea        | \$ 410.00    |
| 13     | Sale      | SPR-10083875                       | MSA Tag Assy, Electronic ID, M7                                                | \$54.00    | 50 ea       | \$ 2,700.00  |
| 14     | Drop Ship | SPR-10158407                       | MSA Kit, RFID Reader/Writer, G1                                                | \$895.00   | 1 ea        | \$ 895.00    |
| 15     | Drop Ship | 10107811                           | MSA BREATHING AIR SYSTEM, CART, INDUST, HANSE                                  | \$4,695.00 | 1 ea        | \$ 4,695.00  |
| 16     | Drop Ship | 455022                             | MSA HOSE ASSY, AIRLINE, NEOPRENE, 50 FT/BR                                     | \$395.00   | 8 ea        | \$ 3,160.00  |
| 17     | Drop Ship | 69542                              | MSA ADAPTER, UNION, BRS, 1/4NPT M X 3/4HOSE M<br>Used to connect airline to QD | \$24.00    | 8 ea        | \$ 192.00    |
| 18     | Drop Ship | 630311                             | MSA SOCKET, QD, BR, 1/4M NPT, HAN                                              | \$45.00    | 8 ea        | \$ 360.00    |
| 19     | Drop Ship | 630313                             | MSA PLUG, QDISC, HANSEN BRS, MALE W/FEM 1/4NPT                                 | \$15.00    | 8 ea        | \$ 120.00    |
| 20     | Drop Ship | A-PCG                              | MSA G1 PremAire Cadet Escape Respirator (per spec)<br>A-PCG11EA1E0             | \$1,850.00 | 4 ea        | \$ 7,400.00  |
| 21     | Drop Ship | SPR-10206313                       | MSA RIT, G1, QC, QF, GAUGE, QA BYPASS, UEBS, 4500                              | \$5,495.00 | 11 ea       | \$ 60,445.00 |
| 22     | Drop Ship | RBL20                              | True North L-2 RIT Bag - Red                                                   | \$290.00   | 11 ea       | \$ 3,190.00  |
| 23     | Sale      | SPR-10175710                       | MSA CYL VLV QC G1 RC 4500 PSIG 88CF PKGD                                       | \$915.00   | 11 ea       | \$ 10,065.00 |
| 24     | Drop Ship | 9519-4200                          | OHD QuantiFit2 Respirator Fit Testing System with Bluetooth                    | \$9,450.00 | 2 ea        | \$ 18,900.00 |
| 25     | Drop Ship | 9513-0130                          | OHD G1 Single Snap In Adapter                                                  | \$385.00   | 2 ea        | \$ 770.00    |
| 26     | Drop Ship | Safe Air-Misc (MSA503-253H - FILL) | ADAPTOR QUICK FILL X CGA 347 MALE MSA503-253H -FILL                            | \$585.00   | 24 ea       | \$ 14,040.00 |
| 27     | Drop Ship | ZT-G1CARE-12HR                     | MSA CARE G1 Initial Certification Training<br>ZT-G1CARE-12HR                   | \$1,520.00 | 3 ea        | \$ 4,560.00  |

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|--------|----------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 28     | Sale     | SVC-Flow Test | SCBA Flow Test<br>Annual Flow Testing for 316 SCBA and<br>11 RIT per year for 5 Years | \$48.00    | 1,635 hr    | \$ 78,480.00 |
| 29     | Shipping | FF            | Free Freight                                                                          | \$0.00     | 1 ea        | \$ 0.00      |

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>\$3,475,957.00</b> |
| <b>Sales Tax:</b> | <b>\$278,076.56</b>   |
| <b>Total:</b>     | <b>\$3,754,033.56</b> |

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## House Member Appropriation Request Form

Project/Event Name: Jedburg Fire & EMS Station

Requested Amount: \$ 2,500,000

Recipient Entity: Dorchester County Government

The entity is a:        State Agency, ~~X~~ Local Government,        Non-Profit, or        Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Jason Ward Title/Position: County Administrator

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: wardj@dorchestercountysc.gov

Entity Website: [www.dorchestercountysc.gov](http://www.dorchestercountysc.gov) County Location: Dorchester

Intended Use of the Funds: Construction of a new Fire & EMS Station to serve the Jedburg-Knightsville  
area of Dorchester County, with benefit to the Town of Summerville and Town of Ridgeville

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: Dorchester County Fire Rescue currently occupy a fire station

in the Jedburg area, along Hwy 78, originally built for an airplane hanger. Aside from the facility lacking

adequate space to serve the firefighters, the property has sustained numerous flooding events, requiring

relocation of staff and significant repairs and remediation.

Robert Robbins

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Chait Bollman

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

### Additional House Sponsors

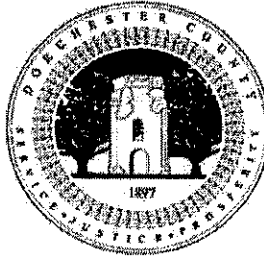
Print Name: Harriet Holman

Signature: Harriet Holman

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

St. George (843) 563-0195  
St. George Fax (843) 563-0137  
Summerville (843) 832-0195  
Summerville Fax (843) 832-0137



**Jason L. Ward**  
**County Administrator**

**OFFICE OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**201 JOHNSTON STREET**  
**ST. GEORGE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29477**

February 13, 2026

The Honorable Robby Robbins  
SC House of Representatives  
District 97  
310B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Robbins:

On behalf of Dorchester County, I write to request your support for the Jedburg Fire and EMS Station Project to be added to the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2027.

The funds will be used to complete the construction of a County Fire and EMS Station in the Jedburg area on Highway 78 near Brewer Road. This location will better serve parts of Ridgeville to the west and the Summerville/Knightsville areas. County staff are negotiating the terms of a purchase and sales agreement with the First Baptist Church of Jedburg to purchase 1.93 acres for the appraised value of \$350,000. The County has budgeted a total project cost of \$7,573,439 in the Capital Improvement Plan. Upon project completion, the County will sell the current fire station that serves the Jedburg area for an estimated \$600,000 and will return those proceeds to the project.

The current fire station was originally used as an airplane hanger and was repurposed by the Old Fort Fire Department in the 1980's. The station lacks adequate living quarters space, from the kitchen to day room, bunk room, and bathroom. Additionally, the station has sustained repetitive flooding which has required continuous interior and exterior repairs, including its drainage system. A new purpose-built station will not only better accommodate employees but allow EMS to operate a prime-time unit, which currently runs out of EMS headquarters several miles down Highway 78 in Summerville.

The project is expected to start in early 2026 with an estimated completion in the summer of 2027.

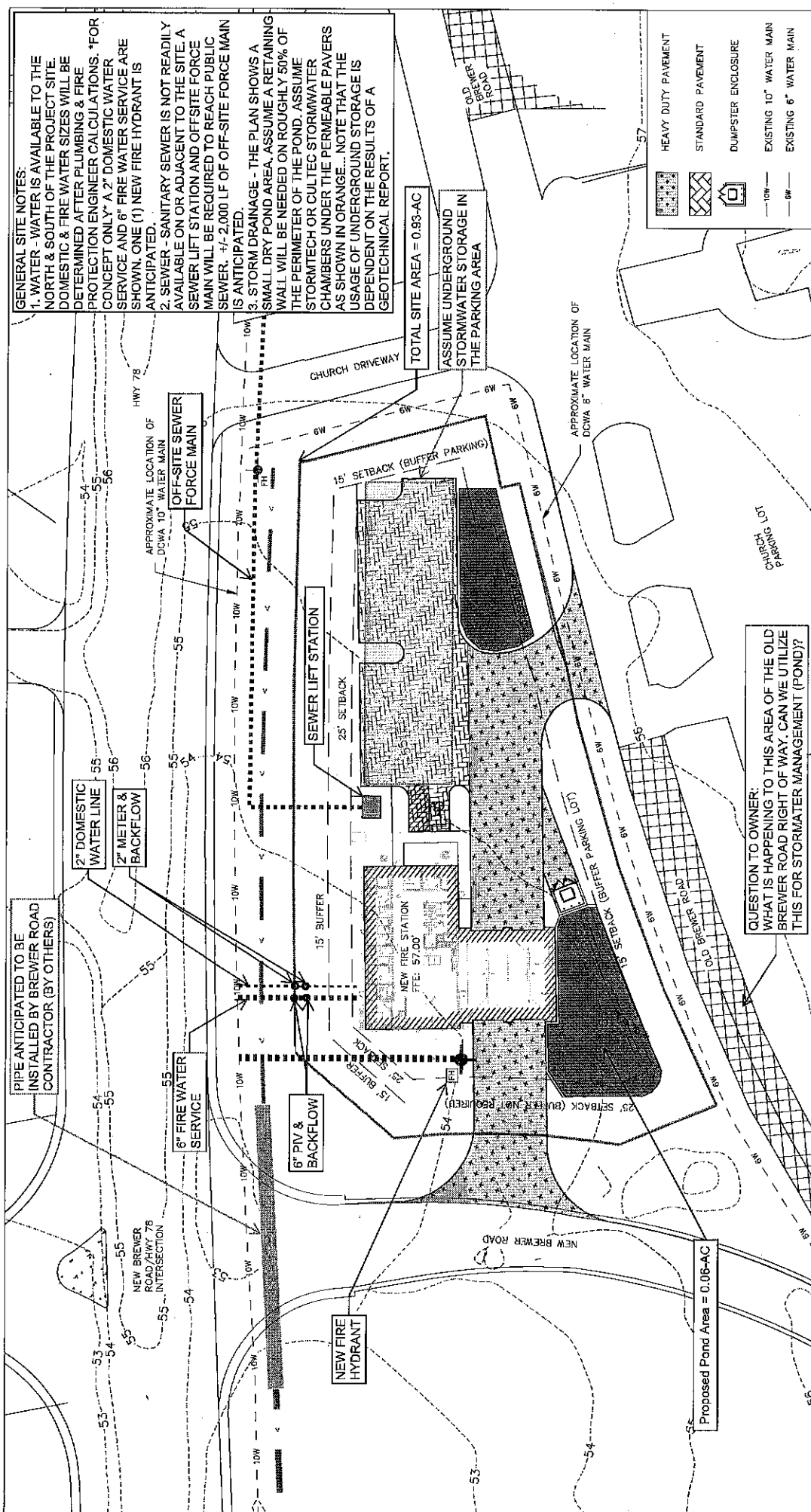
Thank you for your consideration and support of this request for the Jedburg Fire and EMS Project.

Best regards,

Jason L. Ward, Administrator  
Dorchester County

# GENERAL SITE NOTES:

1. WATER - WATER IS AVAILABLE TO THE NORTH & SOUTH OF THE PROJECT SITE. DOMESTIC & FIRE WATER SIZES WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER PLUMBING & FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEER CALCULATIONS. \*FOR CONCEPT ONLY - A 2" DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE AND 6" FIRE WATER SERVICE ARE SHOWN. ONE (1) NEW FIRE HYDRANT IS ANTICIPATED.
2. SEWER - SANITARY SEWER IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON OR ADJACENT TO THE SITE. A SEWER LIFT STATION AND OFF-SITE FORCE MAIN WILL BE REQUIRED TO REACH PUBLIC SEWER. 14" 2,000 LF OF OFF-SITE FORCE MAIN IS ANTICIPATED.
3. STORM DRAINAGE - THE PLAN SHOWS A SMALL DRY POND AREA. ASSUME A RETAINING WALL WILL BE NEEDED ON ROUGHLY 50% OF THE PERIMETER OF THE POND. ASSUME STORMTECH OR CULTEC STORMWATER CHAMBERS UNDER THE PERMEABLE PAVERS AS SHOWN IN ORANGE... NOTE THAT THE USAGE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE IS DEPENDENT ON THE RESULTS OF A GEOTECHNICAL REPORT.



- HEAVY DUTY PAVEMENT
- STANDARD PAVEMENT
- DUMPSITE ENCLOSURE
- EXISTING 10" WATER MAIN
- EXISTING 6" WATER MAIN

## JEDBURG FIRE STATION

DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

HORIZONTAL SCALE



( IN FEET )  
1 inch = 40 ft.

QUESTION TO OWNER:  
WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THIS AREA OF THE OLD BREWER ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. CAN WE UTILIZE THIS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (POND)?

SITE SERVICES \ BUILDING ENVELOPE \ STRUCTURAL

1226 Yeamans Hall Road  
843-566-0161  
fax 843-566-0162  
ADCENGINEERING.COM

**ADC**  
ENGINEERING



|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Project Manager: | Mario Formisano |
| Total Score:     | 694             |
| Priority:        | A               |

**Project Status:** A Purchase Order was issued in March 2024 for the geotechnical survey. The project has been appraised. We submitted a request for \$2M of funding through the Legislative Delegation. It is our intention to work with Economic Development Director Truluck and approach Amazon, Walmart, and other PILOT Industries in the area for assistance in funding as well.

| PROJECT ITEMS                    | COSTS TO-DATE   | FY 2026    | FY 2027     | FY 2028     | FY 2029    | FY 2030    | FUTURE YEARS | TOTAL           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                                  |                 | COST       | COST        | COST        | COST       | COST       | COST         | PROJECT COST    |
| Planning /Design                 | \$0             | \$150,000  | \$150,000   | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$300,000       |
| Site Acquisition Costs           | \$1,475         | \$498,325  | \$0         | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$300,000       |
| Improvements                     | \$0             | \$0        | \$1,732,307 | \$4,774,425 | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$6,506,732     |
| Equipment                        | \$0             | \$0        | \$0         | \$227,165   | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$227,165       |
| Other                            | \$0             | \$0        | \$10,000    | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$10,000        |
| TOTAL PROJECT COST               | \$1,475         | \$648,325  | \$1,922,307 | \$5,001,590 | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$7,573,397     |
| PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES (LIST)   | FUNDING TO-DATE | FY 2026    | FY 2027     | FY 2028     | FY 2029    | FY 2030    | FUTURE YEARS | TOTAL           |
|                                  |                 | EST. FUNDS | EST. FUNDS  | EST. FUNDS  | EST. FUNDS | EST. FUNDS | EST. FUNDS   | PROJECT FUNDING |
| American Rescue Plan (ARPA)      | \$21,542        | \$0        | \$0         | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$21,542        |
| Fire Fund (Fund 385)             | \$500,000       | \$100,000  | \$0         | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$200,000       |
| Sale Proceeds                    | \$0             | \$0        | \$620,000   | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$620,000       |
| Capital Projects Fund (Fund 510) | \$0             | \$28,000   | \$0         | \$0         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$28,000        |
| Unfunded                         | \$0             | \$0        | \$0         | \$5,304,355 | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$5,304,355     |
| TOTAL FUNDING                    | \$521,542       | \$128,000  | \$620,000   | \$5,304,355 | \$0        | \$0        | \$0          | \$7,573,397     |
| OPERATIONAL COST OF PROJECT      | COSTS TO-DATE   | FY 2026    | FY 2027     | FY 2028     | FY 2029    | FY 2030    | FUTURE YEARS | TOTAL           |
|                                  |                 | EST. FUNDS | EST. FUNDS  | EST. FUNDS  | EST. FUNDS | EST. FUNDS | EST. FUNDS   | OPERATING COSTS |
| Fire/EMS Operating Budget        | \$0             | \$0        | \$33,877    | \$33,877    | \$33,877   | \$33,877   | \$33,877     | \$169,385       |
| TOTAL OPERATING                  | \$0             | \$0        | \$33,877    | \$33,877    | \$33,877   | \$33,877   | \$33,877     | \$169,385       |



**House Member Appropriation Request Form**  
**THIS DOCUMENT & SUPPORTING MATERIAL WILL BE PUBLIC**

Project/Event Name: Devine Street

Requested Amount: \$ 1,500,000

Recipient Entity: SC DOT

The entity is a: ☒ State Agency, ☐ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Lori Campbell Title/Position: SC DOT Dist. 1

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: campbell@scdot.org

Entity Website: SC DOT County Location: Richland

Intended Use of the Funds: To improve State Road "Devine Street in Downtown Columbia."

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: This request is the 1.5 million remaining in a 5 million Dollar project request. Previously the Legislature has already funded 3.5 million - this 1.5 will complete the project.

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



February 25, 2026

The Honorable Seth Rose  
South Carolina State House  
532D Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Devine Street Phase 1

Dear Representative Rose,

The City of Columbia is writing to express its support for the additional funding request of \$1.25 million for pedestrian and other safety enhancements to Devine Street along the corridor from Harden Street to Millwood Avenue. While the existing \$3.5 million allocation provides funding for street resurfacing, the supplemental funding offers the opportunity for more impactful improvements to the corridor, including implementation of concepts developed in the City's Walk-Bike Master Plan.

Incorporating design changes to facilitate a more business friendly environment are important steps for this thriving corridor and may include items such as decorative street and pedestrian lighting, concrete bump outs for pedestrian safety, and installation of bike friendly storm drain grates. Our team has worked closely with our partners at the South Carolina Department of Transportation on many similar projects and if funded, we will continue to commit the necessary staff resources to ensure a well communicated and coordinated project.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to working together to improve the Devine Street corridor. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Wilson  
City Manager

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February 25, 2026

The Honorable Seth Rose  
South Carolina State House  
532D Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Emily Douglas Park Revitalization Project

Dear Representative Rose,

The City of Columbia is requesting funding support for the Emily Douglas Park Revitalization Project. This initiative is essential to providing a safe and accessible park for residents to increase their quality of life.

Emily Douglas Park is fully included in the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation's comprehensive Parks Master Plan, which was approved by City Council in April 2025 and guides improvements across the entire park system. As part of that process, the City held community input meetings, where residents and park users shared feedback and priorities specific to Emily Douglas Park. Those conversations helped shape the recommendations identified for the park and reflect the community's vision for its future.

The master plan identified several potential improvements for Emily Douglas Park, including:

- Additional seating and outdoor exercise stations
- Improvements to the dog park and irrigation system
- An upgraded playground system
- Improved park lighting
- Expansion and improvement of the splash pad
- Enhanced ADA accessibility throughout the park
- Improved green space, added trees and pavilion space for shade and gathering
- Renovation of the kitchen within the neighborhood center

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss this project further.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Wilson  
City Manager

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## Parks & Recreation Investments

### Emily Douglas Park Revitalization Project

#### Project

#### Description:

Located in the heart of the Shandon community, Emily Douglas Park is a quiet oasis that allows you and your family a place to get away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Columbia. The park features a neighborhood center, dog park, play areas, splash pad, open green space, an amphitheater, and Zen garden.

Potential improvements for the park include:

- Additional seating and outdoor exercise stations
- Improvements to the dog park and irrigation system
- An upgraded playground system
- Improved park lighting
- Expansion and improvement of the splash pad
- Enhanced ADA accessibility throughout the park
- Improved green space, added trees and pavilion space for shade and gathering
- Renovation of the kitchen within the neighborhood center

#### Objectives:

The primary purpose of this project is to provide:

- A safe and accessible space
- Contributes to the parks overall accessibility, promoting engagement with nature
- Community interaction, drawing families, individuals and various groups to the park, encouraging socialization

#### Project Type:

Park Revitalization

#### Council District:

3

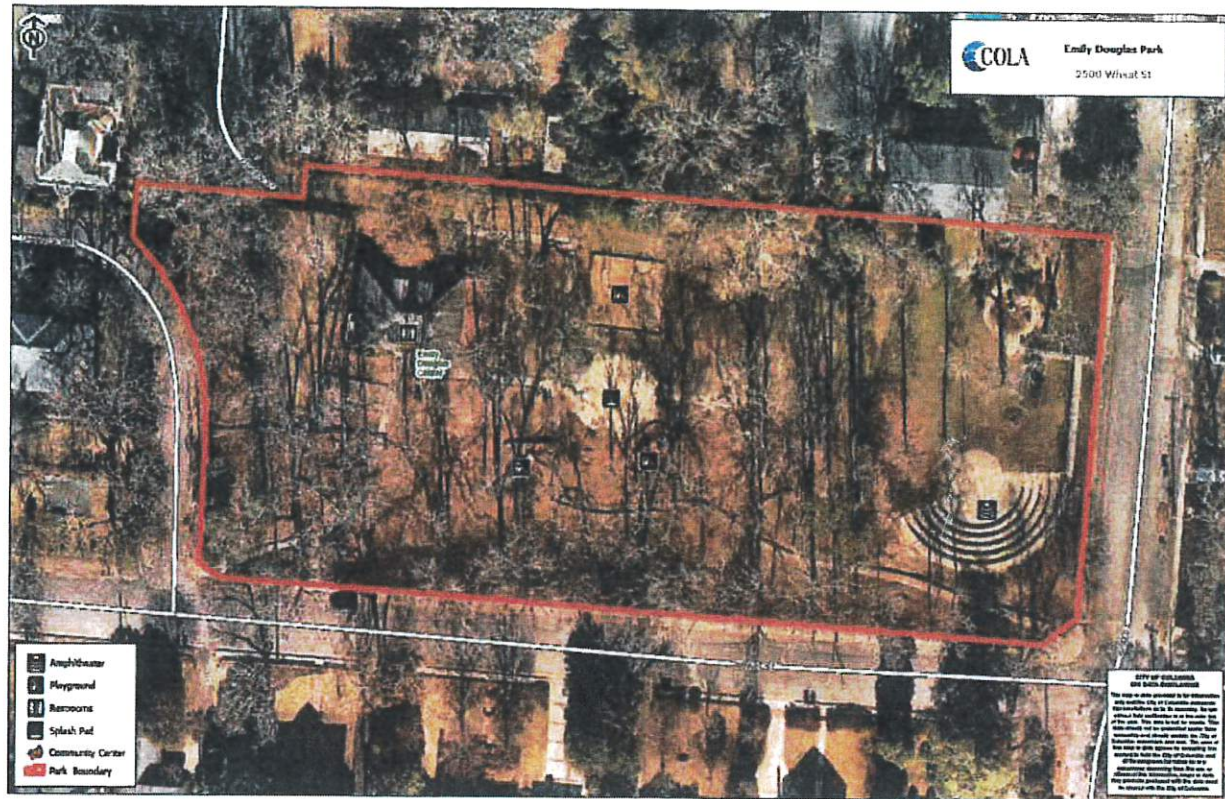
#### Project Funding:

Total: \$1,500,000.00

#### Current Project Status:

Current request would be implemented as funding becomes available.

Figure 1: Emily Douglas Park





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Project/Event Name: Bridge to the Greenway (Vista Spur)

Requested Amount: \$ 10,000,000

Recipient Entity: City of Columbia

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ State Agency, X Local Government, \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ Other?

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Teresa Wilson Title/Position: City Manager

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: Teresa.Wilson@columbiasc.gov

Entity Website: columbiasc.gov County Location: **Richland**

Intended Use of the Funds: Improve connectivity, access and activation along the City of Columbia Riverfront.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: The primary purpose of the project is to provide safe and accessible river access to Columbia's riverfront and provide connectivity to defragment greenways.

Rep. Rutherford!

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

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**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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April 24, 2026

The Honorable Todd Rutherford  
South Carolina State House  
432B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Bridge to the Greenway

Dear Representative Rutherford,

The City of Columbia is requesting funding support of the referenced Bridge to the Greenway Project or Vista Greenway Spur.

The City is exploring another link to the river that would provide immediate access from the existing Vista Greenway trailhead via a path along the Historic Elmwood and Randolph Cemetery to a newly elevated crossing above the railroad tracks. This strategic location would then connect to Riverfront Park with a canal crossing that meets a new Broad River bridge crossing currently developed by the River Alliance providing a connection to the Saluda Riverwalk.

Staff are currently developing a Request for Qualifications to solicit a team of consultants to assist the City in navigating the project.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Wilson  
City Manager





# Parks & Recreation Investments

## Bridge to Greenway (Vista Greenway Spur)

**Project Description:** This project will improve connectivity, access and activation along the City of Columbia Riverfront. Connectivity and access will be enhanced by implementing a key link to the river, totaling \$15 million, which would provide immediate access from the existing Vista Greenway trailhead via a path along the Historic Elmwood and Randolph Cemetery to a newly elevated crossing above the railroad tracks. This strategic location would then connect to Riverfront Park with a canal crossing that would meet a new Broad River bridge crossing currently in development by the River Alliance providing connection to the Saluda Riverwalk.

**Objectives:** The primary purpose of this project is to provide:

- Safe and accessible river access to Columbia's riverfront
- Provide connectivity to defragment greenways

**Project Type:** Parks & Recreation & River Access

**Council District:** 2

**Project Funding:** Anticipated total construction cost is approximately \$15 Million  
Secured total budget is **\$6** Million.

**Current Project Status:** Staff is currently developing a Request for Qualifications/ Proposals to solicit a team of consultants to assist the City in navigating and implementing the project.

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Family Planning Initiative

Requested Amount: \$ 3,000,000

Recipient Entity: New Morning

The entity is a: \_\_\_\_\_ State Agency, \_\_\_\_\_ Local Government, X Non-Profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Bonnie Kapp Title/Position: President & CEO

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: bakapp@newmorning.org

Entity Website: https://newmorning.org County Location: Statewide

Intended Use of the Funds: To support the continued implementation of a statewide contraceptive program delivered through clinical partners.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: New Morning serves as the backbone-leader for a growing network of more than 110 partner providers across the state. The program ensures that all women in South Carolina have equitable access to information about family planning and highly effective birth control, no matter where they live or their economic status. The program saves the state by decreasing unintended pregnancies, cost the state as much as \$79M annually.

Rep. Rutherford

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name



Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

April 24, 2026

The Honorable J. Todd Rutherford  
335B Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Rutherford:

Thank you for your consideration and support of the continuation of New Morning's statewide contraceptive access program.

As Emily Heatwole Keeney relayed to you, for Fiscal Year 2027, New Morning is requesting \$3,000,000 in state funding to ensure continuation of its family planning programs in the more than 126 participating clinics across South Carolina that have served over 633,000 women. Assuming New Morning is successful in securing the requested funding, they anticipate being able to match state funds with up to \$1,500,000 from non-state sources. Continuation of services will be ongoing through Fiscal Year 2026-27 and is critical as access to family planning care continues to be limited for women that are low-income and uninsured or underinsured.

We would be most appreciative of support for funding in the budget.

Enclosed you will find information that contains the most up to date data regarding participation and services, which illustrate the crucial need for the continuation of services as well as a letter of support from Dr. Kacey Eichelberger, Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Prisma Health Upstate; University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you,



Bonnie Kapp  
President & CEO

| FY24 Projected Budget                                                         |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>                                                    |                        |
| SC Legislative Appropriation                                                  | \$ 3,000,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>                                              | <b>\$ 3,000,000.00</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                               |                        |
| <b>I. HEALTH SYSTEMS GRANTS</b>                                               |                        |
| Hospital Systems - Contraceptives (28 sites)                                  | \$ 950,000.00          |
| Federally Qualified Health Centers - Contraceptives (83 sites)                | \$ 825,000.00          |
| Rural Health Clinics - Contraceptives (29 sites)                              | \$ 900,000.00          |
| <b>HEALTH SYSTEMS GRANTS SUBTOTAL</b>                                         | <b>\$ 2,675,000.00</b> |
| <b>II. TRAINING PROGRAM</b>                                                   |                        |
| Trainers (Contractual)                                                        | \$ 50,000.00           |
| In-state travel for training                                                  | \$ 5,000.00            |
| Instructional materials                                                       | \$ 5,000.00            |
| Training Accreditation                                                        | \$ 15,000.00           |
| <b>TRAINING PROGRAM SUBTOTAL</b>                                              | <b>\$ 75,000.00</b>    |
| <b>III. PUBLIC EDUCATION &amp; OUTREACH SUBTOTAL</b>                          |                        |
| Patient Website Maintenance (NoDrama.org) - Hosting, domain renewals, updates | \$ 25,000.00           |
| Public Education Digital Campaign (Development and implementation)            | \$ 225,000.00          |
| <b>TRAINING PROGRAM SUBTOTAL</b>                                              | <b>\$ 250,000.00</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                                         | <b>\$ 3,000,000.00</b> |
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May 4, 2026

The Honorable Bruce W. Bannister  
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
525 Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Bannister,

This letter is to confirm that New Morning Foundation has contracted with SCDHHS pursuant to Proviso 33.28 since State Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**33.28.** (DHHS: Healthcare) *From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Human Services, the department shall partner with safety net providers to ensure that high quality reproductive healthcare is incorporated into primary care services and practice and available to all safety net patients. The department shall allocate up to \$7,500,000 to ensure that patients eligible for Medicaid and other safety net patients are served by participating providers. In order to administer the program, the department shall partner with a non-profit to administer the program. The department may leverage any and all available federal funds to implement this program. For the purposes of this section, high quality reproductive healthcare does not include abortion services.*

If you have additional questions, please contact Jackson Wilkens Burnaugh, Director of Legislative Affairs, at (803) 876-8700 or [Jackson.Wilkens@scdhhs.gov](mailto:Jackson.Wilkens@scdhhs.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Jackson Wilkens Burnaugh  
Director of Legislative Affairs

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Repairs and Maintenance of Historic Randolph Cemetery\_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \$ 100,000\_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Entity: Committee for the Beautification and Restoration of Randolph Cemetery\_\_\_\_\_

The entity is a: \_\_\_\_\_ State Agency, \_\_\_\_\_ Local Government, ☒ Non-Profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Staci Richey\_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: Treasurer, Volunteer Administrator\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

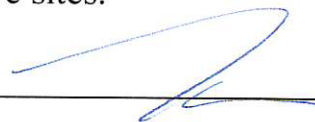
Entity Website: www.randolphcemetery.org County Location: Richland\_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use of the Funds: erosion control, headstone and plot border repairs, grass cutting and tree and shrub removal to stop encroaching woods onto graves and headstones\_\_\_\_\_

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: Historic Randolph Cemetery, established in 1872, has about a dozen graves from Reconstruction-era state legislators, at a time when the state had the only majority-African American legislature in America. These graves are prominent and show the success of these men as they served the state of South Carolina. The cemetery is named for state senator for Orangeburg County Benjamin F. Randolph, who was assassinated in 1868 on the campaign trail during a time of political violence. He was re-interred here and his obelisk is a focal point for the site. Although privately owned by a nonprofit, this site is always open to the public as they learn about state history by visiting these important grave sites.

Rep. Todd Rutherford

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name



Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

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# RANDOLPH Cemetery



April 30, 2026

The Honorable J. Todd Rutherford  
State of South Carolina  
335B Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Rep. Rutherford,

I hope this finds you well. Thank you for your consideration of state funding for the historic 1872 Randolph Cemetery for FY27. This site is important to the history of the state, as it is the final resting place for about a dozen African American Reconstruction-era state legislators. These men served during a critical time of the nation's history and were part of the only majority African American state legislature during this period. The cemetery is named for Benjamin F. Randolph, a state senator for Orangeburg County, who was assassinated in 1868 while on the campaign trail in Abbeville County. Randolph Cemetery is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is recognized by the National Park Service as part of their Reconstruction Era Network.

We are writing to request your consideration of state funding in the amount of \$100,000 to help maintain and repair this unique site. As a small 501(c)3 nonprofit in South Carolina with no staff and only volunteer labor, the Committee for the Beautification and Restoration of Randolph Cemetery (also sometimes referred to as the Committee for the Beautification and Restoration of Randolph Cemetery) is dependent on donations and grant funds for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of this important historic property. Unfortunately, we often receive only a few thousand dollars a year in donations. We rely on grants and appreciate your support.

We propose a three-year (or less) project to use the \$100,000 in three categories: erosion control, headstone and plot border restoration, and grounds maintenance, to include controlling the encroaching woods that threaten headstones in this five-acre site. These projects would take place between August 2026-June 2029. Randolph Cemetery is located at 301 Elmwood Ave. in Columbia, S.C. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Staci Richey, Treasurer and Volunteer Administrator, CBRRC

Committee for the Beautification and Restoration of Randolph Cemetery  
Proposed Budget for House Member Appropriation Request FY2027  
\$100,000

The Committee for the Beautification and Restoration of Randolph Cemetery (CBRRC) is a 501(c)3, South Carolina-based nonprofit organization that maintains the historic 1872 Randolph Cemetery, a site that is home to at least a dozen African American Reconstruction-era South Carolina state legislators. Below are the proposed projects that could be executed using these funds. This site is located at 301 Elmwood Avenue, Columbia, SC, and all projects would be done at this site, inside the state of S.C.

1) Erosion Control: Estimated Cost \$15,000

A retaining wall at the east entrance is pulling away from the corner and the nearby ground has eroded, which has the potential to compromise graves and headstones. The ground is also eroding on the other side of the entrance. Funding would provide repairs or replacement of a short section of retaining wall at the east entrance, and installation of erosion control methods on the left side of the same entrance, perhaps in the form of a small retaining wall.

2) Headstone and Coping Restoration: Estimated Cost \$50,000

There are headstones that are broken, fallen over, partially buried, or illegible due to biological growth. Likewise, many plot borders of brick, granite and concrete, or copings, are broken, partially buried, or missing elements. These problems contribute to the look of “disrepair” in parts of the cemetery. These issues require professional conservators and masons. The funding would allow the CBRRC to hire contractors to make these much-needed repairs and to restore the historic appearance of this important historic site. The cemetery has had several rounds of restoration over the past few decades, but the work is ongoing as it is only possible when funding is available and there are many repairs needed.

4) Lawn Cutting, Tree Trimming, General Landscape: Estimated Cost \$35,000

On two sides of the cemetery there are woods that are constantly encroaching onto the site, threatening to swallow up graves and headstones through volunteer trees and vines. Regular grass cutting and tree trimming to keep the site welcoming for the public keeps the headstones protected from encroachment. Hurricane Helene took down a dozen trees inside and along the edge of the cemetery, so these funds would pay for tree trimming of any damaged limbs that are still around the site, as well as for lawn cutting, removing small trees, vines and shrubs from the edges and throughout the site, and for removal or treatment of encroaching tall reed plants that are invading an area with headstones.





2020 Hampton Street • Room 3063A  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 576-2080

April 29, 2026

The Honorable J. Todd Rutherford  
State of South Carolina  
335B Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Rutherford,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to verify that the Committee for the Restoration and Beautification of Randolph Cemetery (CRBRC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit, has received several grants from the Richland County Conservation Commission (RCCC) in the past. We have supported their efforts at restoration of this important historic 1872 cemetery with grants for headstone restoration and other activities. The RCCC has also supported this organization with grants to restore the historic 1872 Thompson Cottage, a historically Black-owned site, so that it can return to its use of providing sustainable income for the upkeep of the cemetery.

The CRBRC is in good standing with the RCCC and has been a good steward of the public funds provided through our competitive grant process. They have provided public education events during their grant periods in order to educate people about headstone restoration and window restoration, which is their effort to thank the public for their support.

Sincerely,

Quinton Epps  
Conservation Division Manager  
Community Planning & Development Department  
803-576-2082  
[epps.quinton@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:epps.quinton@richlandcountysc.gov)

**House Member Appropriation Request Form**

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Project/Event Name: Deferred Maintenance

Requested Amount: \$ 5,000,000

Recipient Entity: Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ state agency, ☒ local government, \_\_\_\_\_ non-profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ other?

If **other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Website: www.riverbanks.org County Location: Richland

Summary of Intended Use of the Funds: Deferred maintenance

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: See attachment

Rep. Todd Rutherford

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

  
Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional Sponsors:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# RIVERBANKS ZOO & GARDEN

500 Wildlife Parkway  
Columbia, SC 29210-8014  
Tel 803.779.8717  
Fax 803.771.8722  
www.riverbanks.org

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March 26, 2026

Chairman Bruce Bannister  
525 Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

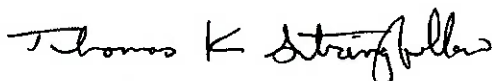
Subject: Riverbanks Zoo & Garden Community Investment Project

Dear Chairman Bannister,

Riverbanks Zoo & Garden formally requests financial support in the amount of \$5,000,000 for deferred maintenance projects vital to the operations and continued success of South Carolina's largest gated tourist attraction. Please see the attached supporting document for additional information on projects, including estimated costs and timelines.

We would like to thank the Chairman and members of the South Carolina House Ways and Means Committee for their consideration and past support. With your assistance, we look forward to Riverbanks Zoo & Garden maintaining its national reputation as one of America's best zoos.

Sincerely,



Tommy Stringfellow  
President & CEO  
Riverbanks Zoo & Garden

# RIVERBANKS ZOO & GARDEN

500 Wildlife Parkway  
Columbia, SC 29210-8014  
Tel 803.779.8717  
Fax 803.771.8722  
www.riverbanks.org

## Riverbanks Zoo and Garden Capital Deferred Maintenance Needs

| <b>Project Description</b>                 | <b>Projected Cost</b>  | <b>Projected Duration</b> | <b>Projected Completion</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Main Zoo Restaurant HVAC                   | \$ 1,000,000.00        | 12-14 months              | March 2027                  |
| Main Plaza Restroom repairs                | \$ 650,000.00          | 12 months                 | February 2027               |
| River water system replacement             | \$ 600,000.00          | 8 months                  | December 2027               |
| Small Mammal and Primate Exhibit Repair    | \$ 500,000.00          | 4 months                  | December 2026               |
| Fill in moat at Lion/Tiger exhibit         | \$ 400,000.00          | 4 months                  | December 2027               |
| Repair and Repave guest parking lots       | \$ 350,000.00          | 2 months                  | February 2027               |
| Aquarium Reptile Center Boiler replacement | \$ 300,000.00          | 2 months                  | November 2026               |
| Life Support System upgrade at Sea Lion    | \$ 300,000.00          | 4 months                  | October 2027                |
| Flamingo holding upgrade                   | \$ 250,000.00          | 6 months                  | November 2027               |
| Upgrade West Campus Maintenance facility   | \$ 200,000.00          | 6 months                  | November 2026               |
| Siamang pool and habitat repairs           | \$ 200,000.00          | 3 months                  | May 2027                    |
| Repair Commissary freezer                  | \$ 100,000.00          | 1 month                   | June 2027                   |
| Replace Gorilla Base Camp doors            | \$ 100,000.00          | 1 month                   | October 2026                |
| Replace Commissary cooler                  | \$ 50,000.00           | 1 month                   | December 2026               |
|                                            | <u>\$ 5,000,000.00</u> |                           |                             |





## Capital Needs

| Project Description                                     | Estimated Cost      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Main Zoo Restaurant HVAC                                | \$ 1,000,000        |
| Main Plaza Restroom rebuild, repair failing plumbing    | \$ 650,000          |
| River water system replacement                          | \$ 600,000          |
| Small Mammal and Primate Exhibit Repair                 | \$ 500,000          |
| Fill in moat at Lion/Tiger exhibit                      | \$ 400,000          |
| Repair and Repave guest parking lots                    | \$ 350,000          |
| Aquarium Reptile Conservation Center Boiler replacement | \$ 300,000          |
| Life Support System upgrade at Sea Lion                 | \$ 300,000          |
| Flamingo holding upgrade                                | \$ 250,000          |
| Upgrade West Campus Maintenance facility                | \$ 200,000          |
| Siamang pool and habitat repairs                        | \$ 200,000          |
| Repair Commissary freezer                               | \$ 100,000          |
| Replace Gorilla Base Camp doors                         | \$ 100,000          |
| Replace Commissary cooler                               | \$ 50,000           |
| Total                                                   | <u>\$ 5,000,000</u> |

## YOUR STATE ZOO

- South Carolina's leading tourist attraction and the most visited Zoo in the Southeastern United States, attracting more than 1 million visitors annually
- Voted one of America's best zoos by USA Today, Newsweek, and TripAdvisor
- Recognized as one of the nation's most inspiring public gardens by HGTV® and *Horticulture Magazine*
- \$26 million operating budget
- 180 full-time and 65 part-time employees participate in the SC Retirement System
- More than 50% of Riverbanks' paid visitors are tourists living 50+ miles outside of Columbia
- 20% live outside of the state—traveling from all over the continental United States and as far away as Alaska, Brazil, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

## ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SOUTH CAROLINA

- \$95.1 million pumped into the state's economy
- Supports more than 1,300 jobs
- \$24.6 million - Annual off-site spending by Riverbanks' visitors from outside of South Carolina
  - Accommodations = \$6 million
  - Food and beverage = \$7.5 million
  - Retail = \$6.2 million
- \$24.7 million in air travel related to overnight stays
- \$23 million spent in capital projects\*
- \$8 million of capital spending occurs in South Carolina\*
- Annual SC State tax revenue = \$4.2 million

\* FY25 due to the general obligation bond

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Young Men United

Requested Amount: \$ 500,000

Recipient Entity: United Way of the Midlands

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ state agency, \_\_\_\_\_ local government, ☒ non-profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ other?

If **other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Sara Fawcett Title/Position: CEO

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: sfawcett@uway.org

Entity Website: www.uway.org/ymu County Location: Richland

Summary of Intended Use of the Funds: See attachment

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: See attachment

Rep. Todd Rutherford



Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional Sponsors:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



May 19, 2026

The Honorable Todd Rutherford  
335B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Rutherford,

I am writing to request \$500,000 in state funding to expand the Young Men United (YMU) program. United Way of the Midlands (UWM) serves six counties in the central Midlands (Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Calhoun).

The YMU initiative brings comprehensive supports to college-capable male high school students who are otherwise not likely to pursue college. The program assists these students in completing high school, entering college, and then successfully entering the workforce or graduate school. YMU is based on a national model that has shown success in growing high-skilled workforces in other states.

YMU launched in 2023 at two high schools: Eau Claire and Richland Northeast. With the successful completion of our first three years, we expanded to three additional high schools, Irmo, Columbia, and Westwood. In the current school year, we are serving 130 young men. UWM is seeking state funding to expand YMU from 130 to 160 young men in fall 2026. Expansion expenses include direct student expenses such as professional development workshops, college and career exploration, family support, internship stipends, and external evaluation costs.

YMU contracts with the USC College of Education's Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Center (REM Center) to complete an external evaluation of the programs. The YMU program is being measured for its effectiveness and data is being collected to determine the success of the program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. My cell is 704-798-1380 and my email is [Sfawcett@uway.org](mailto:Sfawcett@uway.org).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Fawcett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sara" and last name "Fawcett" clearly distinguishable.

Sara Fawcett  
President & CEO





## Young Men United

### Overview

United Way of the Midlands (UWM) serves six counties in the central Midlands (Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Calhoun).

In 2022, UWM launched **Young Men United (YMU)**. YMU is an initiative designed to create pathways for young men to reach their academic and career dreams. The YMU initiative brings comprehensive supports to college-capable male high school students that enable them to enter and then successfully enter the workforce or graduate school. YMU is modeled after the MKE Fellows Initiative in Milwaukee, which began as a college enrollment and internship program but has grown to a continuum of services to advance young men.

### YMU program goals:

- Increase postsecondary education attainment (2-year or 4-year degree and/or trade/professional certification) for young men
- Position these young men for successful entry into career or graduate school through paid internships, consistent mentorship, and professional skill development
- Prevent participants' education from being disrupted due to financial emergencies
- Retain these men in the South Carolina workforce thereby improving workforce development

### Program components include:

- Professional development workshops
- Mentorship
- Paid summer internships and job shadowing experiences
- Emergency financial support for their families
- College and career exploration

YMU launched at two total high schools: Eau Claire High School and Richland Northeast High School with 20 young men. With the successful completion of our first year, YMU expanded to two additional schools: Columbia High School and Irmo High School. In 2024, the program expanded to Westwood High School and currently has a total of 130 participants in high school or an institution of higher education.

United Way of the Midlands is seeking a non-recurring appropriation of **\$500,000** to add C.A. Johnson High School as a partner school and expand YMU from 130 to 175 young men in fall 2026. Expansion expenses include direct student expenses such as professional development workshops, college and career exploration, family support, internship/job shadowing stipends, external evaluation costs, additional staff. YMU will scale to 250 young men by the 2029-2030 school year.

## Public/Private Partnership

YMU is a public/private partnership. Program partners include Colonial Life, Michael J. Mungo Foundation, AT&T, First Citizens Bank, Bank of America, The Leon Levine Foundation, and the Nord Family Foundation. The program, which is led by a volunteer steering committee representing a diverse group of community leaders, has a presence in five high schools and three school districts.

## Budget

| Expenditure                       | Projected Total  | Notes                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| USC REM Agreement                 | \$95,000.00      | Third-party program evaluation                                                                                                          |
| Salvation Army of the Midlands    | \$95,000.00      | Helps prevent participants' education from being disrupted due to financial emergencies                                                 |
| Internships                       | \$72,000.00      | 20 8-week summer internships                                                                                                            |
| College Transition Support        | \$50,000.00      | Four-year college students enroll in an INROADS program                                                                                 |
| Admin                             | \$50,000.00      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Transportation                    | \$23,500.00      | College and workplace tours                                                                                                             |
| Catering                          | \$23,500.00      | Covers food for 75 students at 25 annual workshops                                                                                      |
| Job Shadowing                     | \$21,000.00      | 25 summer job shadowing experiences                                                                                                     |
| General Program Expenses          | \$20,000.00      | Office supplies, printing, facility rentals, uniforms, parent/family engagement                                                         |
| District-wide Summit              | \$15,000.00      | Mentoring and workforce development summit for all YMU students and young men attending Richland One high schools (No charge to attend) |
| College student technical support | \$13,000.00      | Software, subscriptions, tablets, laptops, etc.                                                                                         |
| Book Supplement Scholarships      | \$12,000.00      | Two-year and four-year college students are eligible                                                                                    |
| Guest Speakers                    | \$10,000.00      | Honorariums for speakers at professional development workshops                                                                          |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$500,000</b> |                                                                                                                                         |

## Program Outcomes and Measures

YMU contracts with the College of Education's Research, Evaluation and Measurement Center (REM Center) at the University of South Carolina to complete an external evaluation. For over 20 years, the REM Center has partnered with South Carolina public and private organizations on education improvement initiatives. REM Center designs studies to measure program effectiveness, monitor implementation, identify data collection tools, and conduct data analysis with advanced quantitative and qualitative approaches.

Each year, REM evaluates YMU by facilitating student focus groups and collecting surveys from the students, mentors, and internship/job shadowing supervisors to measure engagement, increases in learning, and behavioral changes. REM also interviews YMU staff to better understand program implementation and how the program uses data to modify the program. The mixed-methods evaluation is guided by both process and outcome evaluation questions.

In YMU's Year-Three Annual Evaluation, REM found that YMU has exceeded student expectations by offering more support and experiences than anticipated. Almost all the young men reported that they would "definitely recommend" the program to others. Mentors reported seeing positive changes in their mentees including social growth, readiness to learn, and general enthusiasm for new experiences. The mentors also appreciated that YMU was helping the young men, who come from different high schools, build bonds with each other.

**Contact Information**

For questions on YMU, please contact Dr. Jabari Bodrick, Senior Director of Education and Resiliency, at [jbodrick@uway.org](mailto:jbodrick@uway.org) and Jennifer Moore, Vice President of Community Impact, at [jmoore@uway.org](mailto:jmoore@uway.org).



**Columbia High School**  
"Where The Standard Is Excellence"

April 20, 2026

Governor Henry McMaster  
Office of the Governor  
1100 Gervais Street  
South Carolina State House  
Columbia, SC 29201

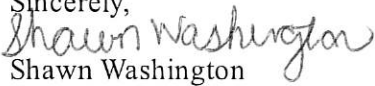
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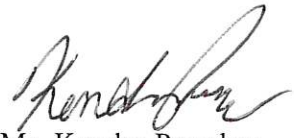
On behalf of Columbia High School, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for United Way of the Midlands' Young Men United (YMU) program. Young Men United is an evidence-informed initiative designed to create clear, sustainable pathways for college- and career-ready young men to achieve academic success and long-term economic stability.

YMU provides intensive, wraparound supports to college-capable and college-motivated male high school students, helping them stay on track to graduate on time with a strong postsecondary plan to build toward their future career. Through mentoring, professional development, career exposure, and coordinated community partnerships, the program addresses barriers that too often derail promising students.

At Columbia High School, Young Men United has provided our students with exposure, guidance, and awareness they might not otherwise receive. We have witnessed firsthand the power of students learning from their peers, forming meaningful connections that extend beyond the classroom and have the potential to guide them throughout their lives. These relationships foster hope, accountability, and self-belief. Our young men need consistent positive influences and opportunities to be seen, heard, and valued. Young Men United creates that space, making a profound and lasting impact on our students and our school community.

By improving educational attainment and workforce readiness, YMU contributes to generational change and strengthens the broader Midlands community. For these reasons, Columbia High School strongly supports United Way of the Midlands' request for funding for the Young Men United program. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued investment in initiatives that create opportunity and lasting impact for our community.

Sincerely,  
  
Shawn Washington  
Principal  
Columbia High School

  
Ms. Kendra Pressley  
Assistant Principal  
Columbia High School

**RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE**

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**Kevin Blakely**  
West Pelzer Fire Department



January 23, 2025

**Representative Blake Sanders**  
1105 Pendleton St  
Columbia SC, 29201

Dear Rep. Sanders,

I am writing to you on behalf of the West Pelzer Fire Department to request your assistance in securing funding for a critical updates. Our department currently relies on 21 portable VHF radios for communication during emergency operations. Unfortunately, these radios have become outdated and no longer function with the level of safety and reliability that is required for effective operations. Specifically, the radios are unable to transmit at the necessary wattage, leading to poor communication with both our dispatch center and fellow responders on scene—creating a significant safety concern.

As an all-volunteer department, our funding primarily comes from Anderson County and private donations. However, our operational budget is stretched thin, covering essential expenses such as utilities, fuel, equipment, and protective gear. While we've been working with a local vendor to identify suitable replacement radios, the estimated cost of \$35,000 would fully deplete our annual funding, leaving us unable to continue operating at full capacity.

In addition to the communication equipment, we are also requesting \$30,000 to replace the roof of the station. Over the past few years, we have patched several leaking spots, but the roof, which was installed in the late 90s, has reached the end of its 25-year expectancy. As with the communication equipment, our limited funding resources make this project difficult to address without external support.

We respectfully request your assistance in securing funding for both the replacement of our communication equipment and the roof of the station. Any support from your office would be greatly appreciated and would go a long way in ensuring the safety of our firefighters and the community they serve. For your reference, I've attached the vendor's quote for the communication equipment.

Thank you for considering our request. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me directly at 864-940-0212 or via email at [westpelzer6@gmail.com](mailto:westpelzer6@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Kevin Wayne Blakely  
Assistant Chief  
West Pelzer Fire Department  
864-940-0212  
[westpelzer6@gmail.com](mailto:westpelzer6@gmail.com)

# INVOICE

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## Invoice details

Sales Rep: Scott Covert

Invoice no.: 1350

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Invoice date: 01/21/2025

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| 4. | 01/21/2025 | KWD KNB-L2M Battery        | KNB-L2M   | Li-Ion 2600mAh (Standard)                                                                  | 21  | \$169.00   | \$3,549.00  |
| 5. | 01/21/2025 | KSC-52BK                   | KSC-52BK  | CHARGER, SINGLE BAY RAPID<br>RATE,<br>A-POCKET, VP-T. B pocket for<br>KNB-L1/L2/L3/LS5/LS7 | 21  | \$97.30    | \$2,043.30  |
| 6. | 01/21/2025 | ENDURA SIX-UNIT CHARGER    | EC6M      | ENDURA SIX-UNIT CHARGER                                                                    | 2   | \$412.50   | \$825.00    |
| 7. | 01/21/2025 | Endura 6 bank mounting kit |           | MOUNTING BRACKET FOR<br>ENDURA EC6M                                                        | 2   | \$117.00   | \$234.00    |
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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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February 3, 2025

The Honorable Blake Sanders  
South Carolina House District No. 9  
436-A Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Representative Sanders,

The Anderson Fire Department serves a diverse and fast-growing population in the heart of Anderson County. With a resident population just under 30,000 and many more visitors to our area, the number of vehicles traveling and subsequent accidents are growing daily. The Anderson Fire Department responds to many vehicle accidents weekly, many of those require the use of mechanical extrication tools to free the occupants. The current set of extrication tools on Rescue 103, commonly referred to as the "Jaws of Life", are more than 20 years old and were obtained second hand from a rescue squad who closed its doors. Our agency is requesting \$42,817.00 to purchase a set of current technology extrication tools for immediate use in our city and surrounding area.

Over the last few years, the Anderson Fire Department has had to focus its efforts on updating apparatuses, self-contained breathing apparatus and the personal protective clothing that is assigned to each firefighter. The investment in those critical items have caused us to have to push the purchase of the extrication tools off until other funds could be made available. With your support of funding through the State of South Carolina legislature, we would be able to purchase and place these tools into service within 45-60 days of our order. The personnel here are trained and ready to go to work to better serve our community with this investment. We are grateful for yours and the entire General Assemblies consideration. We stand ready to provide any additional information that may be needed to aid in this project.

In Service,



Charles V. King, Fire Chief

*"It's not an attitude - it's pride."*



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January 27, 2025

Rep. Blake Sanders  
SC House of Representatives - District 9  
436A Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Subject: Critical Needs Request - Williamston Fire Department**

Dear Representative Sanders,

This letter constitutes a formal request for funding to support the critical needs of the Williamston Fire Department.

**Critical Need:** Replacement of 20 Air Packs with cylinders, spare cylinders, and face masks.

**Justification:**

- Current air packs were manufactured in 2011, exceeding the 15-year service life recommended by NFPA 1852.
- Outdated equipment poses significant safety risks to firefighters.
- Replacement is essential for the safety of our personnel and the effective response to emergencies.

**Requested Funding:** \$115,200

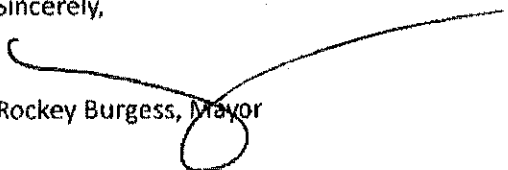
**Total Project Cost:** \$230,400

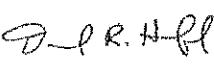
**Funding Commitment:** The Town of Williamston has agreed to contribute \$115,200 towards this project, resulting in a 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement.

**Timeline:** The Williamston Fire Department commits to expending all received funds within 90 days of receipt.

We understand that funding decisions are based on legislative priorities and available resources. However, this request is crucial for the Williamston Fire Department's operations. Our 2023-2024 annual budget was \$268,026.00. This request represents a significant portion of our yearly expenses, emphasizing its critical importance. We appreciate your careful consideration of this vital need and your ongoing support in ensuring the safety and operational effectiveness of our department.

Sincerely,

  
Rocky Burgess, Mayor

  
David R. Huff, Fire Chief



## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Chestnut Bay Resilience Project (Flood Relief Project)

Requested Amount: \$ 2,500,000

Recipient Entity: City of Conway

The entity is a:      State Agency, ☒ Local Government,      Non-Profit, or      Other

If Other, please explain: NA

Entity Contact: Adam Emrick Title/Position: City Administrator

Phone Number:                      Email: aemrick@ConwaySC.gov

Entity Website: www.conwaysc.gov County Location: Horry

Intended Use of the Funds: Nature based stormwater and flood mitigation initiative designed to reduce chronic flooding, improve water quality and strengthen community resilience. Project will create a Carolina Bay-style stormwater wetland spanning 100 acres in a low-lying, flood prone area and restore the historic floodplain along the Crapee Swamp Canal.  
Justification of Request / Public Benefit: and develop a public park with trails, native landscaping, and educational features.

This project was originally awarded federal funding through the FY 2021 FEMA BRIC program. Phase I including engineering, design, and permitting is now complete making this project truly shovel ready. Unfortunately the original FEMA funding was canceled. Without replacement funding, Conway faces the possibility of losing years of careful planning and community investment. The need to move forward is urgent. Without timely funding, the flooding risks that Chestnut Bay is designed to address will continue to threaten homes, public infrastructure, and the safety of residents in a community that has already experienced significant flood events in recent years.

Carla Schuessler tel  
Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Carla Schuessler tel  
Primary House Sponsor – Signature

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The Honorable Carla M. Schuessler  
422-A Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

**Subject: Request for State Support After Loss of Federal Funding – Chestnut Bay Project**

Dear Representative Schuessler,

Thank you for always standing with Conway. Because of your continued support for our community, I am writing to respectfully request \$2,500,000 in state funding for construction of the Chestnut Bay. This is a project that reflects who we are as a community: practical, creative, and deeply connected to our land and waterways.

The Chestnut Bay Resilience Project is a nature-based stormwater and flood mitigation initiative designed to reduce chronic flooding, improve water quality, and strengthen community resilience. Spanning approximately 100 acres in a low-lying, flood-prone area, the project will create a Carolina Bay-style stormwater wetland, restore the historic floodplain along the Crabtree Swamp Canal, and develop a public park with trails, native landscaping, and educational features.

This project was originally awarded federal funding through the FY2021 FEMA BRIC program, and with your generous help, the local match was fully secured. Phase One, including engineering, design, and permitting, is now complete, making Chestnut Bay truly shovel ready. Unfortunately, despite years of planning, federal priorities shifted and the original FEMA funding was canceled. Without replacement funding, Conway faces the real possibility of losing years of careful planning and community investment.

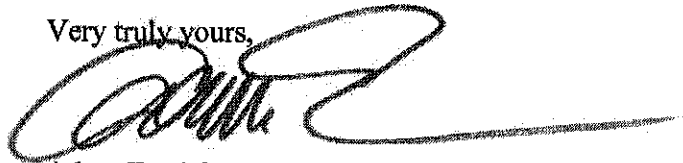
The need to move forward is urgent. Without timely funding, the flooding risks that Chestnut Bay is designed to address will continue to threaten homes, public infrastructure, and the safety of residents in a community that has already experienced significant flood events in recent years. Each major storm brings renewed risk of flash flooding, repeated property damage, rising insurance costs, and increasing strain on emergency response and recovery resources. Delaying construction not only prolongs this exposure but also increases future costs, as inflation, regulatory changes, and further degradation of the floodplain compound the challenge. Securing funding now allows the State to help Conway shift from repeated response to proactive risk reduction, protecting lives, property, and public investment before the next major storm occurs.

When complete, Chestnut Bay will feel like a hidden gem in the heart of Conway, a place where families walk shaded trails, children learn about wetlands and wildlife, and neighbors gather near open water that once caused damage but now brings beauty and protection. Native plants will line the paths, birds and pollinators will return, and stormwater that once flooded neighborhoods will instead be slowed, stored, and naturally filtered. What was once a problem will become a place of pride, learning, and everyday enjoyment.

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We respectfully ask for your help once again to ensure this project does not end as an unfunded plan but becomes a built reality that protects our citizens and strengthens our future. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and leadership in helping Conway turn important community projects like this from vision into reality.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Emrick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Emrick  
City Administrator  
City of Conway, South Carolina

## **Budget Narrative Conway - Chestnut Bay**

This project was initially awarded under FY2021 FEMA BRIC. The first phase has been completed. This budget narrative provides a breakdown of the estimated costs for each component of the above referenced project, including construction, engineering, and management expenses. The line-item highlights the allocation of funds and justifies the budgetary decisions made for the project.

### **FLOODPLAIN ACTIVATION – CONSTRUCTION**

#### **Stakeout / Mobilization / Misc. Contractor Costs (\$ 37,800):**

This portion of the construction budget would be designated for costs associated with performing pre-construction stakeout of the project site, the mobilization of equipment and labor to the project site, and other minor, miscellaneous costs entailed by the contractor(s) to support the construction of the project (e.g. erosion and sediment control measures, temporary dewatering measures).

#### **Tree Removal / Site Preparation (\$ 25,200):**

This budget category would cover the removal of existing trees and other site preparation activities to be performed by the contractor(s) in the vicinity of the proposed breaches in the existing levees along the Crabtree Swamp Canal.

#### **Levee Removal / Grading / Haul-Off / Stabilization Measures (\$ 240,400):**

The largest portion of the construction budget would be reserved for a variety of activities that would fall under the general category of earthwork and grading. For the floodplain activation area, these activities will include: targeted excavation to selectively breach relic levee features along the Crabtree Swamp Canal, grading of the breached areas and maintenance shelf to enable hydrologic activation of the floodplain, loading and haul-off of earthen material removed from the levees, and the implementation of measures to stabilize the newly graded areas (e.g. placement of stone, geotextile fabrics, etc.)

#### **Planting (\$ 63,000):**

A large portion of the construction budget will be allocated for planting various forms of riparian and emergent vegetation in the vicinity of the proposed breaches in the existing levees along the Crabtree Swamp Canal. Planting activities will likely include a combination of spreading temporary seed, as well as the installation of herbaceous plugs, larger containerized plants, and tree saplings to help stabilize the newly graded areas and enable ecological and hydrologic functions in the surrounding floodplain.

**Floodplain Activation Subtotal:      \$ 366,400**

## **STORMWATER WETLAND - CONSTRUCTION**

### **Stakeout / Mobilization / Misc. Contractor Costs (\$ 63,000):**

This portion of the construction budget would be designated for costs associated with performing pre-construction stakeout of the project site, the mobilization of equipment and labor to the project site, and other minor, miscellaneous costs entailed by the contractor(s) to support the construction of the project (e.g. erosion and sediment control measures, temporary dewatering measures).

### **Tree Removal / Site Preparation (\$ 25,200):**

This budget category would cover the removal of existing trees, clearing and grubbing, other site preparation activities to be performed by the contractor(s) in the footprint of the proposed stormwater wetland.

### **Demolition / Utilities / Civil Infrastructure / Stormwater Control Structures (\$ 189,000):**

The construction of the proposed stormwater wetland feature will require the demolition of and modifications to a series of relic / existing civil infrastructure systems that are present within the footprint of the wetland and the adjacent areas. Relic utilities (water, sewer, electric) and portions of existing City streets that are no longer in use will need to be demolished and removed from the footprint of the wetland. Additionally, modifications will need to be made to the City's existing stormwater infrastructure to direct storm flows into the newly created stormwater wetland feature.

### **Excavation / Grading / Haul-Off / Stabilization Measures (\$ 1,146,300):**

The largest portion of the construction budget would be reserved for a variety of activities that would fall under the general category of earthwork and grading. For the proposed constructed stormwater wetland, the primary earthwork activities will be the excavation of the various stormwater wetland zones, rough and fine grading of the wetland banks and surrounding upland areas, and the loading and haul-off of earthen material removed from the footprint of the proposed wetland feature. Relatively minor maintenance (e.g. debris removal and bank stabilization) of an existing drainage channel that will serve as the outfall of the proposed stormwater wetland would also fall under this budget category.

### **Planting (\$ 466,100):**

The second largest portion of the construction budget for this component of the project will be allocated for installing various types of vegetation within and around the proposed stormwater wetland feature. The proposed stormwater wetland will contain various zones based on the expected depth and frequency of inundation. These different zones will require a variety of aquatic, emergent, riparian, and upland vegetation communities. Planting activities will likely include a combination of spreading temporary and permanent seed, as well as the installation of herbaceous plugs, larger containerized plants, and tree saplings to help stabilize the newly graded areas and promote key hydrologic and ecological functions in the new wetland.

**Stormwater Wetland Subtotal:      \$ 1,889,600**



## **PARK ENTRANCE / AMENITIES**

### **Stakeout / Mobilization / Misc. Contractor Costs (\$ 50,400):**

This portion of the construction budget would be designated for costs associated with performing pre-construction stakeout of the project site, the mobilization of equipment and labor to the project site, and other minor, miscellaneous costs entailed by the contractor(s) to support the construction of the project (e.g. erosion and sediment control measures).

### **Site Preparation / Earthwork (\$ 94,500):**

This budget category would cover the removal of existing trees, clearing and grubbing, demolition / removal of existing roadway, and grading of the proposed park entrance area surrounding the constructed stormwater wetland.

### **Parking / Sidewalks (\$ 220,500):**

This budget category would cover the construction of a pervious parking area and sidewalks / paths to integrate the proposed park with the City's existing street and pedestrian networks.

### **Plantings (\$ 12,600):**

This budget category would cover the installation of vegetation and plantings in the upland areas of the proposed community park adjacent to the proposed constructed stormwater wetland.

### **Amenities (\$ 252,000):**

This portion of the construction budget would be allocated for various forms of public amenities within / around the proposed public park and the adjacent constructed stormwater wetland. These amenities could include: boardwalks, pervious pathways, signage, lighting, natural play areas, and other park facilities.

**Park Entrance / Amenities Subtotal:           \$ 630,000**

**Construction Subtotal (Floodplain Activation, Stormwater Wetland, Park Entrance / Amenities):   \$ 2,886,000**

**Engineering Services / Construction Administration (\$ 143,000)**

Engineering services to be performed by members of the project's design team to conduct the bidding and contractor selection process, to prepare and publish a final set of construction documents, and to perform construction administration during the construction of the project. Construction administration activities are expected to include performing regular site visits during construction, handling change orders / payment applications from the contractor(s), responding to inquiries from contractors / vendors, conducting a construction closeout process (e.g. preparing punch lists, performing as-built inspection and survey), and overseeing the close out of relevant permits.

**Construction + Engineering Subtotal: \$ 3,029,000**

**Contingencies (5%) (\$ 151,430):**

A contingency fund is included to address any unforeseen expenses or changes in project scope that may arise during construction, ensuring that the project stays within budget without delays

**TOTAL Estimated Construction Cost: \$ 3,180,430**

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# CITY OF BISHOPVILLE

## DOWNTOWN BISHOPVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The City of Bishopville respectfully requests an appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the State of South Carolina to support the Downtown Bishopville Redevelopment Project, a strategic initiative focused on revitalizing the community's historic downtown core and strengthening long-term economic sustainability.

The City has made significant progress in enhancing downtown vibrancy through several transformative projects, including:

- Development of a new community health and wellness center (YMCA)
- Establishment of a Central Carolina Technical College facility
- Restoration of the historic railroad depot
- Creation of enhanced public parking areas
- Beautification of two downtown alleyways
- Streetscape improvements, including installation of new decorative street lighting

State funding will allow the City to continue and expand these efforts by making additional improvements to public properties and facilities throughout the downtown district. Planned enhancements include further infrastructure upgrades, public space improvements, and adaptive reuse of historic structures.

The Downtown Bishopville Redevelopment Project is designed to:

- Enhance quality of life for residents and visitors
- Protect, adapt, and reuse historic assets
- Attract new private investment
- Increase property values and local tax revenue
- Stimulate job creation and long-term economic growth

This investment will build upon existing momentum and position downtown Bishopville as a regional hub for commerce, education, recreation, and community engagement. State partnership is critical to leveraging prior public and private investments and ensuring the continued revitalization of the City's economic and historic center.

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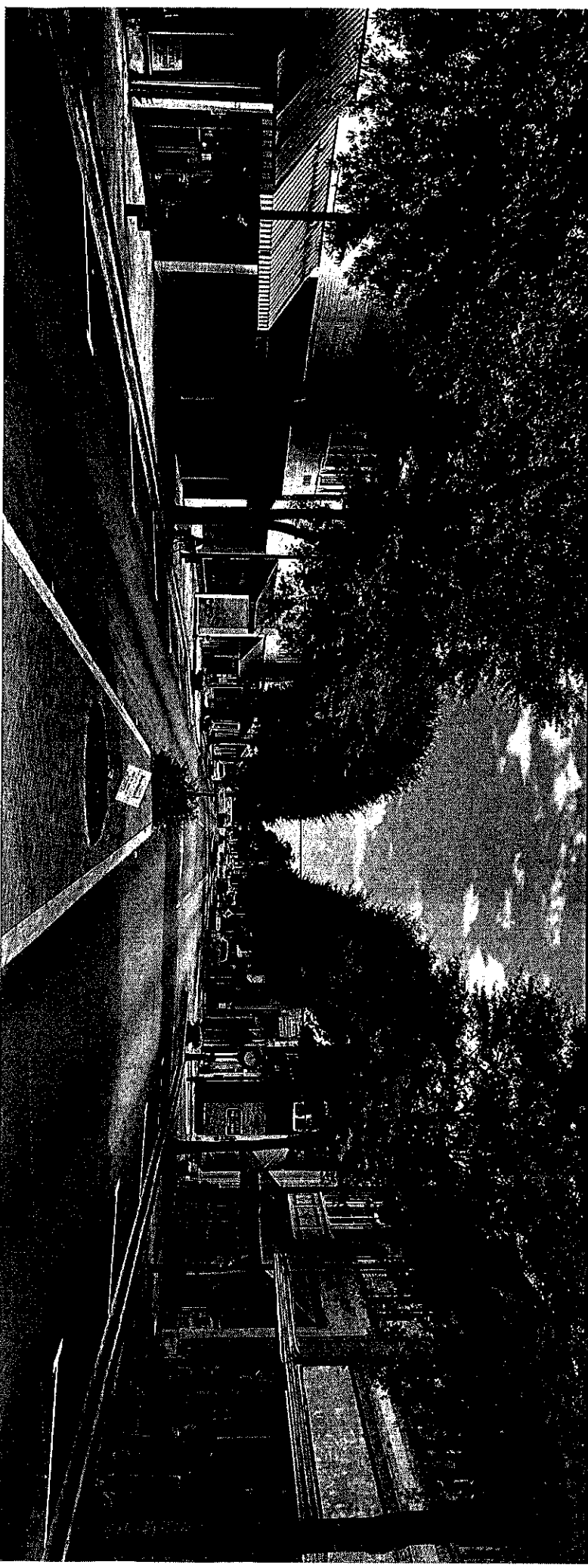
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DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN 2024

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# City of Bishopville

## Downtown Master Plan 2024



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Bishopville is a beautiful historic city, home to legends such as Pearl Fryar, Drink Small and the Lizard Man. A gateway to the Pee Dee and a fertile agricultural area, Bishopville has struggled to maintain its once prosperous downtown and thriving population. With its historic and cultural assets, how can the elected leaders, residents and business owners reestablish downtown as the vibrant heart of Bishopville? You plan for it. City Council is committed to and invested in the successful implementation of the plan's recommendations.

The city hosted a two-day charrette (workshop) that entailed a series of stakeholder meetings and one public input session to allow the planning team to listen. Participants shared their love for Bishopville, their desire for Main Street to prosper, and their ideas for her future. Residents and business owners want a vibrant downtown where they can walk, shop, eat, meet friends, and welcome tourists. All want a downtown that inspires home-grown talent and new people to move here, invest here and build prosperous futures here.

However, downtown languishes with empty buildings, many of them deteriorating, presenting a negative appearance to those passing through. Main Street is not a welcoming place for people (shoppers, visitors) to walk and linger due to the noise, speed and offensive odors of dozens of trucks speeding through downtown each day. There are several local business owners who are committed to downtown, yet they are concerned with these challenges and the long-term opportunities to sustain and grow their businesses. City Council is committed to changing the trajectory of downtown Bishopville.

Revitalization takes time. Revitalization takes a commitment of resources, both financial and human, to propel this work forward to successful implementation. This master plan presents a long-term vision but focuses on what needs to be done in the next three years. In three years, the city should be celebrating numerous successes and be ready and willing to update the master plan for the next three years.

The City of Bishopville is poised to grab the attention of residents, potential investors and people visiting through the implementation of these recommendations. These recommendations, while focused on downtown, will impact the entire city. Downtown is the heart of the City. Strong cities need healthy and vibrant hearts.

We are grateful to the 100+ people who participated in stakeholder groups and public meetings. Your opinions, in concert with our professional expertise, helped shape this plan, which provides a framework with actionable steps to revitalize downtown. We are indebted to City Council, city staff and the Project Advisory Committee who provided leadership, thoughtful comments, flawless execution of the charrette schedule and a welcoming environment.

Thank you for this opportunity to help propel the continued revitalization and prosperity of Bishopville's downtown.  
Respectfully submitted,

The Master Planning Team

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The master plan and the master plan charrette were successful due to the vision, passion and hard work of the City of Bishopville's leaders – elected, staff and community. We are grateful for this opportunity and for the collaborative effort that made this master planning process possible.

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# Project Schedule

## Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Team Site Visit and Kick-off Meeting with Steering Committee

## MASTER PLANNING WORKSHOP

### Tuesday, September 19, 2023

- 10:30 am Focus Group Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Public Input Session at the Community Center
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm Team Lunch and Work Session
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Stakeholder Interviews
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm Public Input Session at Chappell Park Gymnasium
- 6:45 – 8:30 pm Team Working Dinner with Project Advisory Committee
- 8:30 pm Team Work Session

### Wednesday, September 20, 2023

- 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Team Work Session
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm Public Presentation of Draft Master Plan

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Executive Summary

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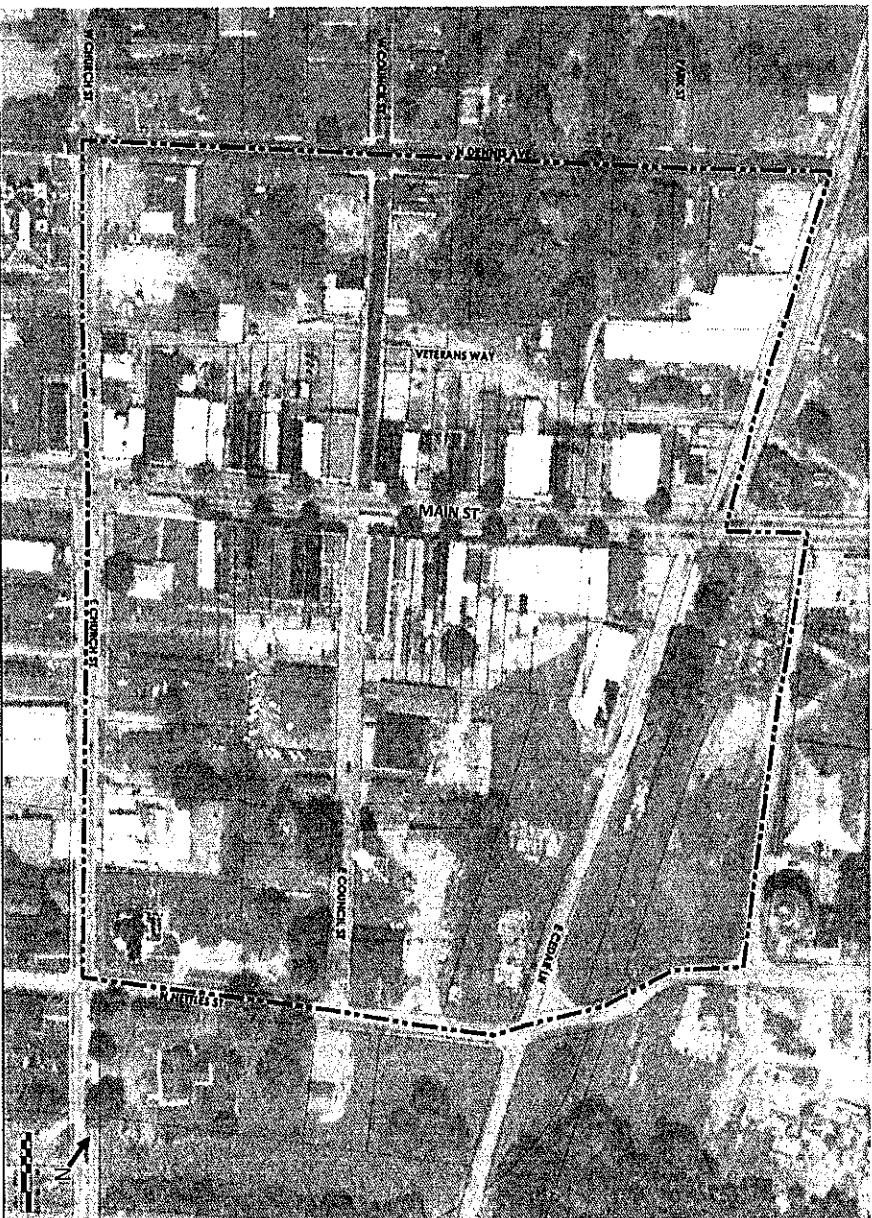
# Master Plan Goals and Study Area

## MASTER PLAN GOALS

- Create a plan and strategic guide for the revitalization of downtown.
- Create a plan for preserving and using the historic downtown buildings.
- Provide design recommendations for city-owned lots and alleyways in downtown.
- Create guidelines for financial assistance programs to stabilize and enhance downtown buildings.
- Provide recommendations for improvements to downtown landscaping and greenspace.
- Provide recommendations for economic development opportunities.

## DOWNTOWN STUDY AREA

The downtown study area boundaries were Church Street, Dennis Avenue, Nettles Street, and Cedar Lane with a primary focus on Main Street.





## Vision for Downtown Bishopville

The City of Bishopville is blessed with a historic downtown at the heart of the city. Downtown is characterized by two blocks of beautiful historic buildings lining Main Street. While many of these buildings are maintained and house successful businesses, the majority of these buildings are in poor condition. The city has taken a proactive approach to buying a few buildings with the intent to rehabilitate and/or sell the buildings with expectations that the buildings will be restored and filled with businesses that will help revitalize downtown.

We heard dozens of residents' and business owners' lamentations for what use to be in downtown and a yearning for downtown to return to the vibrant heart it once was. Residents want to keep talent at home and to give visitors reasons to stay awhile. They want downtown to thrive with rehabilitated historic buildings. The vision for downtown Bishopville reflects this yearning and informed the recommendations of this master plan.

The Vision is a north star to guide the City of Bishopville, ensuring development remains focused on revitalizing downtown. The journey to this vision starts now and will be a commitment for years to come.

*"Let's not just look at this moment right here.  
Let's look at five to ten years down the road."*

Gregg McCutchen, City Administrator

*V*ision

**Keep | Stay | Thrive**

Downtown Bishopville is a vibrant and well-preserved historic district with unique local businesses and cultural offerings.

Downtown Bishopville is a place for all ages to live, work, play, and gather.

Downtown Bishopville is a welcoming and accessible place that captivates people, inspiring them to experience all that downtown offers for hours...

... and longing to return.

# Guiding Principles

These Guiding Principles, developed in response to the community's love and vision for downtown Bishopville, will keep master plan implementation on track and ensure that all revitalization efforts and projects reflect the city's vision and community values.

**Sustain downtown as the heart of Bishopville** by investing in the physical, economic and cultural infrastructure that makes downtown a desirable, prosperous, beautiful, creative, safe and accessible place to live, work and play.

**Elevate the sense of community and level of community engagement** through consistent and intentional communications with residents, business owners, property owners and local organizations and by inviting all residents to serve as stewards for the long-term revitalization of downtown, particularly through the Main Street Program.

**Capture and promote the history, stories and legendary characters of Bishopville** to connect more people to the place, distinguishing Bishopville from other communities and spurring tourism and entrepreneurship through unique, local economic development and cultural programming efforts.

**Require the highest quality design and development** in all projects, new and redevelopments, to reflect the City's values, to increase the sense of place, to reflect and respect the City's history, to inspire hope for the future and to establish Bishopville as a progressive City committed to developing its potential and increasing prosperity for all residents.

**Increase pedestrian and bike connectivity** by creating places and connections within downtown and the City that engage people with people, people to places and support residential, retail, cultural, recreational, entrepreneurial and entertainment activities, all of which are paramount to retaining and enhancing an authentic small-town appeal and a vibrant downtown.

**Create an entrepreneurial culture** that supports existing local businesses and cultivates new home-grown businesses that will differentiate downtown Bishopville and contribute to the sustained prosperity and vibrancy of downtown Bishopville.

**Strengthen regional partnerships to continually improve and to sustain the City's quality of life** through leveraged resources and planning, collaborative marketing and promotions, improved infrastructure, cultural and recreational opportunities, place-based economic development, and collective stewardship of the natural environment.

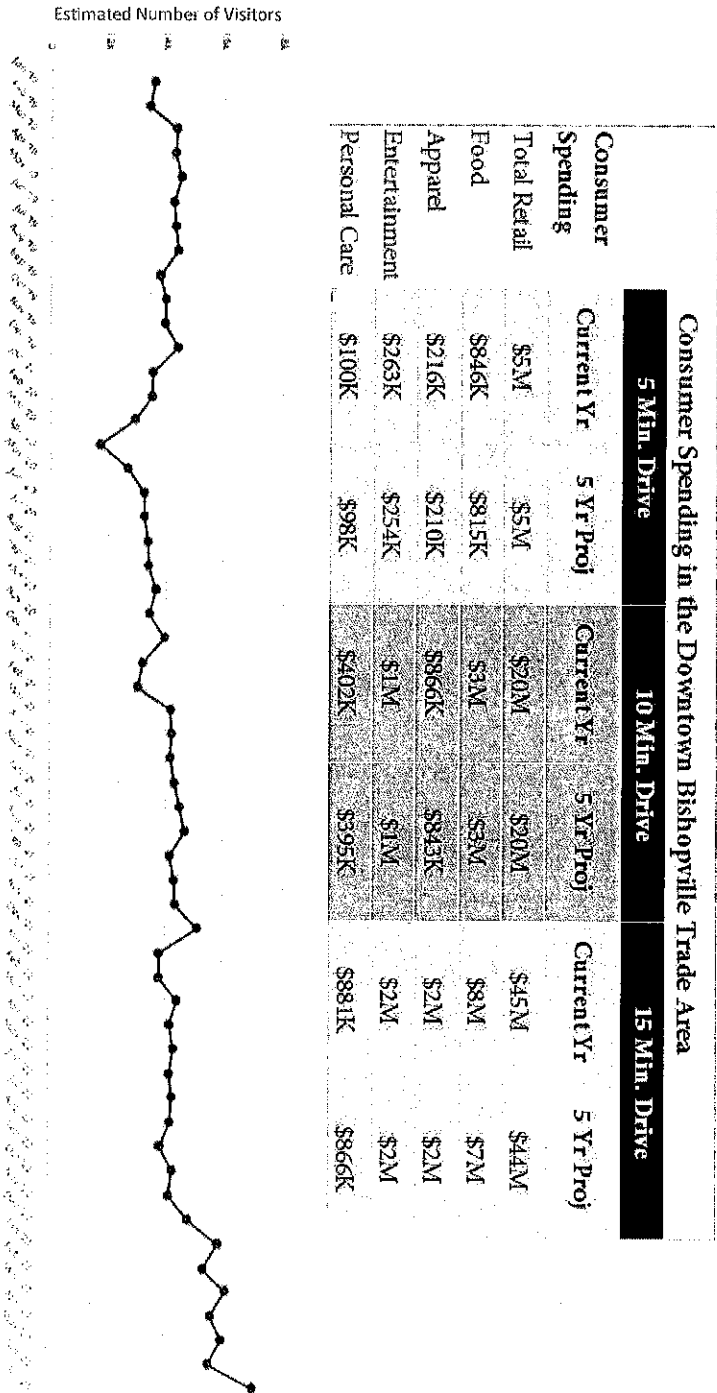


# Changing the Trajectory: The New Economy

Downtown Bishopville stands at a crossroads. According to data from The Retail Coach, the community is facing a projected decline in its retail trade market's population over the next five years. The forecast extends to consumer spending, with key small business sectors like retail, food, and apparel expected to experience a similar downward trend.

Amidst these challenges, however, a glimmer of hope emerges from The Retail Coach's data, revealing an increase in downtown foot traffic in recent years. This surge in interest and patronage for downtown businesses signifies a potential positive that can be harnessed to change the trajectory of downtown Bishopville.

The imperative now is to capitalize on this increased engagement through strategic intervening measures such as those outlined in this plan. By acknowledging these trends and proactively addressing them, stakeholders have an opportunity to not only navigate the impending challenges but also to shape a thriving and resilient downtown community.



# Four Pillars of Downtown Revitalization for Bishopville

To change the trajectory and to successfully work toward the vision, the city should build upon and leverage investments and projects on the Four Pillars of Downtown Revitalization: Placemaking, a Pedestrian Focus, Preservation and Prosperity. These pillars support what is needed change the trajectory of the economy and will support sustained development in downtown. All projects, programs, partnerships and incentives should build upon one or more of these pillars.

## Placemaking

Downtown Bishopville is a celebrated exemplar of creative placemaking and leveraging the city's authentic cultural assets.

## Pedestrian Focus

Main Street is, first and foremost, a safe and accessible pedestrian-focused public realm for people.

## Preservation

The city is committed to the appropriate preservation and reuse of all the downtown historic buildings and landscapes.

## Prosperity

The city is a great place to do business due to the city's public/private partnerships, investments in technology and infrastructure, accessibility to resources for entrepreneurs and business owners, incentives for development and redevelopment, and workforce readiness.

*"If we don't invest, we'll keep getting people who retire here to live in the middle of nowhere and want to do nothing."*

a Bishopville Resident  
during the public input session

# Implementation Framework

This master plan's recommendations offer a forward-looking perspective on downtown revitalization, proposing projects and strategies for the coming years. While the long-term vision is essential, immediate and short-term implementation of key projects and initiatives can yield significant results within the next three years.

Acknowledging several proactive and ongoing projects, activities, and investments made in downtown Bishopville in recent years, as well as the City's constraints in terms of staffing, finances, and time, these recommendations stem from the invaluable insights of residents and stakeholders who actively participated in focus groups, establishing a strong foundation of community support. To move forward, the city should prioritize actions across these recommendations and commit to a dedicated path of action, rallying the support of City Council, staff, financial resources, and essential public/private partnerships.

Downtown revitalization is a complex, sustained effort that demands a multi-faceted, multi-year approach. The Main Street Program Framework provides an excellent starting point for this transformative journey.

Implement Public  
Realm  
Improvements

Implement  
Creative  
Placemaking

Promote Local  
History, Arts,  
Culture, and  
Assets

Renovate Historic  
Buildings and  
Improve  
Downtown  
Appearances

Leverage the Main  
Street Program

Build Policy  
Framework and  
Organizational  
Capacity



## Catalyst Projects & Investments

The success of the master plan depends on intentional implementation of the recommendations. The master plan recommends short- and long-term projects and investments. The following projects and investments deserve the city's priority attention, commitment, and investments for they will ignite the transformation of downtown Bishopville. Planning for these projects and investments can begin now which will ensure successful implementation over the new few years.

### Immediate (within 12 months)

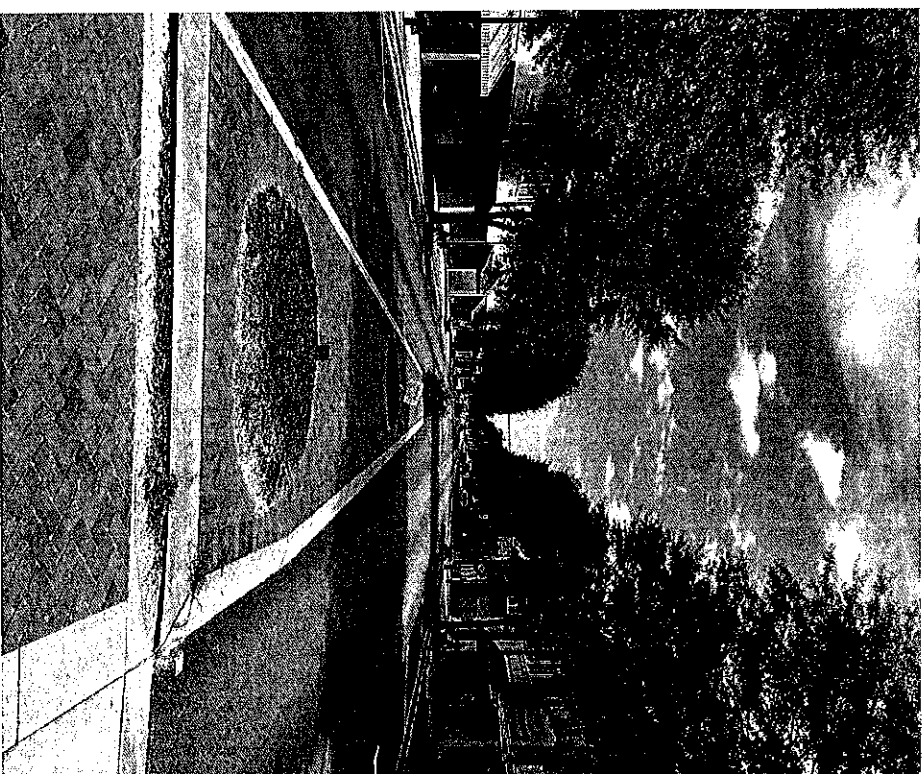
- Hire a full-time Main Street/Economic Development Director (see p. 28)
- Invest in stabilization of the city-owned historic buildings on Main Street (grants + city funding)
- Pursue four-way stop or other traffic calming intervention at the Main and Council Streets intersection
- Obtain easement/approval to develop the abandoned rail bed and open space
- Formalize and strengthen regional partnerships: economic development, education, tourism
- Reinststate the Greater Bishopville Foundation
- Design and construct the alleys with connections to new parking areas behind Main Street buildings
- Establish a maintenance and preservation program for the trees that line Main Street
- Implement incentives program for stabilization and facade improvements for historic buildings on Main Street
- Host training on downtown development strategies and incentives

### Short Term (1-3 years)

- Design and construct the Depot Park, which will include a Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden Walk and the multi-use path (trails to trail project)
- Refurbish the Main Street medians with appropriate plantings or infill pavers
- Confirm plan to reroute all truck traffic off Main Street and begin design phase of new route
- Create and implement new branding and wayfinding for downtown Bishopville
- Complete stabilization of all city-owned historic buildings on Main Street
- Design and construct new Veterans Way parking lot
- Work to become an Accredited Main Street Community
- As city-owned buildings are stabilized, market buildings to developers and new businesses

### Long-Term (3-10 years)

- Construct and enforce new truck route
- Design and construct new parking lot(s) behind Main Street buildings on east side of Main Street



# SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

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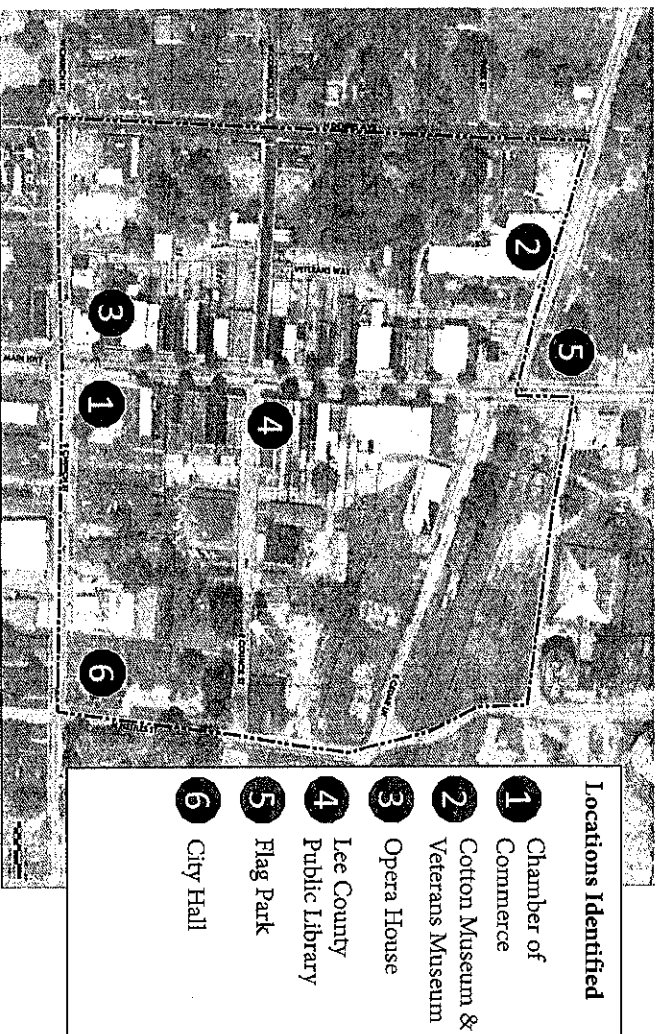
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## One Word to Describe Downtown Bishopville

We asked participants in the focus groups and the public input session to share one word that comes to mind when they think of downtown Bishopville. The word bubble below represents the most offered words, with the largest being the top words. While some of the words may be negative, they represent opportunities for improvement.

Future      Dry  
Dull      **Potential**      Challenge  
Ghost Town      Hope  
**Home**  
Uninspired      Memories

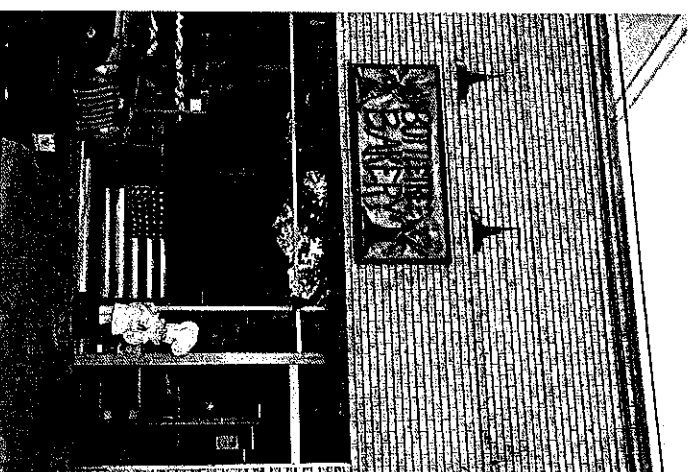
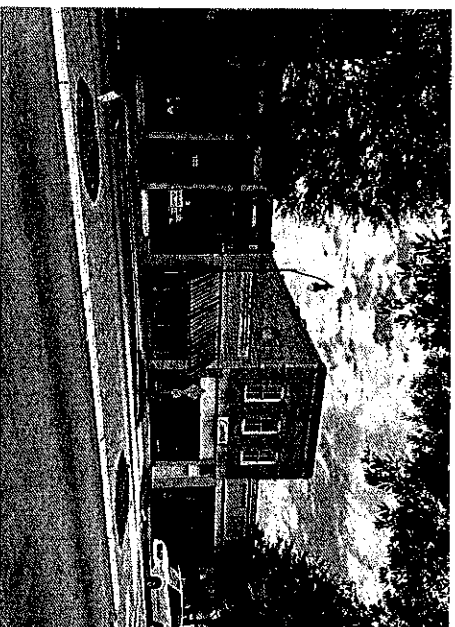
## What is the heart of downtown?



# What Residents Want Downtown

Through focus groups and the public input session, residents and stakeholders shared what they would like to see in downtown, especially in the available historic buildings. All of these will bring more people downtown and elevate tourism and economic development.

- Coffee shops
- Family friendly entertainment
- Activities and places for youth to enjoy and gather
- Wine and cheese shop, gourmet foods
- Bakeries
- Boutiques – especially for men
- Shoe Stores
- Nice restaurants (non-fast food)
- Art galleries and studios
- Upgraded infrastructure and improved storm water drainage
- Renovated buildings downtown
- Well-landscaped and safe parking behind buildings
- More people shopping downtown
- More places to shop downtown
- More parks, greenspace, places to sit
- More pedestrian and bike connectivity
- Clean and well-maintained downtown



# What Residents Want Downtown

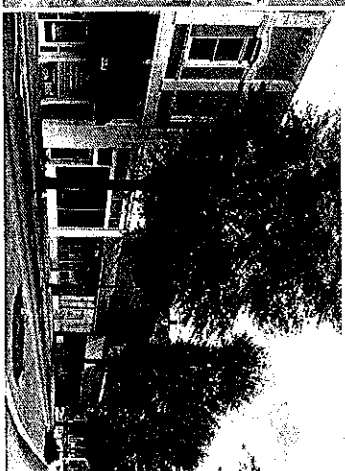
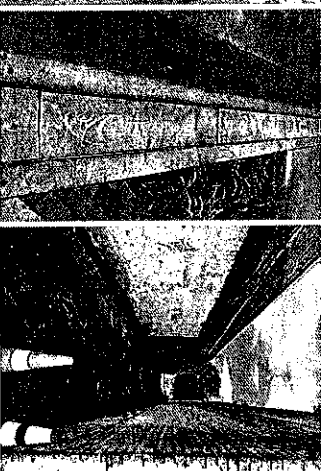
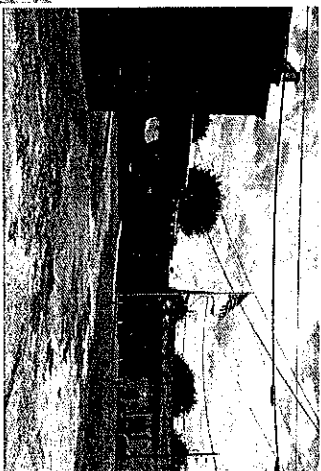
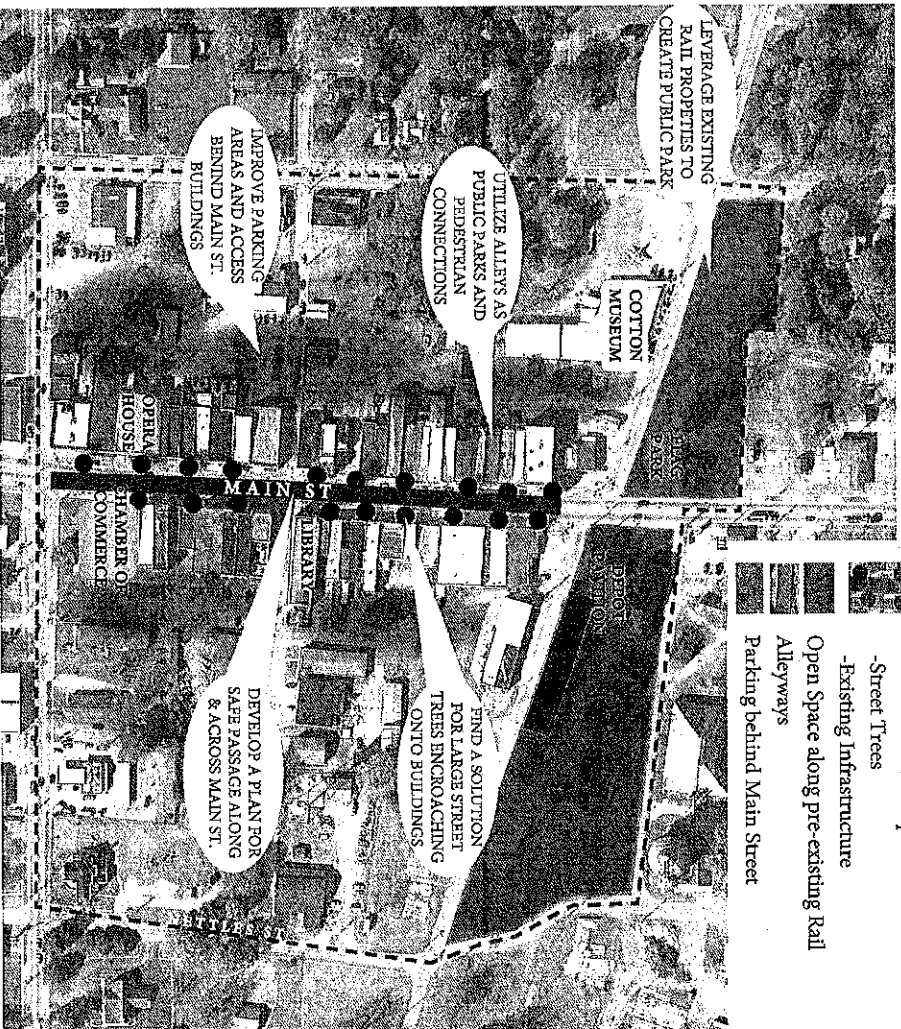
Following the analysis of feedback and comments from our community outreach meetings, the following prominent themes have emerged:

1. Establish a plan to slow or reroute truck traffic along Main Street.
2. Provide accessible and visible parking behind Main Street buildings.
3. Utilize vacant land and rail depot property for public parks and event space.
4. Improve lighting throughout parks, parking, and streets.
5. Improve and develop safe, equitable, and accessible walking paths and pedestrian zones throughout the core of the downtown area.
6. Create more opportunities for outdoor gathering spaces and community gatherings/activities.



## Bishopville Study Area: Focus Areas

- Main Street Streetscape
- Street Trees
- Existing Infrastructure
- Open Space along pre-existing Rail
- Alleyways
- Parking behind Main Street

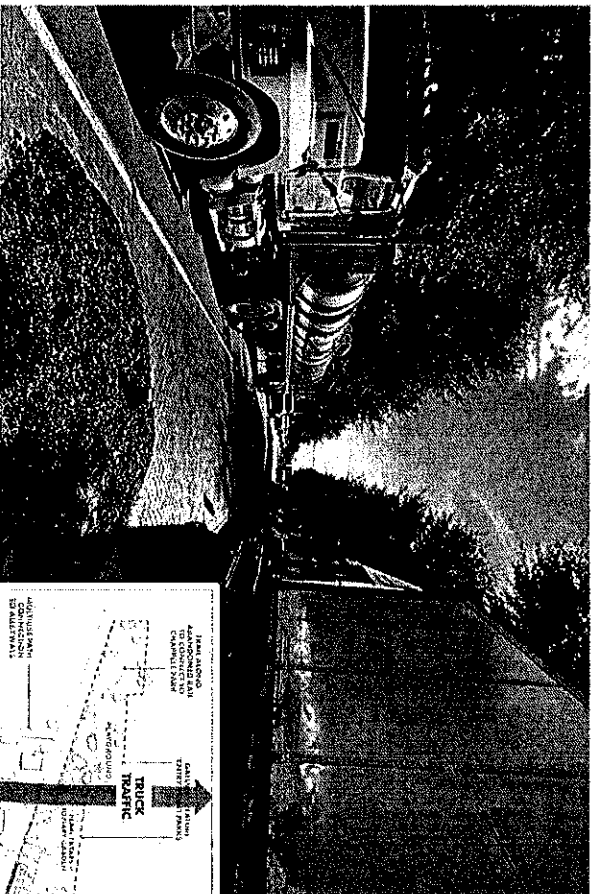




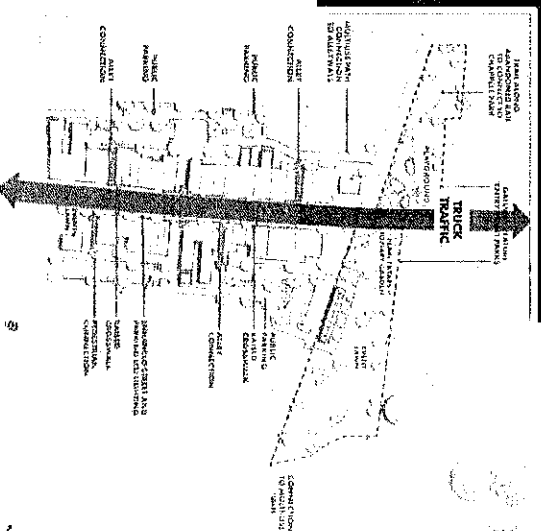
# Challenges & Constraints

The following were identified as challenges or constraints for Downtown Bishopville:

- The constant flow of large trucks passing through downtown is a critical issue. Their speed, coupled with the unpleasant odor of their cargo, makes walking and parking along Main Street a real challenge. This not only affects the quality of life for residents and visitors but also impacts the overall atmosphere of the area.
- Parking is a concern. On-street parallel parking is uncomfortable due to the quantity and speed of large truck traffic on Main Street. Parking is available to the rear of Main Street businesses; however, many visitors perceive this area as less accessible, leading to underutilization. There is also ambiguity regarding the availability of these parking spaces to the public, which further hampers their use.
- Downtown's aging water, sewer, and stormwater systems pose potential risks and could limit the city's ability to adapt to future needs and attract new businesses. Updated infrastructure is a vital aspect to consistent revitalization.
- A shortage of local skilled workforce and the difficulty of retaining young, home grown, educated talent in the community create a talent drain that can hinder growth and innovation.
- The condition and appearance of downtown buildings are a visual representation of the city's challenges. Many properties show signs of neglect, disrepair, or visible vacancy which affects the overall appeal of the area.
- Inactive/absent building owners and lack of maintenance contribute to the large number of vacant buildings. Some structures are used for storage or other purposes that do not align with the purpose, vision and vibrancy of Main Street.
- The lack of available tenant-ready leasable space on Main Street is a barrier to attracting new businesses looking to establish a presence in the downtown area.

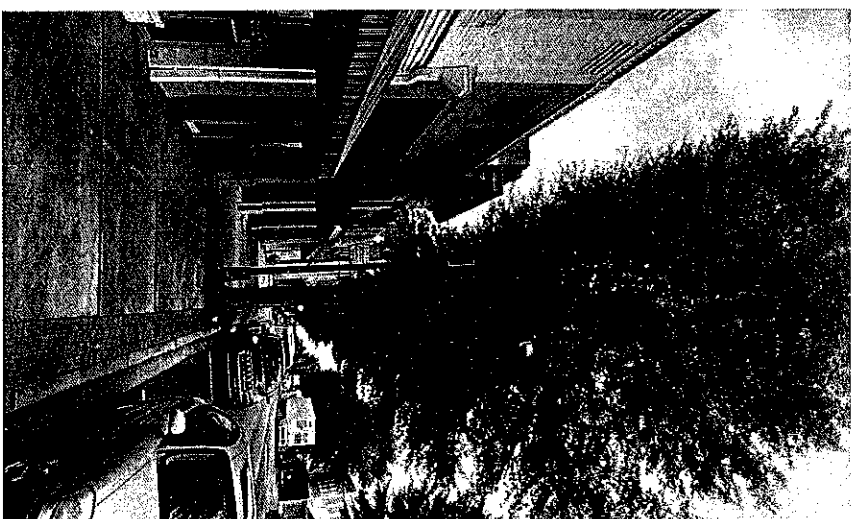
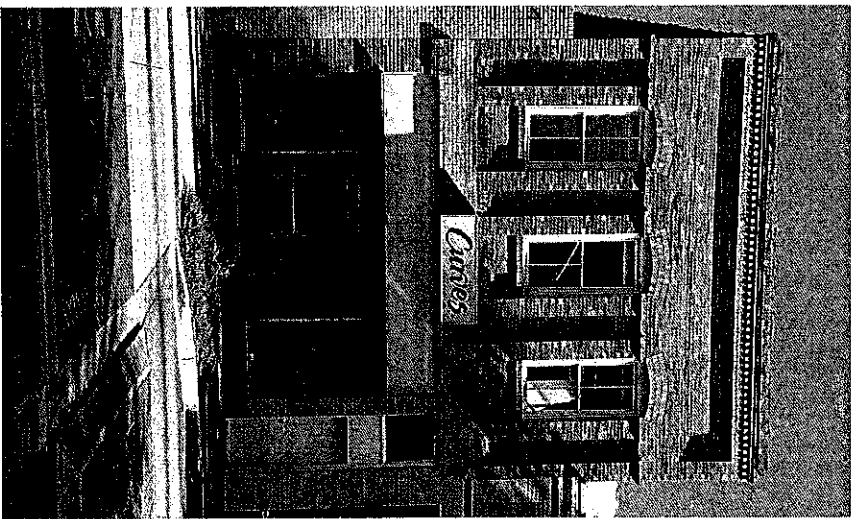


Daily truck traffic on Main Street



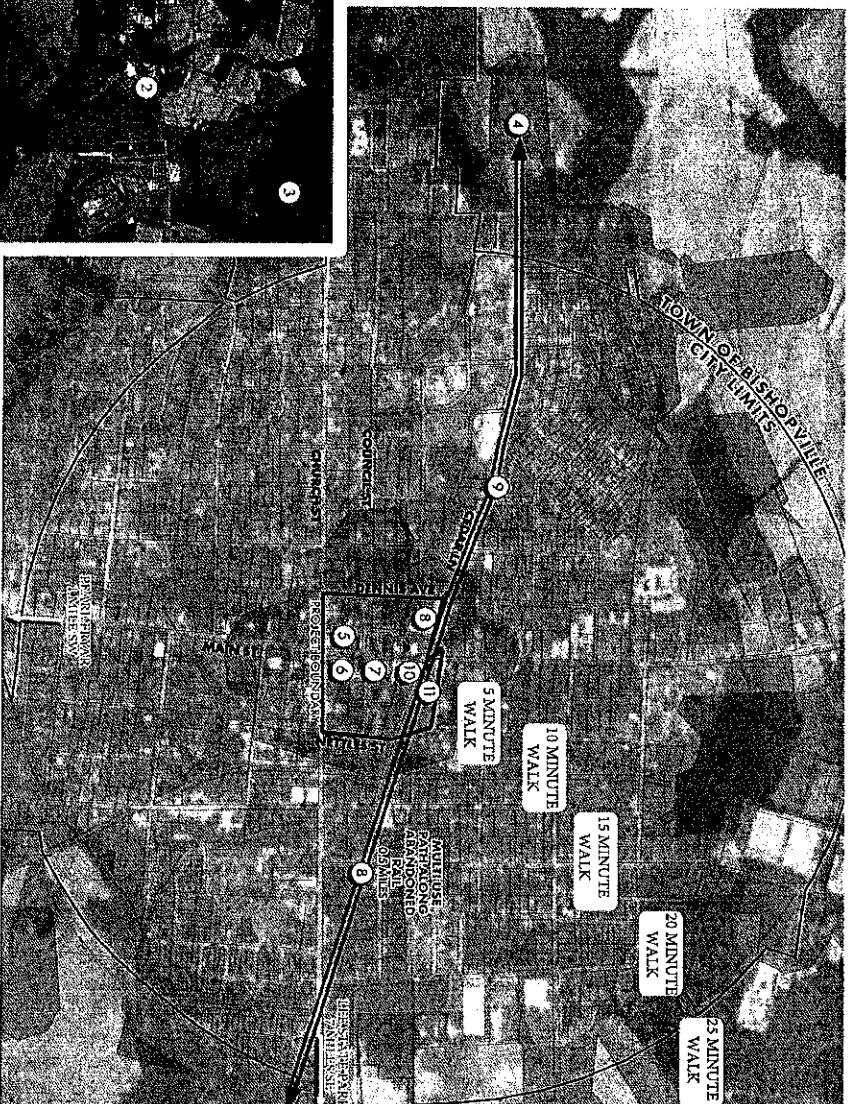
## Challenges & Constraints (continued)

- Lack of effective coordination between business owners to collectively promote downtown, beyond the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce. A united approach can have a more significant impact on revitalization.
- Lack of informed maintenance and perceived issues with the mature trees along Main Street poses maintenance concerns for roofs and building facades and threatens the life of the trees. The trees add beauty and a nice sense of scale to the street. The trees need to be maintained and protected.
- A lack of business development programs hinders new businesses. To foster economic growth, the city should create an educational program for new business owners and entrepreneurs. Such initiatives can help stimulate economic activity and attract fresh talent to the community.
- Participants were asked to where would they turn for resources when starting a new business in downtown Bishopville. Top responses included City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and local REALTORS. The Chamber of Commerce was noted as providing a link between potential or current business owners with local educational opportunities and providers, which are rarely utilized.
- Lastly, historic inconsistency in the implementation of regulations such as the Zoning Ordinance or Building Code can lead to confusion and hinder the proper development and revitalization of the downtown area.



# Bishopville Assets

The following asset map and overview display the City of Bishopville and adjacent Lee County property assets that have an existing and potential future impact on the area's culture, people, and built and natural environments.



## People

Influential people have the ability to impact cities through arts and culture, which can make economic impacts on the communities they serve. Below is a list of local famous people who have made significant impacts on the City of Bishopville through their community service and professions.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| ① Pearl Fryar | Gwendolyn Bradley |
| Lizard Man    | Doc Blanchard     |
| Drink Small   |                   |

## Places

The following is a list of existing places that are key points of interest within the Bishopville area, contributing to the downtown economically, socially, and environmentally.

- ② Existing Industries – Martech, Coca-Cola
- ③ Lee State Park
- ④ Chappell Park
- ⑤ Opera House
- ⑥ Chamber of Commerce
- ⑦ Lee County Public Library
- ⑧ Cotton Museum

## Opportunities

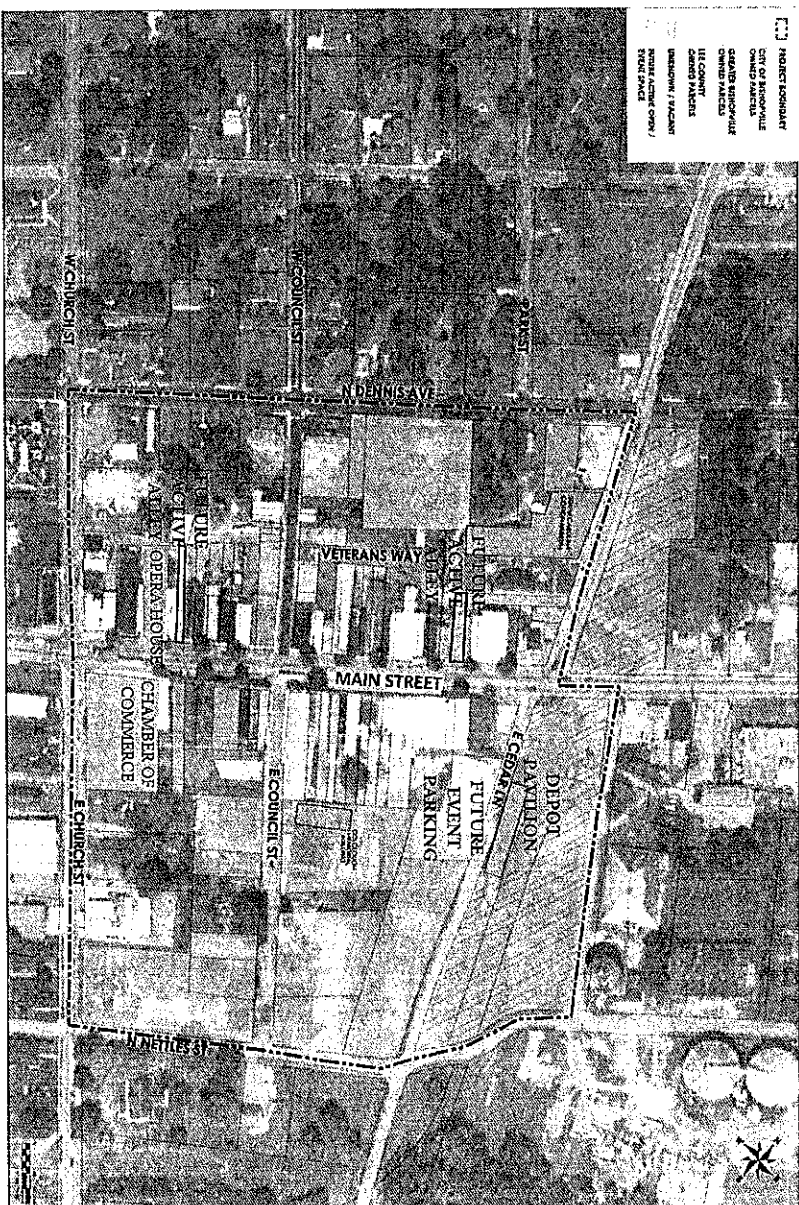
Below is a list of opportunities within the City of Bishopville that are in the planning process while others are potential opportunities for the community.

- ⑨ Dennis High School
- ⑩ Wellness Center
- ⑪ Rail Depot
- Downtown Streetscape & Architecture
- Existing Open Space and Vacant Properties

## Downtown Assets

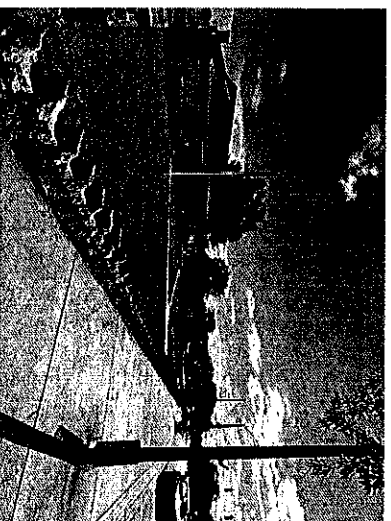
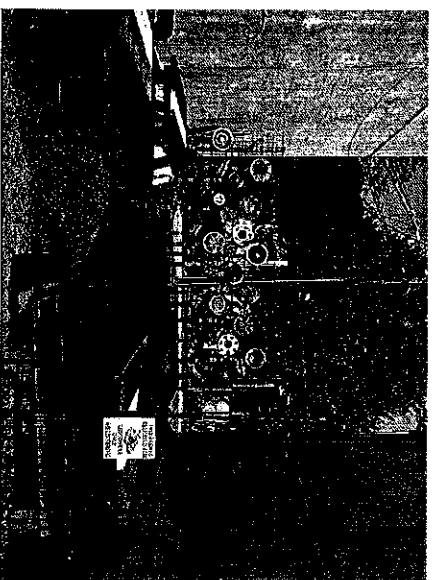
When asked to identify the greatest assets is downtown Bishopville, the following were identified.

- Key assets to downtown are community interest and strategic civic investment. The people of Bishopville are deeply committed to their city's growth and well-being, and it shows in the way they come together to support local initiatives. This community spirit is complemented by a City Council that is dedicated to positive change and investments in downtown. Their focus on progress is a driving force behind the city's revitalization.
- One remarkable advantage that sets downtown Bishopville apart is the city's control over a significant number of key historic properties in the area. This control allows for thoughtful planning and development, ensuring that the town's historic charm is preserved while moving forward.
- New mid-block alleyways have been introduced to enhance accessibility, especially to parking opportunities behind Main Street businesses. This improvement not only makes it easier for residents and visitors to access local shops but also adds to the overall appeal of the downtown area.
- The city's proximity to Lee State Park is a strategic asset that leverages visitors and the green economy. Nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers are drawn to Bishopville, bringing business to local establishments and contributing to the town's sustainable growth.
- Central Carolina Technical College's presence in downtown Bishopville is an asset. Students bring additional foot traffic to local businesses and activities, fostering a dynamic and diverse community. Its educational and cultural offerings have the potential to enrich downtown's vibrant atmosphere.
- Considering the scale of the Bishopville community, there is an excellent opportunity to increase connectivity to downtown through improved bicycle and pedestrian connections, particularly a rails-to-trails facility.



## Downtown Assets (continued)

- Concerts and programming at the Bishopville Opera House provide cultural enrichment and entertainment, creating a lively social scene for residents and visitors alike. This arts and culture scene adds a unique dimension to the city's character.
- The historic 100 and 200 blocks of Main Street include a large number of buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places and two historic districts, each with a story to tell. These architectural treasures preserve the city's heritage and add to its overall charm.
- Main Street is scaled for the pedestrian, making it the ideal place for walking, shopping, and supporting local businesses. It's a welcoming space that encourages community engagement and social interaction.
- Downtown Bishopville's existing local businesses offer a diverse range of products and services which provides a good base for business growth.
- One of the city's most remarkable assets is its personable environment. In Bishopville, people know one another, fostering a sense of belonging and unity that is hard to find in larger urban areas.
- City control of multiple key properties and its strategic location between multiple desirable communities and the proximity to Interstate 20 provide a strong foundation for economic growth and development.
- Lastly, the city's rich history and character are woven into every aspect of Bishopville. It is a place where the past and present coexist, creating a unique atmosphere that celebrates its heritage while embracing the future.





# Opportunities

The following are for catalyst opportunities identified for downtown Bishopville:

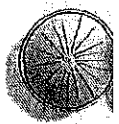
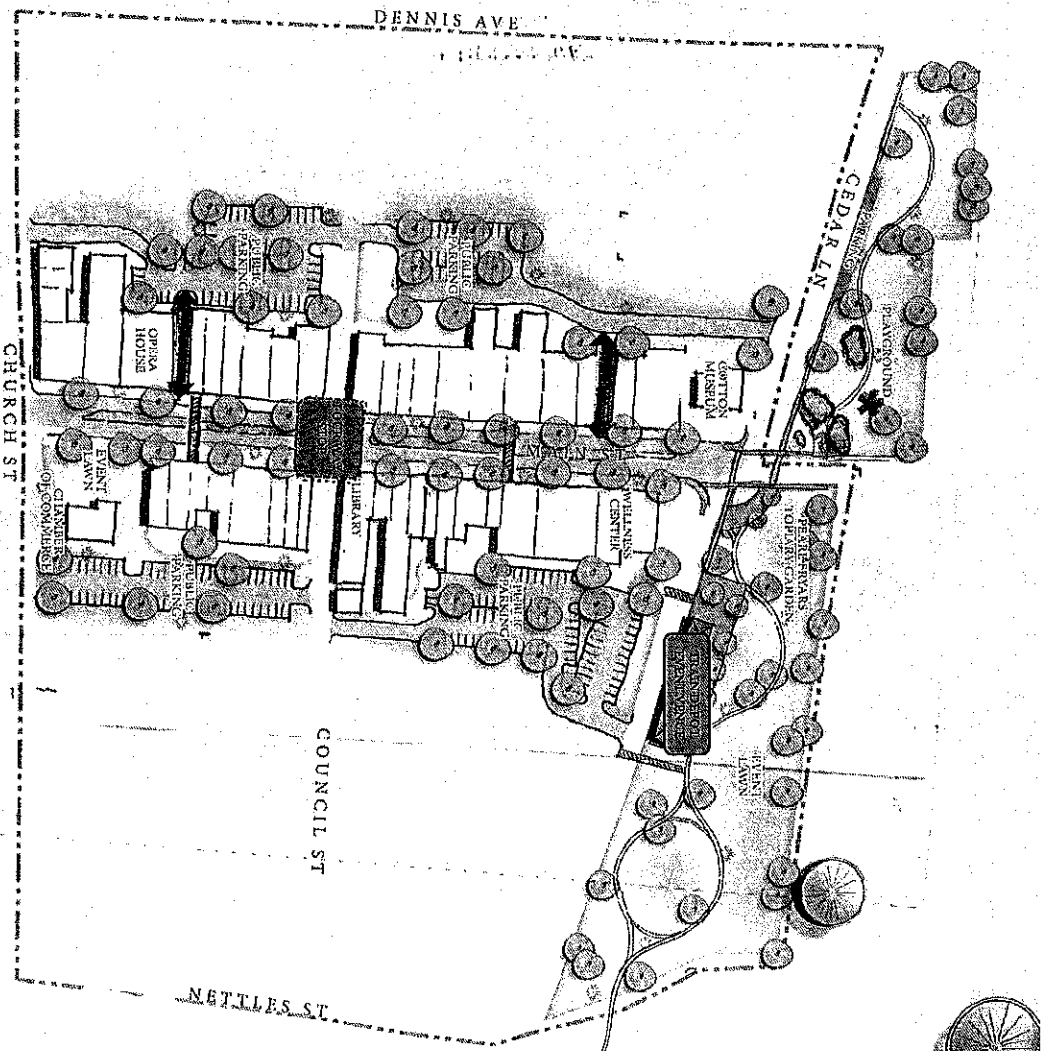
- One of the key opportunities lies in offering incentives for new businesses or community-serving establishments downtown. By linking these incentives to investment, the city can attract a diverse range of enterprises that can breathe new life into the area.
- Participants described the desire to foster growth of catalyst businesses to reinvigorate Downtown Bishopville and improve the economic ecosystem. These businesses include but are not limited to: coffee shops, family friendly entertainment, art galleries, activities and places for youth to enjoy and gather, wine and cheese shop, gourmet foods, bakeries, boutiques (especially a men's store), and shoe stores.
- New or expanded businesses or uses that draw additional visitors and patrons to downtown is a promising avenue for growth. These enterprises can add vibrancy and economic activity to the heart of Bishopville.
- Enhancing programs and partnerships with Central Carolina Technical College can be a game-changer. By leveraging the educational institution's resources, the city can tap into a wealth of potential and talent, fostering a mutually beneficial relationship.
- Rerouting the large truck traffic around downtown is a vital step to ensure safety and will create an improved pedestrian experience. This initiative can make downtown more inviting and accessible.
- To capture the current cut-through traffic, the city can slow down vehicular flow and introduce new businesses and an attractive streetscape, enticing travelers to stop and explore what downtown has to offer.
- Creating and enhancing mid-block access to parking areas behind Main Street businesses in each quadrant of the study area is a practical solution to the parking issue. It can make the entire downtown experience more convenient for both residents and visitors.
- Improved public off-street parking areas with landscaping, lighting, and wayfinding elements, enhancing comfort and accessibility, and making downtown more welcoming.
- Reinvigorate the City of Bishopville Architectural Review Board to ensure consistent and historically-responsible building improvements is essential to preserving the city's unique character and heritage.
- The introduction of new or expanded community events at the new depot event pavilion is an exciting prospect. These events can draw both visitors and residents into downtown, creating a sense of community and fostering a sense of belonging.
- Improving code and zoning enforcement is crucial to prevent the deterioration of buildings and discourage inappropriate uses along Main Street. This measure can help maintain the city's aesthetic and character.
- By pursuing uses and businesses that cater to all segments of the population, downtown Bishopville can become an inclusive and diverse community that offers something for everyone.
- Lastly, by coordinating promotional efforts between businesses and creating a cohesive marketing strategy for Downtown Bishopville, the city can build a strong and unified brand that attracts visitors and supports local commerce.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Recommendations

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## The Master Plan Overview

The master plan presented on the following pages illustrates a variety of public and private sector improvements that can be implemented over time to build upon Bishopville's downtown revitalization success. Plan recommendations focus on improvements to the **Public Realm** – those spaces that connect buildings and uses within downtown, including active and passive parks and open spaces, streets, alleys and trails – and improvements through development and redevelopment.

Creative Placemaking is another overarching theme, emphasizing the creation of vibrant and engaging places for both residents and visitors to experience downtown. It should serve as a guiding principle for all development, acting as a catalyst for the revitalization of the downtown area.

# Public Realm Improvements

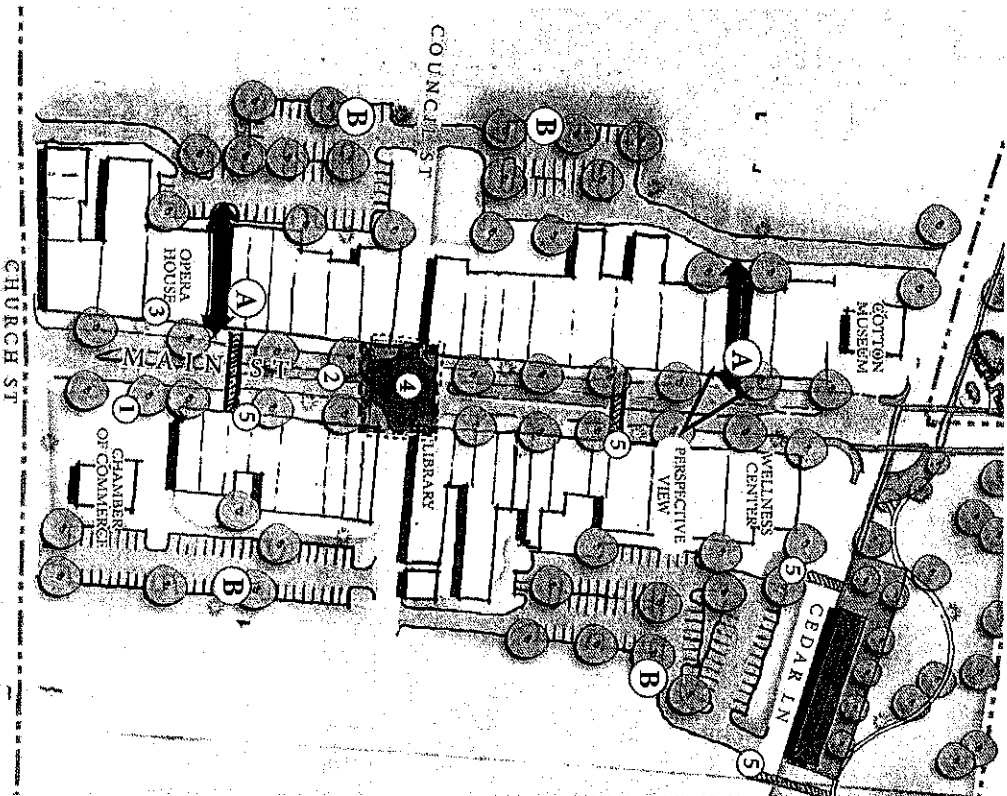
Main Street Bishopville seeks to be a safe and accessible place for all residents and visitors. The current roadblocks for economic growth, community, and street activation are:

1. Major truck traffic through Main Street causing major odor and lack of pedestrian safety
2. Lack of accessible & visible parking
3. Property maintenance

The proposed plan establishes a master plan framework based on design and planning principles that have been used to transform small towns across South Carolina. These suggestions focus on streetscape activation, pedestrian safety, and public realm beautification, all things which will create a sense of pride in Bishopville's downtown and make Main Street a place to celebrate, relax, work, and visit.

*"Main Street is everyone's hometown - the heart line of America."*

Walt Disney

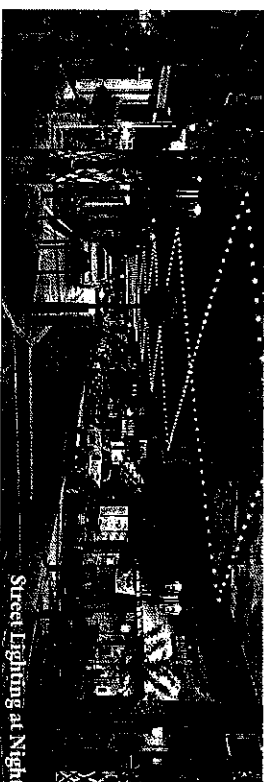


## Streetscape Improvements

- ① Street Tree Maintenance Plan
- ② Landscaping within the Medians
- ③ Improved Lighting

## Traffic Calming:

- ④ Four-Way Stop
- ⑤ Raised Crosswalks



Street Lighting at Night

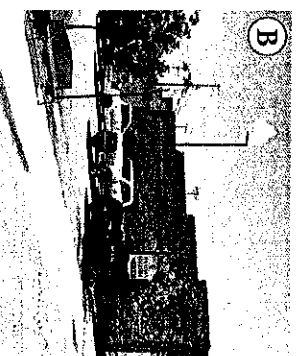
**Alleyways:** Gateway features draw pedestrians into alleyways, connecting Main Street and parking.

**Public Parking:** Design guidelines to consider when improving parking in the future. Prior to any parking improvements, all underground utilities shall be up to code.

- adequate striping for parking and loading zones
- proper lighting throughout all parking zones
- safe and consistent pedestrian areas, including connectivity to alley ways and crosswalks
- signage for directing vehicles to proper parking areas
- Landscaping within parking medians and along back and side of main street buildings



Alleyway Activation



Crosswalk Activation

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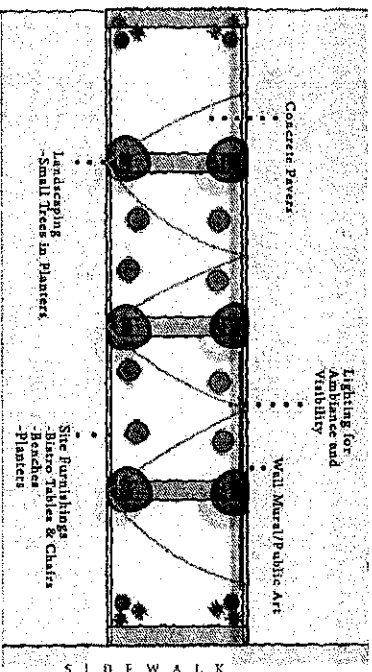
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# Public Realm Improvements: Alleyways

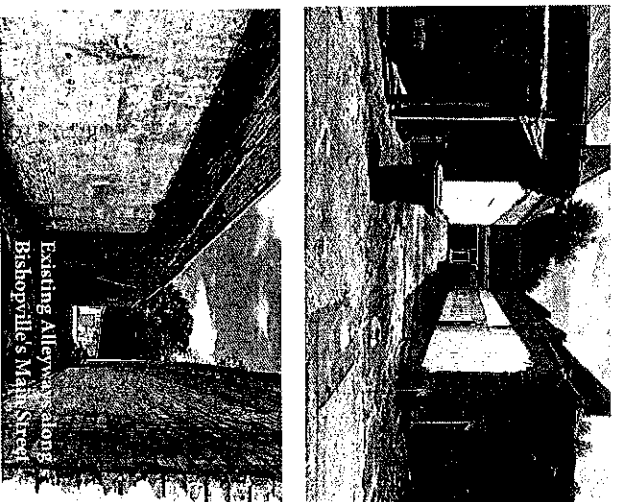
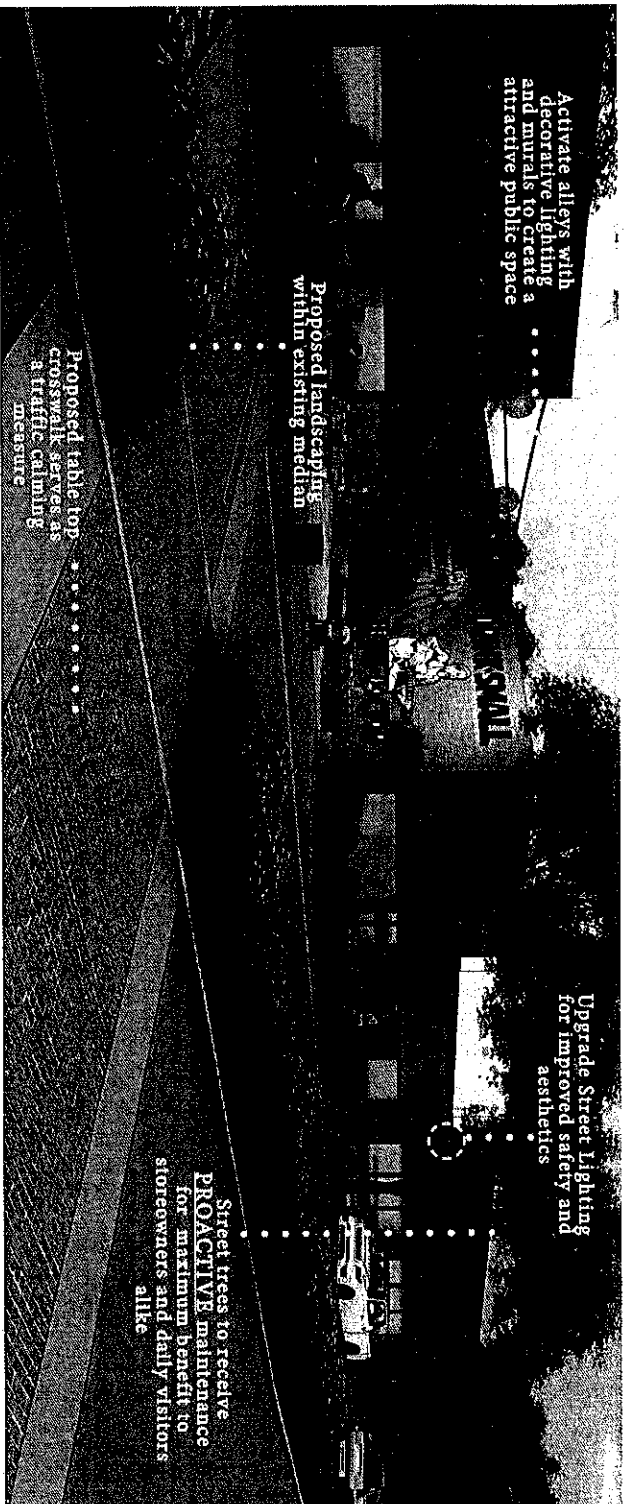
Incorporating active alleys into Downtown Bishopville will serve multiple purposes: it will create a vibrant public realm, improve connectivity between parking areas and Main Street, and act as a catalyst for the overall master plan and future development in the downtown area.

To achieve this vision, it is recommended that the city collaborate with a landscape architect or architect who can create a cohesive plan for each of the individual spaces. This approach will help capture the needs and vision outlined by key stakeholders and ensure the successful implementation of active alleys in the downtown area.

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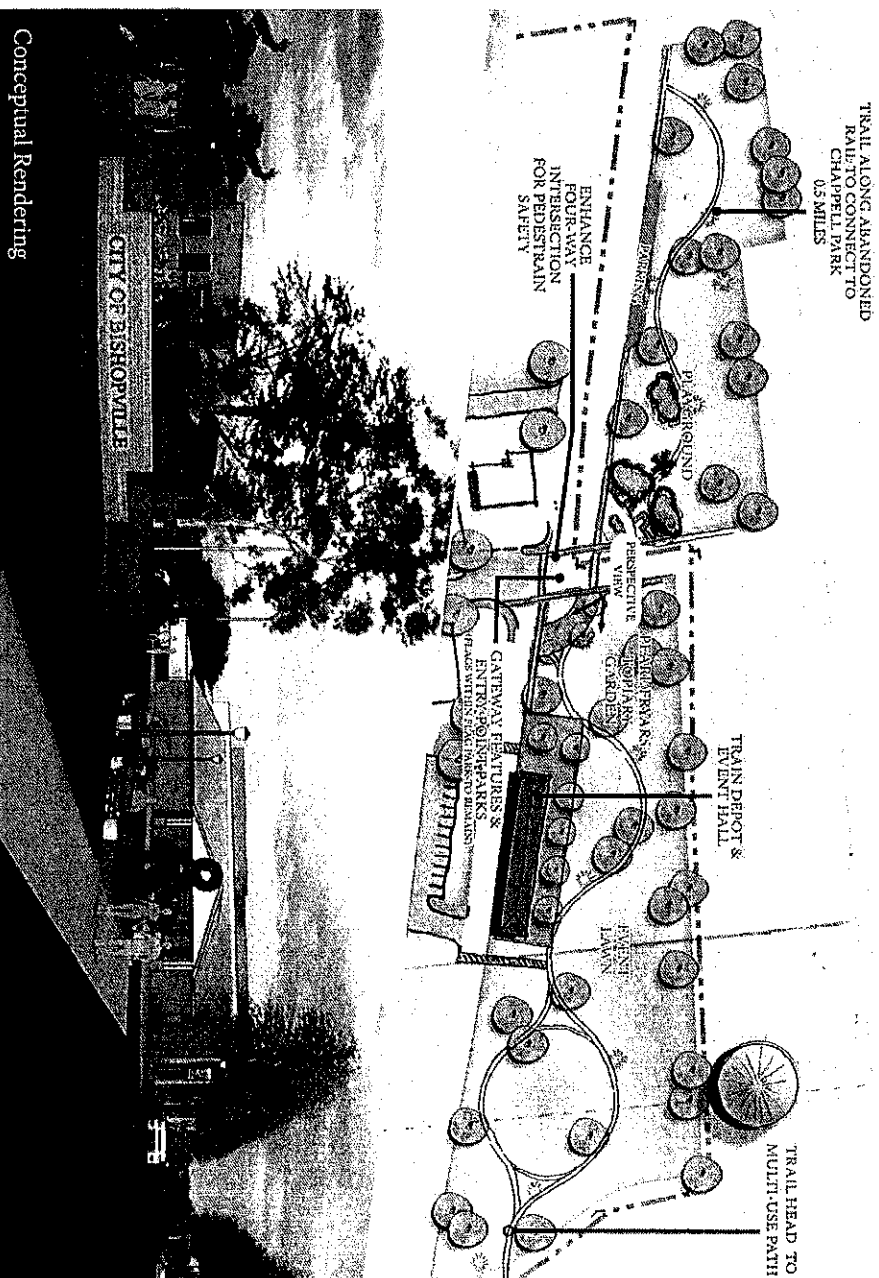
# Public Realm Improvements: Depot Park

Utilizing the existing property along the abandoned rail to develop both passive and active open space will accomplish multiple things:

1. Its proximity to Main Street shops will make the parks visible and accessible to locals and visitors driving or walking through Main Street.
2. The future Depot Event Hall will have direct access to an established public park that will serve its use and create a cohesive and beautiful park.
3. The park will serve as a multi purpose open space that will cater to all resident and serve all people.
4. Passive and active open spaces will be located along an abandoned rail which will be reused as a walking & biking trail, connecting downtown to Chappell Park.

The Depot Park plan proposes the following:

1. Connectivity between the rail park and the downtown shopping areas through mid-block crosswalks and an improved signalized intersection.
2. Parking for those utilizing the park or visiting the Cotton Museum.
3. Active Spaces that will serve the community and make Bishopville a unique place to visit such as a playground, lawn, and garden.
4. Rails to Trails will connect pedestrians and cyclist to and from downtown. Additional information and grant opportunities can be found at <https://www.railstotrails.org/>.



Conceptual Rendering

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# Policy Framework & Organizational Capacity

A critical component of revitalizing downtown Bishopville is ensuring an adequate policy framework and organizational capacity. The following describes how the city can leverage existing policies and organizational structures to effectively implement downtown revitalization activities.

**Utilize the Budgeting Process and Capital Improvement Program.** Strategically prioritize and implement downtown projects as part of the budgeting process. The annual budget process, inclusive of the Capital Improvement Program are instrumental in strategic prioritization and implementation of downtown projects, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently and effectively.

**Funding of Ongoing Maintenance.** Ensure sufficient ongoing funding to provide maintenance for public improvements and infrastructure. To guarantee the sustainability of public improvements and infrastructure, ongoing funding is essential. The City is committed to securing sufficient resources to provide the maintenance necessary to keep downtown looking its best. This commitment underscores the long-term vision for a flourishing and well-kept community.

**Leveraging Existing Organizational Structures and Processes.** Leveraging existing organizational structures and processes, such as the Architectural Review Board's Certificate of Appropriateness, is a practical approach to streamlining incentive programs and ensuring compliance with Design Guidelines. This simplifies the process for property owners and businesses while maintaining a consistent and historically-responsible approach to building improvements.

**Provide Adequate Design Guidance.** Ensure Design Guidelines provide sufficient detail to ensure appropriate improvements to downtown buildings. The Design Guidelines themselves play a crucial role in preserving and enhancing downtown. They must provide sufficient detail to guide and regulate improvements to downtown buildings. This ensures that any changes made contribute positively to the area's character and maintain its historical integrity.

**Code and Zoning Enforcement.** Allocate sufficient resources to implement zoning regulations and the building code. Ensuring that sufficient resources are available to implement zoning regulations and building codes is crucial. This commitment underscores the city's dedication to upholding the standards that maintain the character and quality of the community. Adequate resources such as staffing, education, and regulation enable efficient enforcement and ensure that the regulations are applied consistently.

**Utilize the Existing Architectural Review Board.** Using the existing structure of the Architectural Review Board to implement the Certificate of Appropriateness process assures appropriate improvements to Downtown buildings.

**Provide Education and Resources to Downtown Owners and Businesses.** Educate property and business owners regarding zoning regulations and common building code issues. Educating property and business owners about zoning regulations and common building code issues is an essential first step. By raising awareness and providing guidance, the city equips its stakeholders with the knowledge needed to navigate these regulations successfully. This education fosters a sense of shared responsibility and empowers property owners to contribute to the city's revitalization in a compliant and informed manner.

**Strengthen and Leverage Regional Partnerships.** Partnerships and relationships are critical in successful downtown revitalization for communities with limited resources. The City of Bishopville forged key relationships with other public and quasi-public entities, including but not limited to the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Santee-Lynches Council of Governments, the Economic Development Alliance, the Lee County Chamber of Commerce, the Lee County School District, and Central Carolina Technical College. Each organization represents resources, subject matter expertise, and a potential role to play in a well-rounded approach to community development.

# Economic Development Strategies

Bishopville, a small city of almost 3,500 residents, is the county seat of Lee County in South Carolina's Pee Dee region. Located just off I-20 with easy access to Columbia and Florence, Bishopville's charming downtown has enormous untapped economic potential. With the strong commitment of Bishopville City Council, as evidenced in its Downtown Bishopville Master Plan and important public improvements (e.g., train depot), Bishopville is poised for growth and continued success.

Downtown Bishopville, with its tree-lined corridor, exudes charm and character. Downtown covers two blocks of appealing early and mid-20th century commercial buildings with long-established businesses. Additionally, Lee County takes pride in its numerous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Lee County Courthouse, the Bishopville High School, Bishopville Commercial Historic District, James Carnes House, Dennis High School, Thomas Fraser House, William Apollos James House, The Manor, Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, William Rogers House, South Main Historic District, Spencer House, and Tall Oaks.

Trip Advisor, one of the nation's most trusted travel advice websites, identifies several Lee County locations as top statewide and even national travel destinations, such as the Pearl Pryor Topiary Garden, The SC Cotton Museum, The Burton Museum, and Lee State Park. Bishopville is also home to the widely recognized urban legend, the Lizard Man, a giant lizard rising from the depths of a local swamp. Thousands of people flock to the annual Lizard Man Stomp Festival. These unique and sometimes quirky attractions afford an opportunity for Bishopville to market these undiscovered gems to tourists.

Bishopville's economic development strategy should naturally include not only offering business recruitment and retention activities but also providing financial and technical assistance that improve downtown buildings and the overall business environment. To be truly successful, however, the city should continually seek innovative ways to enhance its cultural heritage, build on its rich history, and promote its quirky and natural attractions.

- 1 Create and/or reconstitute a full-time economic development corporation and Main Street Program
- 2 Leverage the South Carolina Main Street Program
- 3 Cultivate potential downtown investors
- 4 Form task force to implement the recommendations of this master plan
- 5 Offer tools for redevelopment in Bishopville
- 6 Promote unique history, arts, culture and community assets
- 7 Update city ordinances
- 8 Host training on downtown development strategies and incentives
- 9 Study alternate routes for truck traffic
- 10 Implement trails-to-trails project
- 11 Implement creative placemaking projects

# Economic Development Strategies

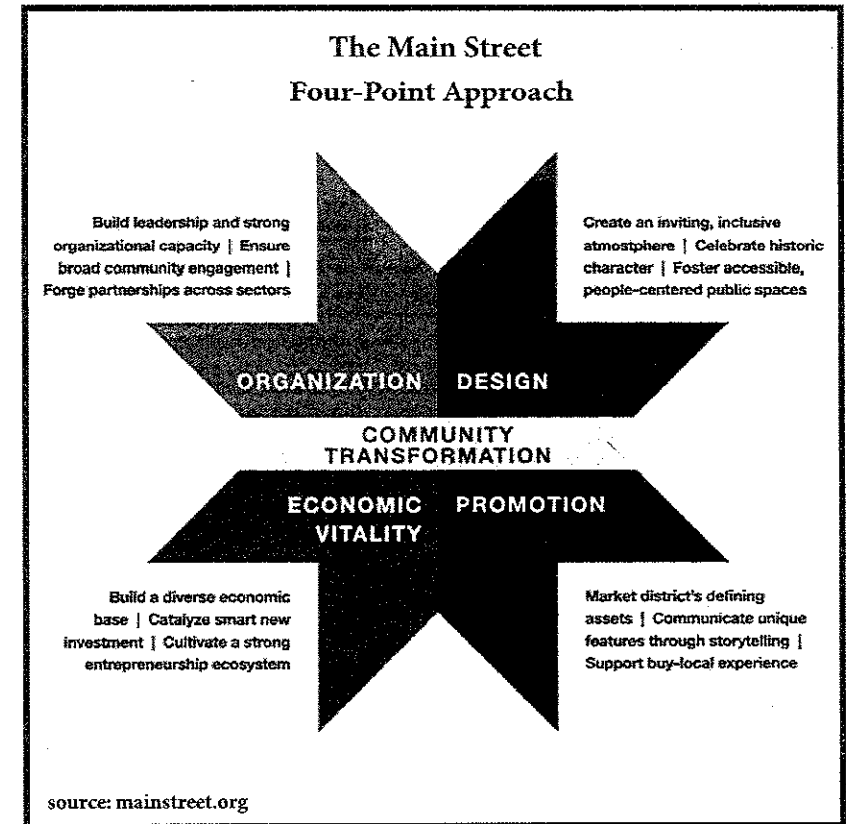
## 1. Create and/or reconstitute a full-time economic development corporation and Main Street Program

During the Master Plan visit to Bishopville, the consulting team was unable to identify any comprehensive economic development strategy, or recognized and visible organization that assists businesses and entrepreneurs exploring economic investment downtown. It is recommended that Bishopville create and/or reconstitute an independent entity to manage the downtown business recruitment and retention activities and coordinate city-wide economic development projects and special initiatives requested by the city council.

The team suggests exploring a hybrid Main Street/Economic Development organization that can not only manage proposed public improvements projects but also strengthen Downtown through the traditional main street revitalization 4-point strategy as refined by the National Main Street Center for over 40 years.

This proposed new office will be the primary contact for economic development projects and grants in Bishopville and offer support to potential investors in managing city processes and policies. The new office staff will also manage the day-to-day downtown redevelopment efforts and promote available state and federal development incentives.

The Economic Development/Main Street office should be managed by a non-political board of directors comprised of local business and industry leaders who meet clearly defined categories of “best practices” standards. The City should further consider utilizing the already established organization, Greater Bishopville Inc., which is currently planning to cease operation. Since Greater Bishopville is already chartered to own property, make loans, and create development incentives, the City could significantly expedite its economic development priorities. While the by-laws and charter may need to be updated with the Secretary of State and the IRS, this should be a fairly simple process compared to the creation of a new entity.



## Economic Development Strategies

### 2. Leverage the South Carolina Main Street Program

Main Street SC is a membership program of the SC Municipal Association that offers staff training, ongoing education and networking, and organizational tools to help cities revitalize their historic downtowns. Main Street SC has a highly successful record in SC communities and is affiliated with the National Main Street program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Programming is specifically created around a four-point approach to downtown revitalization: Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Development. Since membership in Main Street SC is highly competitive and requires community commitment and dedicated staff, Bishopville should immediately open dialogue with Main Street SC.

### 3. Cultivate Potential Downtown Investors

Bishopville is fortunate that investors are already considering downtown ventures. Several of these potential investors self-identified during the Master Plan public sessions and in private meetings. Bishopville City Council has committed to investments in downtown buildings and public infrastructure that will support private investment. The newly formed Economic Development/Main Street staff should meet regularly with potential investors and share basic economic development resources for more complex projects.

Additionally, during the Master Plan public and private meetings, our team heard requests from the community for various types of potential new businesses, including the following:

**Restaurants and Bars:** The Bishopville market needs more prepared food and hospitality businesses, particularly in the downtown area. This category was identified as the most requested at the Master Plan public meetings numerous times.

Many communities use food trucks to demonstrate the market for permanent restaurants and other hospitality businesses. Bishopville should consider contacting area food trucks and invite them to park along Main Street to assess the market.

Some communities even create permanent food truck locations with on-site power hook-ups to reduce noise from generators, creating destination locations. Successful food trucks can also support commercial kitchens that serve both food truck preparation and opportunities for small-scale bakers, caterers, and restaurants that need more cooking space.





## Economic Development Strategies

**Yoga, Fitness, Gyms:** Fitness businesses are growing in popularity and downtown locations are ideal for businesses that attract active people. Fitness businesses can also offer activities for youth, a need expressed in virtually all public engagement meetings.

**Clothing and Specialty Retailers:** Several groups voiced their desire for more clothing and specialty stores. These could include consignment retail and antiques, both growing sectors. It is interesting to note that participants in the public meetings were not aware these stores are currently found downtown. While the market can likely support additional stores within this business category, marketing should emphasize these existing businesses.

### 4. Form a task force for implementation of the Economic Development Recommendations of this Plan

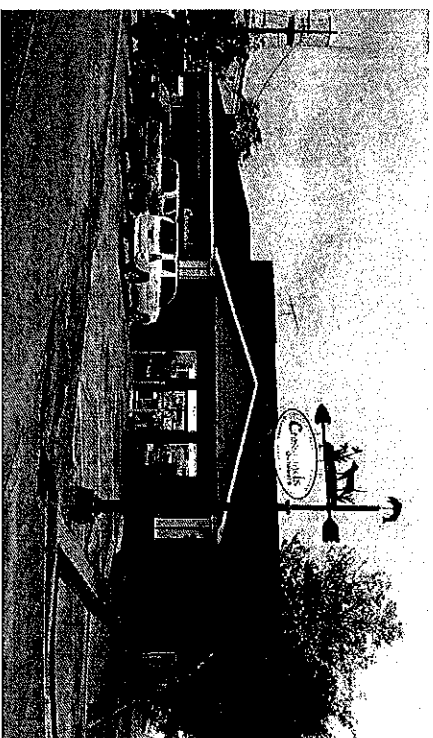
The Bishopville City Council has expressed interest in appointing a special task force to help create and promote a collaborative economic development strategy that goes beyond what the city can do alone. The proposed Task Force might best be used in two strategic ways: (1) to create and implement projects that are simple and straightforward; and (2) to promote downtown initiatives community-wide and offer unwavering and consistent support and commitment from city leaders.

The Task Force should consist of a diverse group of community leaders, including citizens who initially took part on the comprehensive development plan committee, business owners/leaders, representatives from arts and cultural organizations, realtors, local bankers, education representatives (K-12 and higher education) and others. Such deliberate inclusivity will generate greater enthusiasm and support for the plan.

### 5. Offer tools for redevelopment in Bishopville

**Initiate a Facade Grant Program:** Facade grants are key tools in downtown revitalization. Bishopville should use this highly effective resource in expanded ways to produce a greater visual impact and enhance the character of Downtown. The following enhancements to the Facade Grant program can provide the basis of a comprehensive business assistance program for Bishopville:

**Contract for a Professional Design Component:** The city might consider contracting with an architect to design proposed pedestrian connections between Main Street and newly developed alleyway parking areas for facade grant applicants. It is crucial that public and private improvements be attractive, appropriate, and cost-effective to not only enhance aesthetics but also preserve the history of the downtown area. All facade grant projects should emphasize the historic character of the building and its surrounding area. To ensure high-quality projects, the city should consider contracting with an architect for the first eight to ten building facade grants and provide this service to applicants at no added cost.



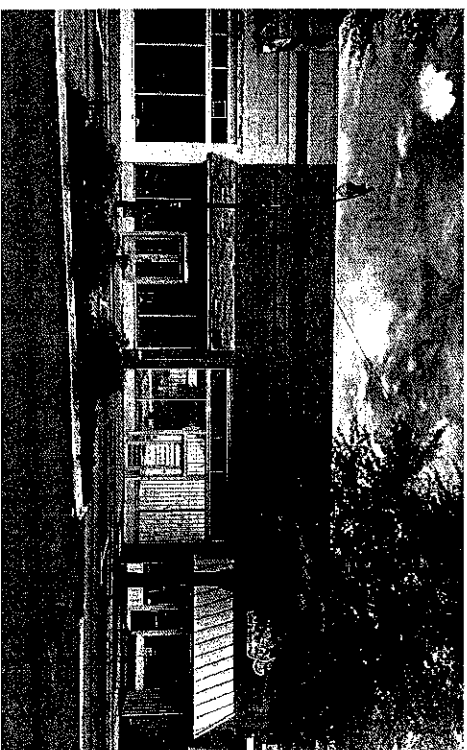
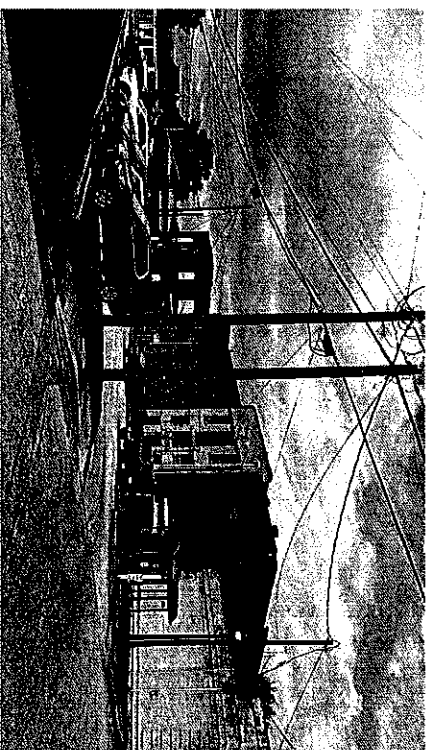
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**Consider Facade Grant Funding for New and Existing Business Signage.** The repair/renovation of existing signage will communicate the city's character and charm. This immediate, low-cost action will heighten the visibility of current businesses and create a business-friendly atmosphere. Professionally designed and installed signage will amplify Bishopville's unique charm and the character of the individual business.

**Enhance Landscaping and Promote the Use of Planters.** Bishopville can improve the overall downtown appearance and show a new community commitment from merchants and property owners by providing short-term funding for planters in front of businesses and adding window boxes (where appropriate). The planters will add color, texture, and seasonal interest, and enhance overall street aesthetics. Low-seated walls, planters and public art will also enhance the new pass-throughs that connect Main Street buildings to parking in the rear.

**Provide Sight-Screening.** Using sight-screening in empty commercial building storefronts (and some of which is used solely for storage) will boost the overall appearance of downtown. The creation of temporary walls inside of storefront windows will allow display spaces to be used for community promotions and events, such as local festivals, art shows, and school district and nonprofit events. Sight-screening will also enhance downtown pedestrian experiences by creating a comfortable and aesthetically pleasing environment.

**Encourage a Clean-up and Paint-up Program.** To create redevelopment activity and show progress immediately. Downtown Bishopville is generally a visually appealing place; however, some of the buildings and private properties show signs of neglect and blight. While the City of Bishopville is creating a well-funded facade program, merchants should encourage a CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP PROGRAM to begin immediately. Merchants should band together to remove trash and outdated signs and wash storefront windows, thus communicating the message that Bishopville businesses and property owners care about their downtown.



# Economic Development Strategies

## 6. Promote unique history, arts, culture and community assets and legends

Bishopville is fortunate to have a considerable number of historic National Register buildings, as well as unique cultural attractions. The Master Plan team discovered that Bishopville does not have an active history organization. Most communities have historic organizations that promote and support community development efforts, advocate for critical issues like downtown improvements, and create several annual history projects (e.g. house and garden tours or lectures). Bishopville should consider the creation of an historic Bishopville organization.

Tourism is a key factor in effective economic development and the community is home to many well-known artists, musicians, and sports heroes. The city of Bishopville and Lee County should support and promote its local stars to attract visitors to the town, including the following:

**Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden:** Known world-wide, Pearl Fryar's creation has been a destination for gardeners, artists, and tourists for more than 30 years. Fryars topiary is featured on travel and art websites, documentaries, and books. The topiary garden in Bishopville is regularly rated as one of the best topiary gardens world-wide. Bishopville should work with the Pearl Fryar Foundation to promote and maintain this gem.

**Museums:** The SC Cotton Museum, the Burton King Museum and the Lee County Veterans Museum are top attractions in Bishopville. The SC Cotton Museum celebrates the textile manufacturing history of South Carolina. The Burton King Museum honors the late Dalton Stevens who gained national attention for sewing and gluing buttons on everything from his suit to his car. The Burton King is featured in books, travel websites and appeared on national TV talk shows. The Veterans Museum and the recent addition of the newly refurbished Korean Era T-33 Shooting Star jet trainer create excitement in the downtown.

**Doc Blanchard:** The recipient of a Heisman Trophy and air force pilot is well celebrated with statues and memorials downtown. The new attraction of the T-33 jet trainer further honors this American Hero.

**Drink Small:** his famous American blues singer and guitarist from Bishopville has been widely celebrated in South Carolina. Small deserves recognition with a mural or creative music installation.

**Other Singers and Musicians:** Gwendolyn Bradley, an opera singer who has performed worldwide and Jim Nesbitt, a country music artist who became famous in the 1960s, highlight the many talents of Bishopville residents.

**The Lizard Man:** The strange creature from Scape Ore Swamp brings visitors to Bishopville in celebration of the Lizard Man Stomp annual celebration.





# Economic Development Strategies

## 8. Host a Training on Downtown Development Strategies and Incentives

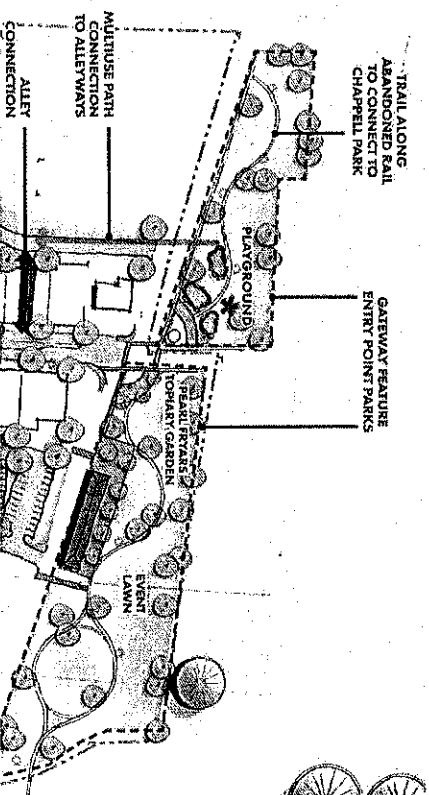
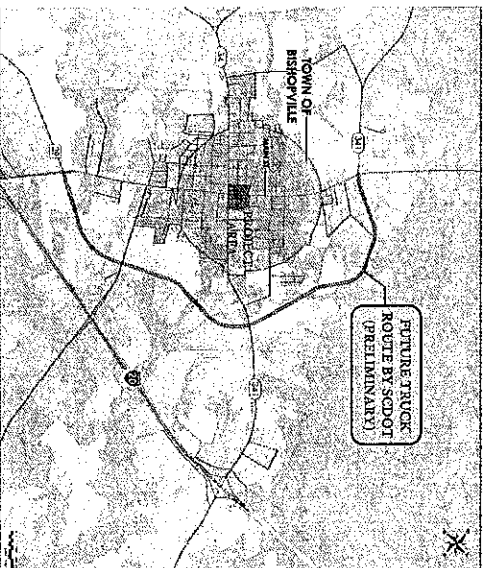
Training on potential tax incentives should be provided to developers and property owners. There are numerous tax incentives to spur historic preservation and economic development. Local, state, and federal tax credits, abatements, and grants can be layered to drive down the overall development cost of building restoration and historic rehabilitation. Some tax credits can be sold to be converted to equity to fund a project. Although tax credits can be complex, both City staff and developers who learn how to use these incentives can drive down costs and make redevelopment projects affordable and successful.

## 9. Study Alternatives for Truck Traffic

Main Street Bishopville has a large truck traffic through Main Street that creates loud noises, unpleasant smells, and unsafe streets for pedestrians. Bishopville has a responsibility to protect the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians, downtown property values, and downtown businesses, all of which are currently negatively affected by truck traffic. The city should initiate traffic calming procedures, including speed enforcement. While the city and county have worked with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and studied alternative truck routes, funding and eventual construction could be years away. Council may want to consider working with SCDOT to determine if an alternate truck route might help improve pedestrian safety, noise, and heavy traffic downtown.

## 10. Implement a Rails-to-Trails Project

An impactful tourist project could be the creation of a Rails-to-Trails program, public paths created from the former railroad corridors along Cedar Lane from Main Street to the Dennis Center can encourage physical activity and tourism such as biking, hiking, and others. Even a short trail will enhance the upcoming renovation of the Depot into activity and event space.





## Economic Development Strategies

### 11. Implement Creative Placemaking Projects

The city has the cultural and historic resources to elevate downtown revitalization through creative placemaking. Creative Placemaking is leveraging art and culture in tandem with great design to create a distinctive sense of place—culturally rich, engaging, and economically thriving. According to the Urban Land Institute Research Report, *Creative Placemaking: Sparking Development with Arts and Culture*, 2020, Creative Placemaking:

- is a proven accelerator for community revitalization
- highlights unique community characteristics
- brings people together to celebrate arts and culture and to inspire and be inspired – particularly socially and culturally diverse audiences
- can have a meaningful positive impact in low-income neighborhoods, along distressed commercial corridors, in struggling rural areas, and in other disinvested communities
- activate public spaces or create a short-term opportunity to connect residents around arts and culture
- is visible, welcoming and easily accessible
- provides opportunities to build relationships between diverse partners and to build positive change

Downtown Bishopville has excellent examples of creative placemaking: murals, the alley and the outdoor seating at Kool Treatz. The city needs to leverage more of its cultural assets to amplify creative placemaking such as Pearl Fryars topiaries, preserving the historic architectural character, infusing the musical heritage, celebrating the Lizard Man legend, and creating more places for people to gather downtown – more Third Places.

Third Places, as defined by Ray Oldenburg in *The Great Good Place* (1991), are where people go to be with other people, to socialize, to build community. First places are our homes. Second places are where we work or go to school. Third places are critical to establishing and sustaining a vibrant and sustainable downtown. Third Places, such as coffee shops, bookstores, parks, pubs, and restaurants, are creative placemaking and are essential to public and community life.

Creating more authentic places that celebrate Bishopville's culture and history will bring more people downtown to visit, shop, invest, socialize, walk, and have unique experiences. This will spur downtown revitalization.

According to *Restoring Prosperity*, a 2008 Brookings Institute Report:

*Strong leadership is essential.*

*Success requires vision and planning.*

*You're all in it together now.*

*Place matters - take advantage of it.*

**Creative Placemaking Matters.**

**Creative Placemaking = Authentic Prosperity.**

**"Regardless of how we get there,  
we have to have a there."**

Mayor Luke Giddings

*Successful communities capitalize on their distinctive, authentic assets – their architecture, history, natural surroundings, and home-grown businesses – rather than trying to adopt a new and different identity.*

*Creative placemaking enhances the placemaking dividend, which is, people stay longer, come back more often, and spend more money in places that attract their affection.*

Ed McMahon former ULI senior resident fellow

Charles E. Fraser Chair, Sustainable Development and Environmental Policy

## APPENDICES

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# Appendix A: Index of Catalyst Projects & Investments

Based upon the recommendations of this plan, the following table describes actions and projects with general timeframes following the adoption of this plan (listed on p.12, “Catalyst Projects and Investments”). The activities described are not listed in order of importance or magnitude and should be pursued as opportunities arise and reassessed periodically as circumstances change.

## Immediate (within 12 months)

| No. | Activity Description                                                                                         | Plan Reference                                                                                    |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Hire a full-time economic Main Street/Economic Development Director                                          | Economic Development Strategy No. 1 (p.30)                                                        |
| 2   | Invest in stabilization of the city-owned historic buildings on Main Street (grants + city funding)          | Economic Development Strategies No. 3 & 5 (p.31 & 32)                                             |
| 3   | Pursue four-way stop or other traffic calming intervention at the Main and Council Streets intersection      | Public Realm Improvements (p.25)                                                                  |
| 4   | Obtain easement/approval to develop the abandoned rail bed and open space                                    | Public Realm Improvements (p.25),<br>Economic Development Strategy No. 10 (p.36)                  |
| 5   | Formalize and strengthen regional partnerships: economic development, education, tourism                     | Policy Framework & Organizational Capacity (p.28)                                                 |
| 6   | Reinstate the Greater Bishopville Foundation                                                                 | Economic Development Strategy No. 1 (p.30)                                                        |
| 7   | Design and construct the alleys with connections to new parking areas behind Main Street buildings           | Public Realm Improvements: Alleyways (p.26)                                                       |
| 8   | Establish a maintenance and preservation program for the trees that line Main Street                         | Public Realm Improvements (p.25)                                                                  |
| 9   | Implement incentives program for stabilization and facade improvements for historic buildings on Main Street | Policy Framework and Organizational Capacity (p.28)<br>Economic Development Strategy No. 5 (p.32) |
| 10  | Host training on downtown development strategies and incentives                                              | Economic Development Strategy No. 8 (p.36)                                                        |

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### Short Term (1-3 years)

| No. | Activity Description                                                                                                                       | Plan Reference                                                                                          |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Design and construct the Depot Park, which will include a Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden Walk and the multi-use path (trails to trail project) | Public Realm Improvements: Depot Park (p.27)<br>Economic Development Strategies No. 10 & 11 (p.36 & 37) |
| 2   | Refurbish the Main Street medians with appropriate plantings or infill pavers                                                              | Public Realm Improvements (p.25)                                                                        |
| 3   | Confirm plan to reroute all truck traffic off Main Street and begin design phase of new route                                              | Economic Development Strategy No. 9 (p.36)                                                              |
| 4   | Create and implement new branding and wayfinding for downtown Bishopville                                                                  | Public Realm Improvements (p.25-27),<br>Economic Development Strategy No. 11 (p.37)                     |
| 5   | Complete stabilization of all city-owned historic buildings on Main Street                                                                 | Economic Development Strategies No. 3 & 5 (p.31 & 32)                                                   |
| 6   | Design and construct new Veterans Way parking lot                                                                                          | Public Realm Improvements (p.25)                                                                        |
| 7   | Work to become an Accredited Main Street Community                                                                                         | Economic Development Strategies No. 1 & 2 (p.30 & 31)                                                   |
| 8   | As city-owned buildings are stabilized, market buildings to developers and new businesses                                                  | Economic Development Strategies No. 3 & 5 (p.31 & 32)                                                   |

### Long Term (3-10 years)

| No. | Activity Description                                                                          | Plan Reference                             |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Construct and enforce new truck route                                                         | Economic Development Strategy No. 9 (p.36) |
| 2   | Design and construct new parking lot behind Main Street buildings on east side of Main Street | Public Realm Improvements (p.25)           |

# APPENDIX B: Common Programs Available for Downtown Revitalization

## Federal Programs

| Program Name                               | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit | Financial incentive provided by the Federal Government (administered by the National Parks Service and the Internal Revenue Service) to encourage preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Properties must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and not tax-exempt</li> <li>• Completion of a Historic Tax Credit Application</li> <li>• Additions to structures not typically eligible</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income Tax Credit equal to 20% of Qualified Rehabilitation Expenses</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Federal New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)      | Federal incentive program to stimulate economic development and job creation in low-income and economically distressed communities                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered through Community Development Entities (CDEs)</li> <li>• Commercial real estate must qualify as a business</li> <li>• Activity must create jobs, provide goods or services to low-income communities, foster minority ownership, create environmentally sustainable outcomes, or related impacts</li> <li>• CDE invests in the project as a loan or equity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income Tax Credit equal to 39% of the CDE's investment (over 7 years)</li> <li>• CDE provides owner/developer with interest-only loan for 20% of the project cost</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)   | Federal program competitively administered by the State of South Carolina to support a wide range of community development activities                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program must assist a low- and moderate-income population or census tract, or eliminate slum and blight</li> <li>• Economic development activities must support the creation or retention of jobs primarily for low- and moderate-income individuals</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds provided as a grant for a wide variety of community development activities and improvements</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Opportunity Zone                           | Federal program to encourage economic development and job creation in low-income communities by promoting the investment of unrealized capital gains                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity Zones are designated Census Tracts determined by the Governor or each state</li> <li>• Allows the creation of Opportunity Funds as a new class of investment, which invest in Opportunity Zone projects</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investors can defer tax on any prior gains in a Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) until the earlier of the date on which the investment is sold or exchanged, or December 31, 2026</li> <li>• If the QOF investment is held for 5+ years, they may receive a 10% step-up-in-basis for deferred gains</li> <li>• If the investor holds the investment in the Opportunity Fund for at least 10 year, the investor pays no capital gains on the appreciation</li> </ul> |

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### Federal Programs (continued)

| Program Name                                       | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Requirements                                                                                                                                   | Benefits                                                                                                                                                |
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| Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)            | Federal program to assist state agencies and local governments acquire, develop, and/or renovate outdoor recreation areas and activities                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property must be owned by applicant if request is a new park</li> <li>• 50% match required</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants range from \$50,000-\$300,000</li> <li>• In some instances, acquisition of land is supported</li> </ul> |
| 5 Star Wetland and Urban Waters Restoration Grants | Federal grant administered by the National Fish & Wildlife Federation and Wildlife Habitat Council to increase access to nonprofits, and educational institutions nature, reduce environmental hazards, and engage local communities (particularly underserved groups) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible applicants include governments, request is a new park</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants range from \$10,000-\$40,000</li> </ul>                                                                 |

South Carolina programs begin on next page

# APPENDIX B: Common Programs Available for Downtown Revitalization

## South Carolina Programs

| Program Name                             | Summary                                                                                                                                                                            | Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| South Carolina State Historic Tax Credit | Financial incentive provided in the South Carolina Code to encourage rehabilitation of historic properties by offsetting state corporate income tax                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property is eligible under the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit</li> <li>• Minimum investment of \$15,000</li> <li>• Limited to one structure every 10 years</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State income and insurance premium tax credit equal to 10%-25% of Qualified Rehab Expenses</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 |
| South Carolina Abandoned Building Credit | South Carolina financial incentive to promote the rehabilitation of abandoned or vacant buildings                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site must be 66% abandoned for five years</li> <li>• Must incur \$150,000 in eligible expenses for communities with a population 1000-25,000</li> <li>• Must send Notice of Intent to Rehabilitate to the municipality in which the site is located</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tax credit or property tax credit equal to 25% of expenses incurred at the site (taken over 3 years)</li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| Bailey Bill Property Tax Incentive       | Local incentive enabled by the State of South Carolina to grant special property tax assessments for rehabilitated historic properties or low- and moderate-income rental property | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner is rehabilitating a locally-recognized historic property</li> <li>• Proposed rehabilitation receives local approval through preliminary certification</li> <li>• Project incurs "minimum expenditure for rehabilitation" as determined by local government ordinance</li> <li>• Local government grants final certification for work complete and verification of expenditures</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property's tax valuation is frozen at the fair market value at the time preliminary certification is granted for a period of time determined by local ordinance (up to 20 years)</li> </ul>                           |
| Tourism Advertising Grant Program        | South Carolina program to promote festivals and events, attractions and destinations                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government must have an established tourism and marketing program</li> <li>• Either a 50% or 33% match is required, depending on the nature of the activity</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants range from \$3,000-\$100,000</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Multicounty Business Park Carolina       | Tool to promote economic development for downtown or commercial development, enabled by the State of South Carolina                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner counties (and municipality) negotiate with private developer for fee in lieu of taxes</li> <li>• Requires a partnership with at least two adjacent counties</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows targeted local and private investment into an areas, with tax revenues shared by partner governments</li> <li>• Fee in lieu of taxes can go toward public improvements to make the project possible</li> </ul> |

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## South Carolina Programs (continued)

| Program Name                                                       | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District                             | Tool available to municipalities to finance public improvements to revitalize an area that has become, or in danger of becoming, blighted.                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The municipality must define redevelopment project area and the conditions of blight or threat of blight</li> <li>The municipality must draft a redevelopment plan that describes the proposed projects to be pursued in the district</li> </ul>                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The municipality can incur debt for redevelopment activities, which are paid by future tax revenue from inside the district</li> <li>Public improvements made inside the district create value within the district over time</li> </ul> |
| South Carolina Recreational Trails Program (RTP)                   | Program administered by South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism under the Federal Highway Administration to create motorized and non-motorized recreational trails                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants recipient pays 100% of project cost, and receives reimbursement for up to 80%</li> <li>Utilized to construct new trails, trail heads, and trail side facilities (including acquisition of trail corridors)</li> </ul>                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants range from \$10,000 - \$100,000</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| South Carolina Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) | Program used to fund nonmotorized projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and coordinated through the South Carolina Department of Transportation through Federal Highway Administration Funds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant funding must be coordinated through a local Transportation management Area (typically a Metropolitan Planning Organization) for urban areas, or directly through SCDOT for rural and small urban areas</li> <li>20% local match required</li> <li>Utilized for on- or off-road non-motorized facilities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows local governments greater access to funds and technical assistance for sidewalk, trails, and bicycle-pedestrian projects as a mode of transportation</li> </ul>                                                                  |
| Capital Projects Sales Tax                                         | Voluntary 1% tax enabled by the State of South Carolina and used to fund specific local capital projects                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipality must be part of a participating county</li> <li>Specific projects and county participation must be approved by local voters</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source of funding for local-preference projects not otherwise funded by state or federal entities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            |
| Hospitality Tax                                                    | Voluntary tax of 1-2% on prepared meals, food, and beverages sold by local establishments to promote visitors                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds must be utilized for tourist-related buildings, cultural, recreational, and historic facilities, and advertising (or other facilities related to tourism-related activities)</li> <li>Must be approved by local voters</li> </ul>                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source of funding for local-preference projects not otherwise funded by state or federal entities to bring tax revenues from outside the community</li> </ul>                                                                           |

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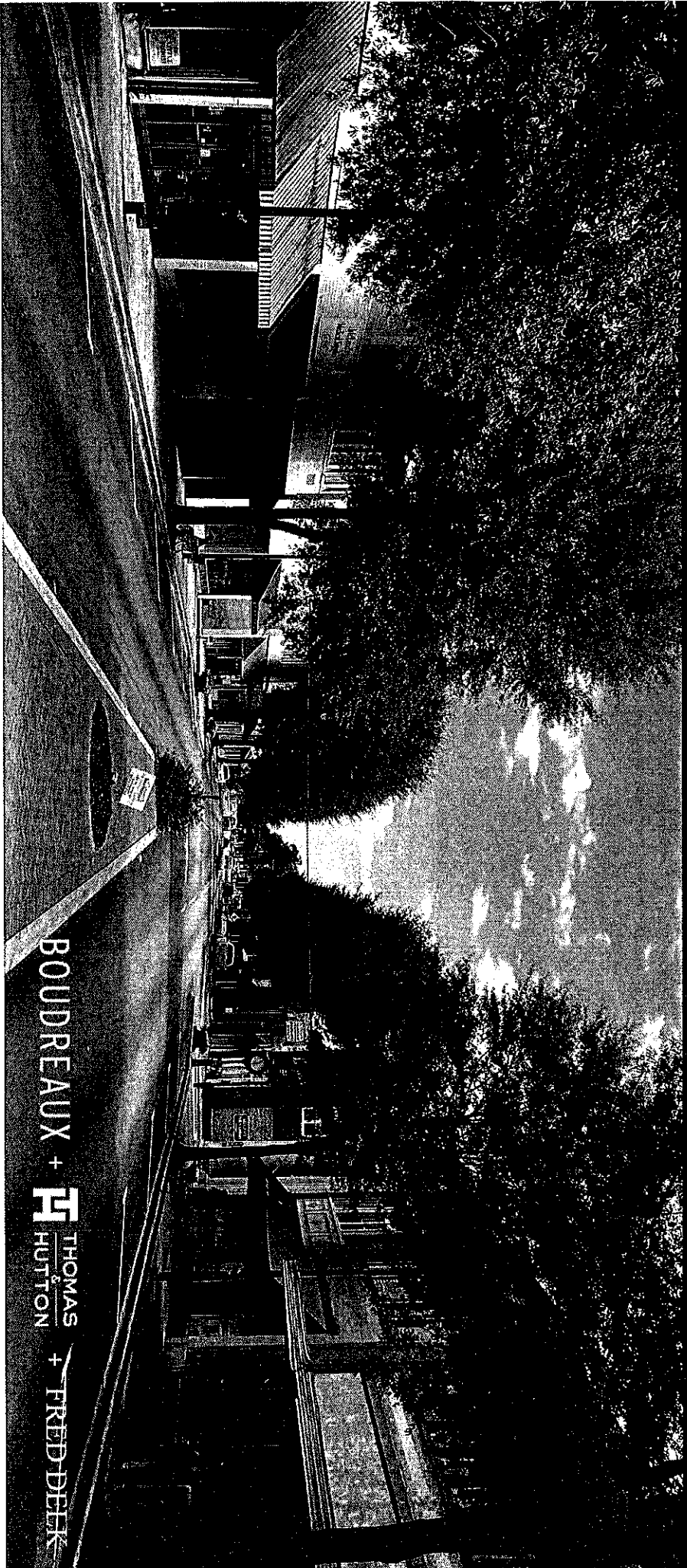
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| Accommodations Tax                           | Voluntary tax capped at 3% cumulatively between counties and municipalities on accommodations used to promote local tourism  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be utilized for activities to promote local tourism</li> <li>• Must be approved by local voters</li> <li>• May require a local advisory committee for distribution of funding</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source of funding for local-preference projects not otherwise funded by state or federal entities to bring tax revenues from outside the community</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Textile Communities Revitalization Credit    | Tool made available through the State of South Carolina for renovating, rehabilitating and redeveloping abandoned mill sites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A textile mill, together with the lands and other improvements ancillary to the operation must be at least 80% non-operational for a minimum of one year</li> <li>• Property owner must not have owned the site before it was abandoned</li> <li>• Property must not have previously received a textile mill credit</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The taxpayer rehabilitating the property can chose between two available tax credits:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Credit taken against state taxes (including income tax, license tax, or both, bank taxes, or insurance premium taxes) of 25% of eligible rehab expenses</li> <li>2) Property tax credit equal to 25% of eligible rehabilitation expenses multiplied by the local taxing entity ratio for each entity consenting to the credit</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |
| Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARF) | Noncompetitive statewide grant that funds public parks improvements                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds are distributed at the county level</li> <li>• Applicants may apply on a monthly basis</li> <li>• 20% match required but may be in-kind labor or equipment use</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards typically under \$20,000</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Undiscovered SC Grant Program                | Grant to assist in developing public attractions, including natural areas and renovating structures                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a local government with less than \$900,000 annually in Accommodations Tax</li> <li>• Projects cannot be otherwise eligible under PARF, RTP, or LWCF programs</li> <li>• 50% match required</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants range from \$50,000-\$200,000</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

# CITY OF BISHOPVILLE

## Downtown Master Plan

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**House Member Appropriation Request Form**

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Project /Event Name: Patriot Park Emergency Access Road and Parking

Requested Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Recipient Entity: Sumter County

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ state agency, ☒ local government, ☒ non-profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ other?

If **other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Gary M. Mixon Title/Position: County Administrator

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: gmixon@sumtercountysc.gov

Entity Website: www.sumtercountysc.gov County Location: Sumter

Summary of Intended Use of Funds: This project will construct a new roadway for emergency ingress and egress for Sumter County's largest recreational outdoor venue. Also construct a new parking lot to support various programmed activities for newly constructed amphitheater.

Justification of Request/ Public Benefit: Due to increase in program participation and amphitheater traffic pattern changes, new ingress and egress will be needed to support newly constructed amphitheater.

Keishan Scott  
Primary House Sponsor - Print Name

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Primary House Sponsor - Signature

Additional Sponsors:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



GARY M. MIXON  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Telephone: 803.436.2102

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*Sumter, South Carolina*  
29150

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
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May 12, 2026

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.  
525B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Sumter County Government is Requesting Approximated Earmarks from the South Carolina Budget of \$2,000,000.00 for an Emergency Access Road and Parking for Patriot Park.

Dear Representative Smith:

Patriot Park is the newest and largest recreation complex in Sumter County. Patriot Park was one of the Capital Penny Sales Tax projects built in 2008. It has an annual visitation rate of over 300,000 patrons. Sporting events such as baseball, softball, and soccer have been the primary sources for our programmed travel tourism. Other amenities such as a 4,000 sq. ft. pavilion are used for conferences and other social events. Passive activities such as a playground and the extensive 4-mile trail system have enhanced the quality of life for Sumter, Shaw Air Force Base, and surrounding counties.

Sumter County as a proud supporter of the Performing Arts, we are fortunate to have the Historical Sumter Opera House, Patriot Hall Auditorium, and the Sumter County Civic Center which are all indoor venues that have been successful in attracting quality entertainment for Sumter and surrounding areas. With the construction of the outdoor amphitheater travel capacity on the current General Drive, a one way in and out road system will not meet emergency access demands. A newly constructed road would not connect to Patriot Parkway but another adjacent road on the easter border of property, Loring Mill Road. The parking lot portion of the proposed project will allow for safe handicapped access for the large, programmed activities at the newly constructed outdoor venue.

Both projects would be slated to run concurrent with the final stages of the newly constructed amphitheater estimated to be spring 2027.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Mixon  
County Administrator

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February 12, 2026

Rep. Heath Sessions  
306B Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Rep. Sessions,

As Mayor of Rock Hill, I am proud to share our vision for the Marlie Center—an investment that will directly strengthen our local community while advancing opportunity across York, Lancaster, and Chester counties.

The Marlie Center represents far more than a new facility. It is a commitment to our people. Through strong partnerships with Winthrop University, Clinton College, Rock Hill School District, and York Technical College, the Center will expand access to education, workforce training, and career pathways aligned with the industries that are growing right here in our region. This means our residents - especially our young people - will have clearer, more accessible pathways to meaningful careers without having to leave home to find opportunity.

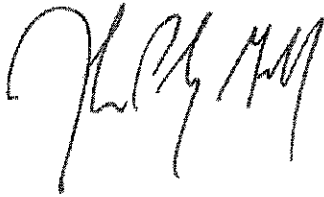
For Rock Hill's south side and other historically underserved neighborhoods, the Marlie Center will be transformative. By expanding access to education and workforce development resources, we will help bridge longstanding socioeconomic gaps and ensure that more families can participate in - and benefit from - our region's economic growth.

The Center will also serve as a powerful economic engine for our city. Conferences, performances, training programs, and regional events will generate new jobs, increase tourism, support small businesses, and stimulate activity in surrounding neighborhoods. Strategically located within Fountain Park, the Marlie Center will anchor this long-planned development and enhance property values while creating a vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike.

With nearly \$15 million already secured from private and corporate donors, the confidence in this project is clear. A \$5 million state investment will allow us to complete the funding necessary to move forward on this \$25-30 million civic investment and deliver lasting economic, educational, and community benefits for generations to come. Plans are being finalized this year, with the hopes of breaking ground in January 2027. Once construction starts, this should be a 2-year build.

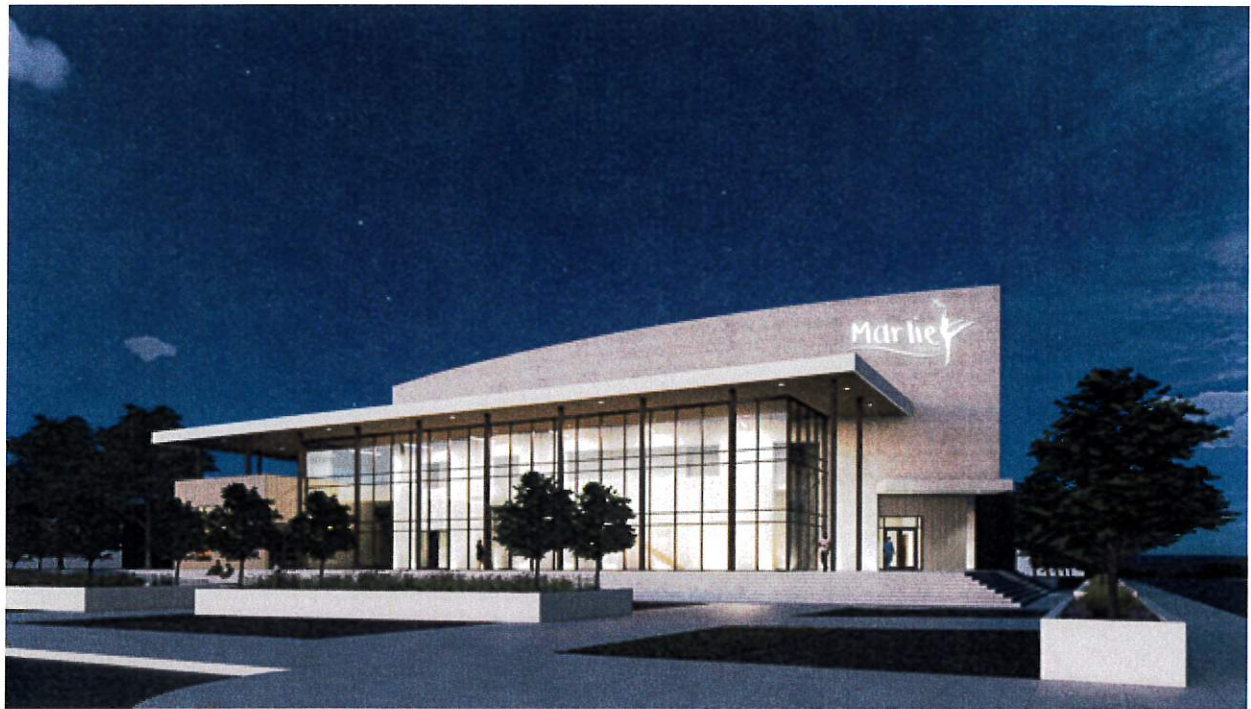
Rock Hill has always believed that competition, innovation, and opportunity belong here. The Marlie Center embodies that belief. I respectfully ask for your support in helping us bring this transformative project to life for the people of our community.

Sincerely,

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John P. Gettys, Jr.  
Mayor





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**City of Sumter**  
South Carolina  
29151

DERON L. McCORMICK  
CITY MANAGER

P.O. BOX 1449  
21 N. MAIN ST.  
(803) 436-2580  
(803) 436-2615 (FAX)

May 14, 2026

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.  
506 Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia 29201

RE: **Budget Requests**

Dear Speaker Smith:

The City of Sumter is requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget, for the following project:

***Lift Station Improvement: \$2,500,000***

This request seeks funds to complete upgrades at priority locations due to aging wastewater infrastructure. The completion of the upgrades will improve system reliability, protect public health, enhance worker safety, and reduce long-term maintenance costs. In addition, the overall wastewater system will be strengthened.

Our projected timeline indicates that this project will commence in August 2026 and be completed in August 2028.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Deron L. McCormick  
City Manager



## Lift Station Improvements





**House Member Appropriation Request Form**

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Project/Event Name: City of Sumter Police Department Equipment Funding

Requested Amount: \$ 1,700,000

Recipient Entity: City of Sumter Police Department

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ state agency, X local government, \_\_\_\_\_ non-profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ other?

If **other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Billy K. Floyd, Jr. Title/Position: Captain

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: bfloyd@sumtersc.gov

Entity Website: www.sumterpd.com County Location: Sumter

Summary of Intended Use of the Funds: Funds will be used to purchase Law Enforcement vehicles, software, and other equipment to improve public safety in the City of Sumter, South Carolina.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: The City of Sumter Police Department is requesting funding to purchase vehicles, software, and other equipment to provide for public safety in the city.

The funding will also be used to provide training and equipment to better prepare officers to serve the public. Funding will be used to replace vehicles that have reached their end of life.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional Sponsors:

Print Name: GM Smith

Signature: 

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





**SUMTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Russell F. Roark, III

*Chief of Police*

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January 27, 2026

The Honorable J. David Weeks  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
308D Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Weeks:

The City of Sumter Police Department respectfully requests \$1,700,000 in state appropriations to support the purchase of law enforcement vehicles, technology, and essential equipment to enhance public safety within the City of Sumter.

Funding for law enforcement vehicles will allow the department to replace units within an aging fleet that have reached or are nearing the end of their service life. Investment in newly developed software solutions will strengthen our investigative capabilities and assist in the swift and efficient resolution of both current and cold cases. Additionally, the requested funds will support officer training and the acquisition of critical equipment to ensure our personnel are properly prepared to serve the Sumter community safely and effectively.

All purchases supported by this appropriation would begin at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2026, and would be completed no later than June 30, 2027.

We appreciate your continued support of public safety initiatives and the men and women who serve our community. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

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Russell F Roark, III  
Chief of Police  
Sumter Police Department

**House Member Appropriation Request Form**  
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Project/Event Name: Water & Sewer Main Rehab including Plant Meters

Requested Amount: \$ 5,300,000

Recipient Entity: City of Sumter

The entity is a:      State Agency,   X   Local Government,      Non-Profit, or      Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Howie Owens Title/Position: Assistant City Manager

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: howens@sumtersc.gov

Entity Website: www.sumtersc.gov County Location: Sumter

Intended Use of the Funds: Rehabilitation of priority water and sewer mains and installation of effluent flow  
metering to improve system reliability, monitoring, and long-term infrastructure performance.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: Aging water and sewer mains require rehabilitation to reduce service  
disruptions, water loss, and inflow and infiltration while extending infrastructure life. Effluent metering enhances system monitoring and  
operational decision-making. Together, these improvements strengthen infrastructure reliability, support economic development  
and future growth, and help avoid more costly emergency repairs and replacements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Sumter**  
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May 14, 2026

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.  
506 Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia 29201

RE: **Budget Requests**

Dear Speaker Smith:

The City of Sumter is requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget, for the following project:

***Water & Sewer Main Rehab including Plant Meters: \$5,300,000***

This request seeks the rehabilitation of priority water and sewer mains to include the installation of effluent flow metering, which will improve system reliability, monitoring, and long-term infrastructure performance.

Our projected timeline indicates that this project will commence in July 2026 and be completed in July 2028.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Deron L. McCormick  
City Manager

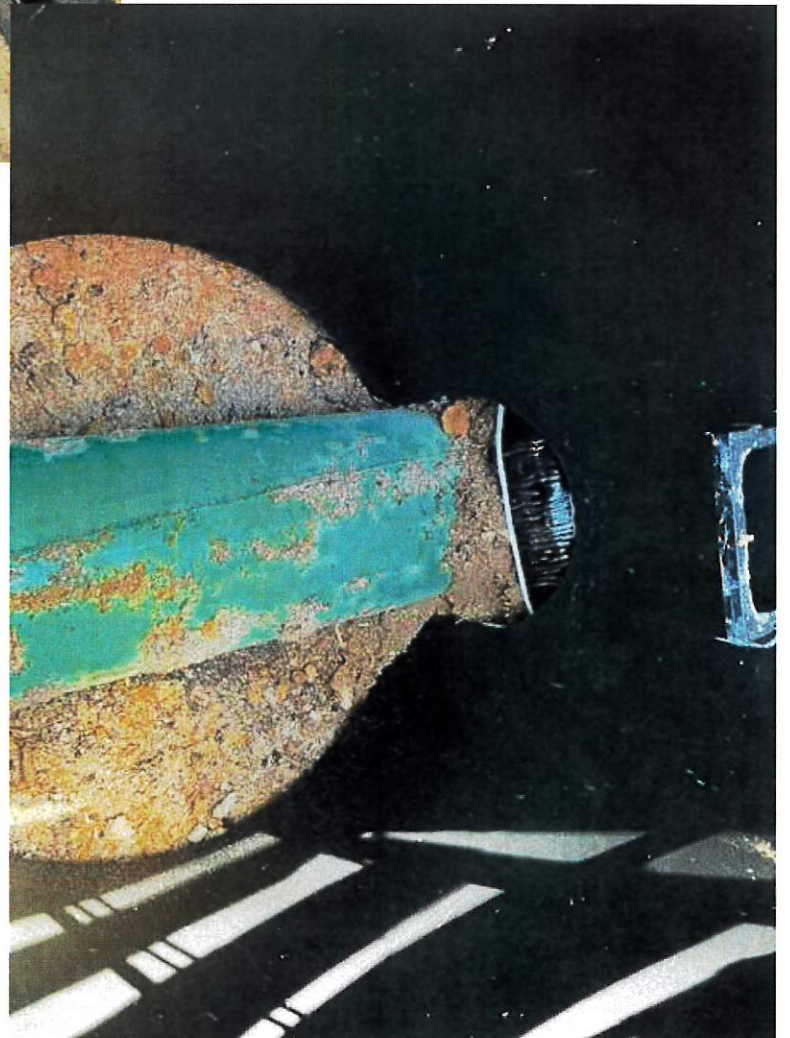


## Water and Sewer Line Rehab





## Water and Sewer Line Rehab





## Water Plant Metering

### **Water Plant Effluent Valve Sizes**

Plant 1 – 16” (front yard pit)

Plant 2 – 12” (pit behind back door)

Plant 3 – 16” (leaving elevated tank) 18” (coming from service pump room near old water meter)

Plant 4 – 16” (leaving service pump room)

Plant 5 – 16” (leaving service pump room)

Plant 6 – 16” (leaving service pump room)

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Sumter County Airport Terminal

Requested Amount: \$ 2.5 M

Recipient Entity: Sumter County

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Gary Mixon Title/Position: County Admin

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Website: sumtercountysc.gov County Location: Sumter

Intended Use of the Funds: see attached...

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: airport terminal bldg rend

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: G Murrell Smith Signature: Samuel Lutz

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**GARY M. MIXON**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**  
Telephone: 803.436.2102

*Sumter County*  
*Sumter, South Carolina*  
29150

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
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May 11, 2026

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.  
525B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Sumter County Government is Requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget of \$2,500,000 for the Sumter Airport Terminal Building Renovation.

Dear Representative Smith:

The Sumter Airport (KSMS) is an important economic development asset for Sumter County. Many people use our airport to visit local sites which compete for new industries and expansions of existing industries. The terminal building is the first impression of the City of Sumter and Sumter County for many people who arrive by private plane. The airfield itself has an available 5,500-foot asphalt runway and a new ramp, but the terminal building is in dire need of renovation.

In 1987, Hurricane Hugo removed all the original 1956 Mid-Century Modern terminal building except for its steel components. The 1992 renovation and expansion covered the original flat roof and HVAC equipment so the steel roof supports remained. Removing the remnants of the 1956 building and opening the floor plan will meet existing and future pilot and passenger activity, will allow for the latest technological features and will maximize energy efficiency and improved user access and communications. Also, the design exudes a pro-business image and includes modern amenities that will enhance the competitiveness of the County and the region to attract industry, resulting in more and higher paying jobs.

Sumter Airport activity has transitioned over the past 20 years from recreational to commercial, generating updated passenger and crew needs and expectations including LED lighting, high-speed internet, enhanced security and after-hours access for professional air crew. The designed layout will be reconfigured to meet existing and future activity.

The designed renovation project will bring the building up to current energy efficiency standards. All uncovered building insulation will be inspected and replaced as needed to meet Grade I standards, new high efficiency HVAC systems, LED lighting, occupancy sensors, and clerestory window daylighting. Also, the renovations include improvements that bring the building up to current ADA and ICC A117.1 accessibility standards. It provides barrier free access from the runway and the street side into the building. Restrooms, drinking fountains and shower meet ADA. ADA compliant vending machines and kitchen appliances are used. Kitchen cabinets and work-surface meet ADA standards.

Representative G. Murrell Smith  
March 11, 2026  
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If approved the projected timeline to begin construction is November 2026 with a 10-month completion date. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Gary M. Nixon  
County Administrator

Enclosure: Designed Sumter Airport Terminal Floor Plan



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RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO  
SUMTER AIRPORT  
TERMINAL BUILDING  
2045 AIRPORT ROAD  
SUMMER, SC 29153

25007

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|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| DATE         | 10/1/11                                                       |
| BY           | W.D.                                                          |
| CHECKED BY   | H.A.                                                          |
| DATE         | 10/1/11                                                       |
| PROJECT NO.  | 25007                                                         |
| PROJECT NAME | RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO SUMTER AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING |
| CLIENT       | SUMTER AIRPORT AUTHORITY                                      |
| LOCATION     | 2045 AIRPORT ROAD, SUMMER, SC 29153                           |
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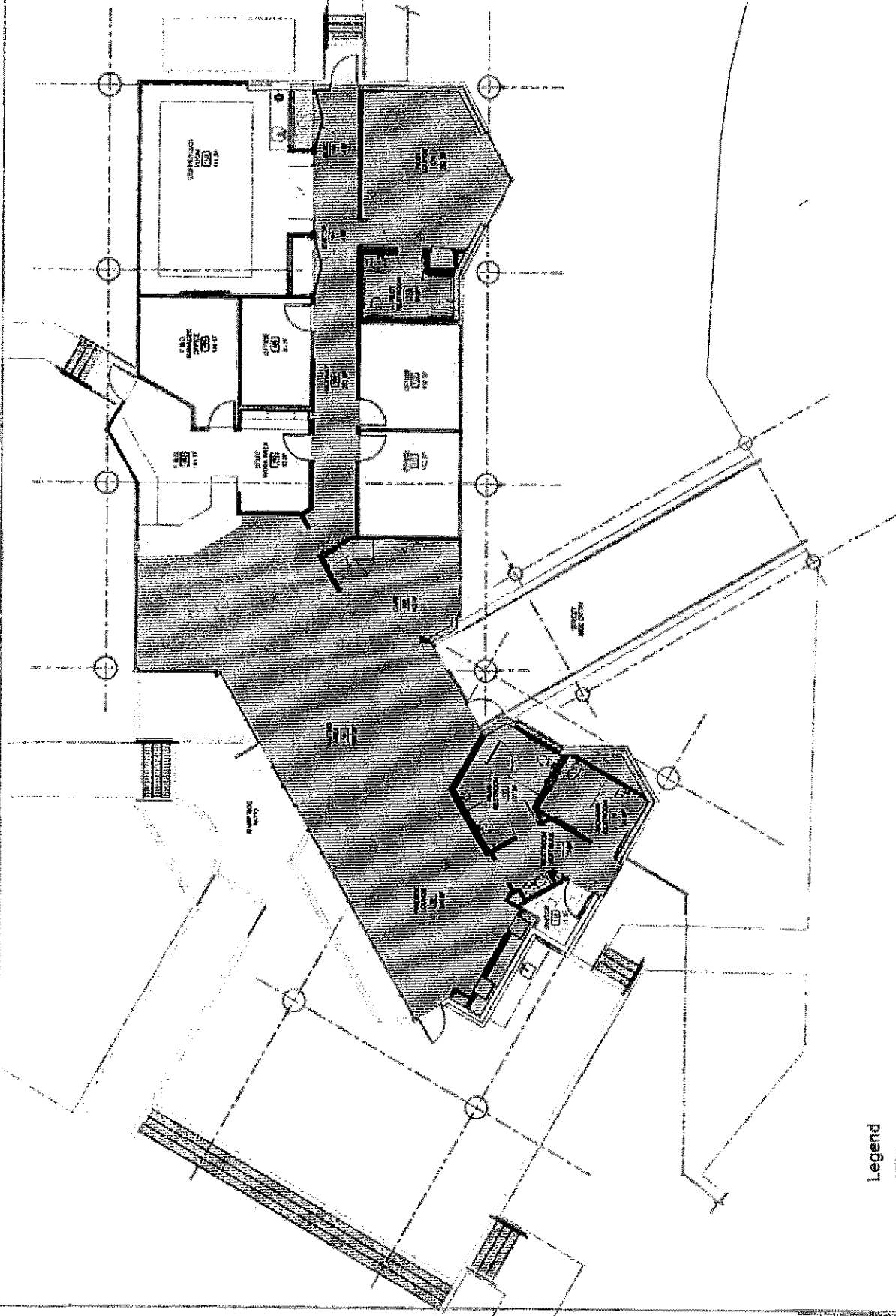
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## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \$ \$974,000

Recipient Entity: Sumter County Sheriff's Office

The entity is a: \_\_\_\_\_ State Agency, X Local Government, \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Gwen Herod Title/Position: staff

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: gherod@sumtercountysc.gov

Entity Website: sumtersheriff.org County Location: Sumter

Intended Use of the Funds: Equipment and security needs

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: 3 dimensional crime scene device, Expansion of forensics lab,  
upgraded security for office, detention center, and training center; charging lockers, expansion of drone program  
creation of "Real Time Crime Center", fortified entrances and exits for the shooting range, digital storage.

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: GM Smith Signature: A. Murrell Smith

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANTHONY DENNIS, SHERIFF

Mr. Marc Truesdale  
Budget Director  
South Carolina House Ways and Means Committee

Re: Appropriation Request from Sumter County Sheriff's Office

Dear Mr. Truesdale:

Attached please find our request for funding for Fiscal Year 26/27. Please contact either myself or Gwen Herod of my Office (803-972-4288) with any questions or concerns. We will be happy to provide any further information you or your office may need.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of our County with the services these funds will allow us to offer.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Dennis".

Anthony Dennis  
Sumter County Sheriff

SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
Physical Address: 1281 NORTH MAIN STREET SUMTER, SC 29150  
Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 430 SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29151 0430

- **3 Dimensional Crime Scene Device:** This unit would be used at all major crime scenes. It is calibrated and would map the scene taking any guess work out of diagramming the scene. This would prove very helpful in not only the investigation of the major crimes, but also in presenting the evidence to a Jury. We hear from Juror members all the time how they want to see state of the art evidence in order to convict. As we are striving to prosecute more of our violent crimes in a timely manner through the efforts of the Third Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Attorney General's Office, this would prove to be a valuable tool. We would willingly assist other jurisdictions within the Third Judicial Circuit by responding to their major crimes with this tool upon their request. Cost of Unit: **\$77,500.00**
- **Expansion of our Forensics Lab:** We have recently brought on a full time chemist and are currently turning around our drug testing around within 90 days. If there is a request to expedite, we are turning that around within 30 days. We are currently accepting cases from all agencies within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit. Prior to this, we were waiting over a year for results. We are requesting a new set of balances and lab x software. This would be used to show the validity of each test when called to testify. We would also like to secure an FTIR. This would be critical in identifying powder compounds which would significantly impact our ability to identify fentanyl, methamphetamines, and differentiate between cocaine and cocaine based drugs. Cost: **\$130,000.00**
- **Upgraded Security for the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, and the Training Center:** Unfortunately, there is always a threat to both of our facilities. People walk in off of the street and ask to speak to someone and are ushered through the Sheriff's Office. The dangers of this was recently highlighted when a disgruntled man came several times to our office asking to meet with the Sheriff. Shortly after, he killed two people. These funds would allow us to place a metal detector in our front lobby, update video security with remote access, and provide security fencing. This would protect the citizens within our buildings and the men and women working. Cost: **\$290,000.00**
- **Charging Lockers:** As you know, we are having to analyze phone data in most every major case we investigate. In order to do these analysis, we must keep the seized phones charged until the analysis can be done. We need a charging locker in our evidence room that would serve this purpose while keeping the phones in evidence secure. Cost: **\$1,000.00**
- **Expansion of our drone program:** We recently found a body submerged in a vehicle of a person who has been missing for 7 years. This was done by an outside agency who came and brought their "underwater drone". This drone can be put in the body of water and monitored while searching the area of water. This traditionally is done by a dive team and exposes members of the team to many injuries and bacteria. This method is much more effective and removes the dangers. We believe this program would be used quite often in missing person cases and also in responding in a timely manner to tips we often get from the public concerning these cases. We, of course, would assist all agencies in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit when

requested. This would lead to solving more of these cases in an expeditious manner. Cost: **\$18,000**

- Creation of a “Real Time Crime Center”. Our Intelligence Unit has the space and is capable of now monitoring this Center. This would allow us to map all current calls and crime trends and monitor cameras placed throughout the county. This is state of the art technology that would increase our arrests of violent offenders. We are looking to buy the equipment and the necessary interfacing software. Cost: **\$192,000.00**
- Providing entrances and exits and security measures to include fencing for our shooting range. We continue to move forward with this project and anticipate it being a great asset to not only our training efforts but also the other agencies within our Judicial Circuit. Cost: **\$141,000.00**
- Securing CJIS compliant digital storage with sharing capabilities: This funding would allow us to store our ever expanding digital evidence. It would also provide us an avenue to share the evidence with prosecuting entities. As our crime rate has grown, we not only need to share our files with our local Solicitor’s Office, but also with the Attorney General’s Office and various Federal investigative and prosecuting agencies. More and more many of our major cases involve not only multiple South Carolina jurisdictions, but also other States with Federal agencies becoming involved. This technology would provide a secure, CJIS compliant method to store and share this evidence. Cost: \$124,000.00

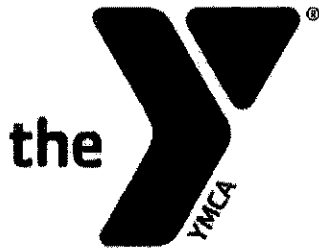
**TOTAL REQUEST:**

**\$973,500.00**

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**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Representative Murrell Smith,

04/15/2026

For more than 100 years, the YMCA of Sumter has provided safe, caring environments, positive role models, and enriching programs for children and families throughout Sumter, South Carolina. Our commitment to this community is unwavering, and we are seeking opportunities to address the growing childcare crisis facing working families in our region.

The YMCA is the nation's leading provider of youth development and childcare programs, with a long-standing reputation for quality, safety, and accountability. YMCA childcare programs adhere to rigorous standards for staff training, curriculum, and facility safety while emphasizing school readiness, social-emotional development, and healthy growth. Because childcare is essential to families and the workforce, improving access to affordable, high-quality care is critical to South Carolina's economic health.

The YMCA of Sumter has a proven track record of serving families across income levels and operating programs trusted by parents, employers, and community partners. The proposed Child Development Center will accept South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) childcare vouchers and expand access to scholarships for low- and middle-income families, ensuring affordable, high-quality care for working parents who rely on dependable childcare to remain employed. The YMCA will meet and exceed all state-required licensing and staff training standards while implementing enhanced safety protocols, including Praesidium abuse prevention training and certification. These measures provide comprehensive staff screening, clear reporting procedures, and proactive risk management practices that reflect the YMCA's strong commitment to child safety.

The YMCA Child Development Center will strengthen the local workforce by partnering with Morris College and the University of South Carolina to create internships and workforce development opportunities. These programs will provide students in education, child development, and related fields with hands-on training aligned with their academic coursework and clear pathways to full- or part-time employment after graduation. By expanding licensed childcare capacity for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, the center will help address workforce shortages in early childhood education and retain local talent. The project will also remove childcare barriers for working families, supporting stable employment and meeting the needs of employers, including those connected to the local military installation and key industries.

The center will serve up to 140 children annually, ages six weeks through five years, with affordable, high-quality care and create approximately 30–40 full- or part-time jobs. Providing reliable childcare for military, industry, and community-based working families will enable parents to maintain stable employment and support local employers by improving workforce reliability and retention. Additionally, the center will enhance early childhood development and school readiness while reducing financial and emotional stress on working families.

We appreciate your continued leadership and support of initiatives that strengthen families and invest in our workforce. With your funding support, we plan to begin this construction on the Child Development Center in 2027 and complete it no later than December 31, 2028.

Sincerely,

Missy Corrigan, CEO

YMCA of Sumter

[mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org](mailto:mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org)

803-774-2499

510 Miller Road Sumter, SC 29150

**Organization:** YMCA of Sumter

**Tax ID:** 57-0314417

**Project Title:** Sumter YMCA Child Development Center – New Construction

**Project Request Amount:** \$3,995,000

**Recipient Name:** YMCA of Sumter

**Recipient Address:** 510 Miller Road Sumter, SC 29150

**Recipient Contact:** Missy Corrigan 803-774-2499 mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org



**Project Purpose:** The purpose of this request is to fund the construction of a new YMCA Child Development Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to address the growing need for safe, reliable, and affordable childcare for working families. The proposed center will serve children ages six weeks through five years old, providing critical early childhood care during the years when care options are most limited, yet most essential for working parents. Childcare is an essential workforce infrastructure. Parents cannot maintain stable employment without dependable care for their children, and employers cannot sustain productivity or retention when workers lack access to childcare. This project will expand licensed childcare capacity for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, support workforce participation, and provide high-quality early childhood development services that strengthen families and the local economy.

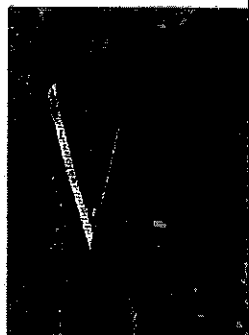
**Project Justification:** Work does not function without childcare. When families lack access to reliable care, parents face job loss, reduced hours, burnout, and economic hardship. These challenges reduce productivity, destabilize households, and negatively impact employers and the broader economy. Children's well-being and parents' ability to earn are directly tied to the availability of quality childcare. A recent report, conducted by the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation with the SC Chamber of Commerce and SC Department of Social Services, reveals that childcare shortages and high costs force many South Carolina parents to miss work or quit jobs - severely impacting businesses and state tax revenue. South Carolina faces a significant shortage of licensed childcare capacity. Many communities are classified as childcare deserts, where the number of children far exceeds available childcare slots. The majority of young children in South Carolina live in households where all available parents are in the workforce, increasing demand for full-day, dependable care. Sumter's growing population of working families, including military-connected households and service-sector workers, has intensified demand for childcare. Existing providers cannot meet current or projected needs, making state-funded investment necessary to support workforce stability and economic growth.

**Community and Economic Impact:** The YMCA Child Development Center will have clear, measurable outcomes and broad community impact. Upon completion, the center will:

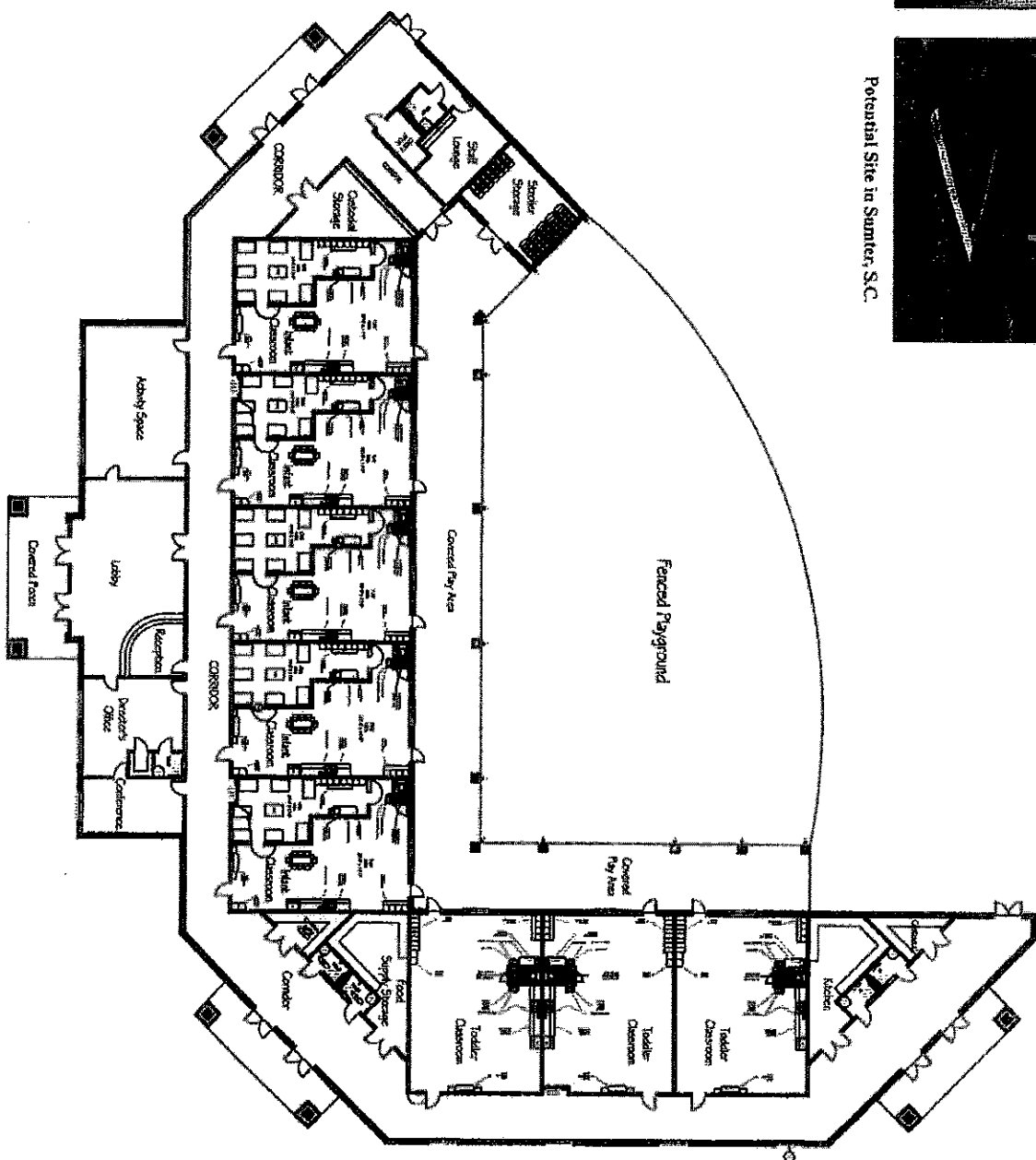
- **Increases Workforce Participation:** By providing reliable, affordable childcare for up to **140 children annually**, the center removes a major barrier to employment, enabling parents to enter or remain in the workforce and strengthening the regional labor supply in Sumter.
- **Strengthens Economic Competitiveness:** Access to licensed childcare is a key factor in business recruitment and retention. Expanding childcare capacity supports the region's continued economic growth and helps attract new employers to South Carolina.
- **Creates and Sustains Local Jobs:** The project will generate approximately **30–40 full- or part-time positions**, contributing to job creation while expanding professional opportunities within the early childhood education sector.
- **Builds a Workforce Development Pipeline:** Strategic partnerships with Morris College and the University of South Carolina will provide internships and experiential learning opportunities, creating a pipeline of trained early childhood professionals and retaining skilled graduates within the community.
- **Supports Military, Healthcare, and Industry Workforce Needs:** Reliable childcare allows families connected to military, healthcare, manufacturing, and other essential industries to maintain stable employment, improving workforce reliability and reducing turnover for regional employers.
- **Generates Long-Term Economic Return:** Investments in high-quality early childhood education are widely recognized for producing strong long-term returns through improved school readiness, higher graduation rates, and a more skilled future workforce that strengthens the regional economy.



Example of a Similar YMCA Center



Potential Site in Sumter, S.C.



Facility Size: 12,000 S.F.  
 Classrooms - 8  
 Classroom Size: 900 - 1,000 Each  
 Bathrooms - 1 in each Classroom  
 Office - 1  
 Greeter Desk - 1  
 Outdoor Playground - 1  
 Indoor Activity Area - 1  
 Estimated Cost - \$3,985,000

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**A Proposed Early Childhood Center for:  
 The Sumter Family YMCA, Sumter, S.C.**

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**MAYOR PRO TEM**  
KEVIN HEDGPETH  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**  
AMANDA COLVIN-SHEA  
TIM CROWLEY  
MIKE DYSON  
MICHAEL SALLY  
ADAM SPURLOCK

Date: February 24, 2026  
To: The Honorable Mark Smith, South Carolina House of Representatives  
Jill Brantley, Legislative Affairs Manager, South Carolina House of Representatives

Subject: City of Hanahan Splash Pad

Dear Representative Smith,

The City of Hanahan has always been defined by heart — neighbors who know one another, children riding bikes down familiar streets, and families gathering in our parks. As our community grows, so does the need for meaningful, healthy, and affordable spaces that bring us together.

One thing our city currently lacks is a public place to cool off during our long South Carolina summers. While a traditional pool is costly to build, staff, insure, and maintain, there is a practical and lasting solution: a splash pad.

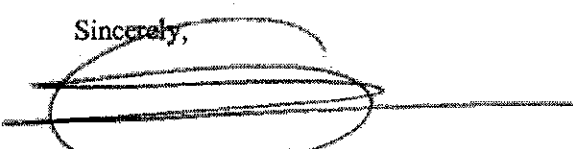
The proposed splash pad is estimated at \$948,771, with construction anticipated to begin in Fall 2026 and completion projected for Spring 2027. The 45' by 85' recirculating system will provide all the fun of water play without the heavy operational and safety burdens of a pool. With no standing water, reduced liability, automated systems, and lower maintenance costs, it is a responsible investment for our city.

More importantly, this splash pad will be inclusive — designed to bring together people of all ages and abilities in a world of fun, learning, and sensory exploration. It will feature three age-appropriate zones: a gentle activity zone for infants and toddlers, a universal zone for all ages, and a dynamic zone designed for older children. It will be a welcoming space where grandparents watch grandchildren play, where families gather, and where every child — regardless of background — has a safe place to cool off.

For Hanahan, this project is more than recreation. It is an investment in families, in connection, and in community pride. While we may not sustain a pool, we can build something beautiful, practical, and lasting.

A splash pad would not just add water to our parks — it would add life.

Sincerely,



Mayor Christie Rainwater  
City of Hanahan, SC

Enclosure://



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This project is entirely located in the City of Hanahan located in the State of South Carolina.



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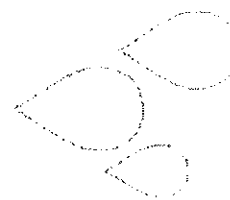
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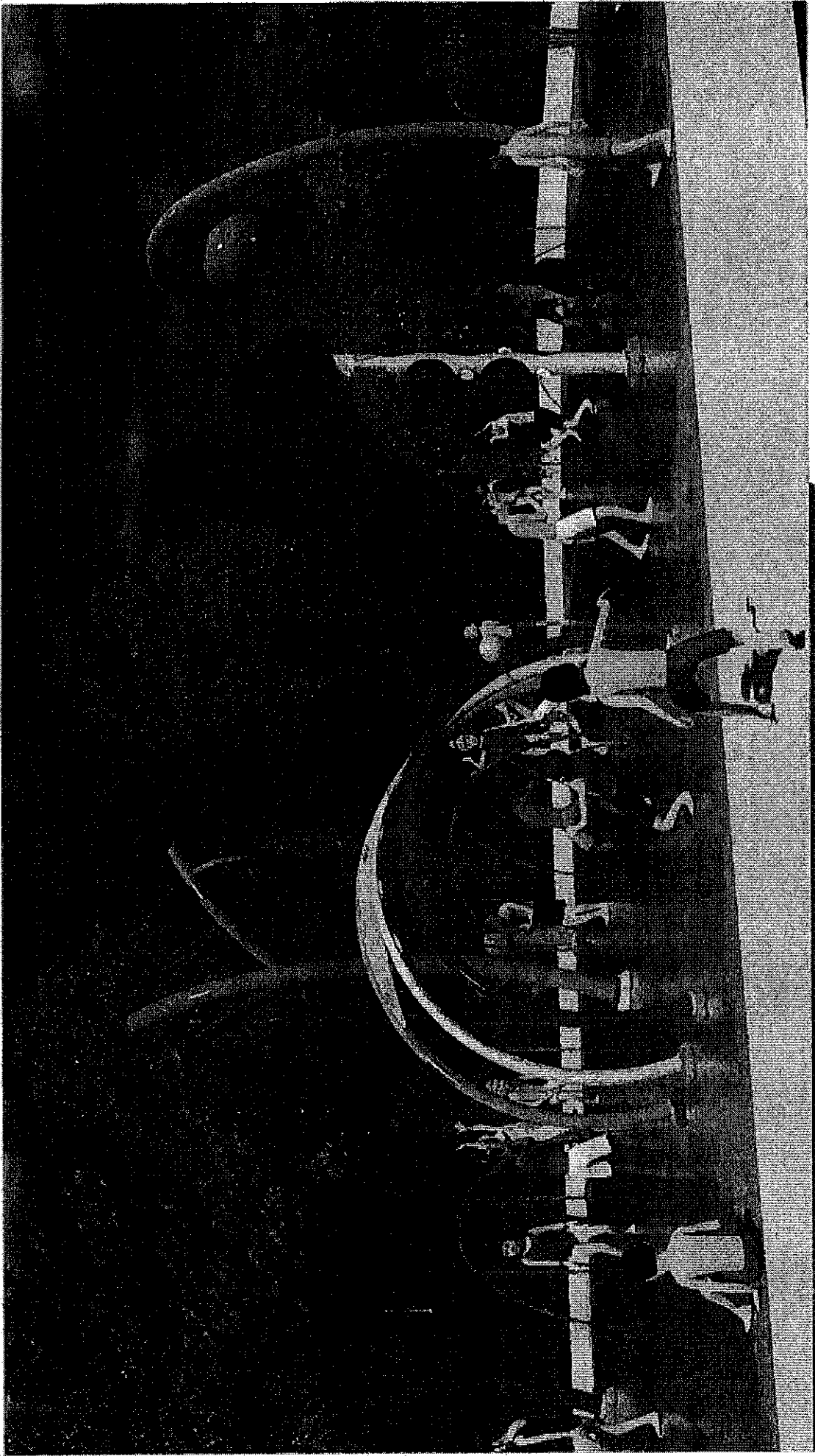
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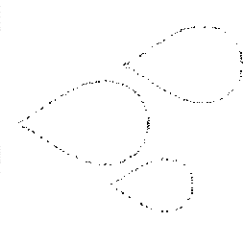
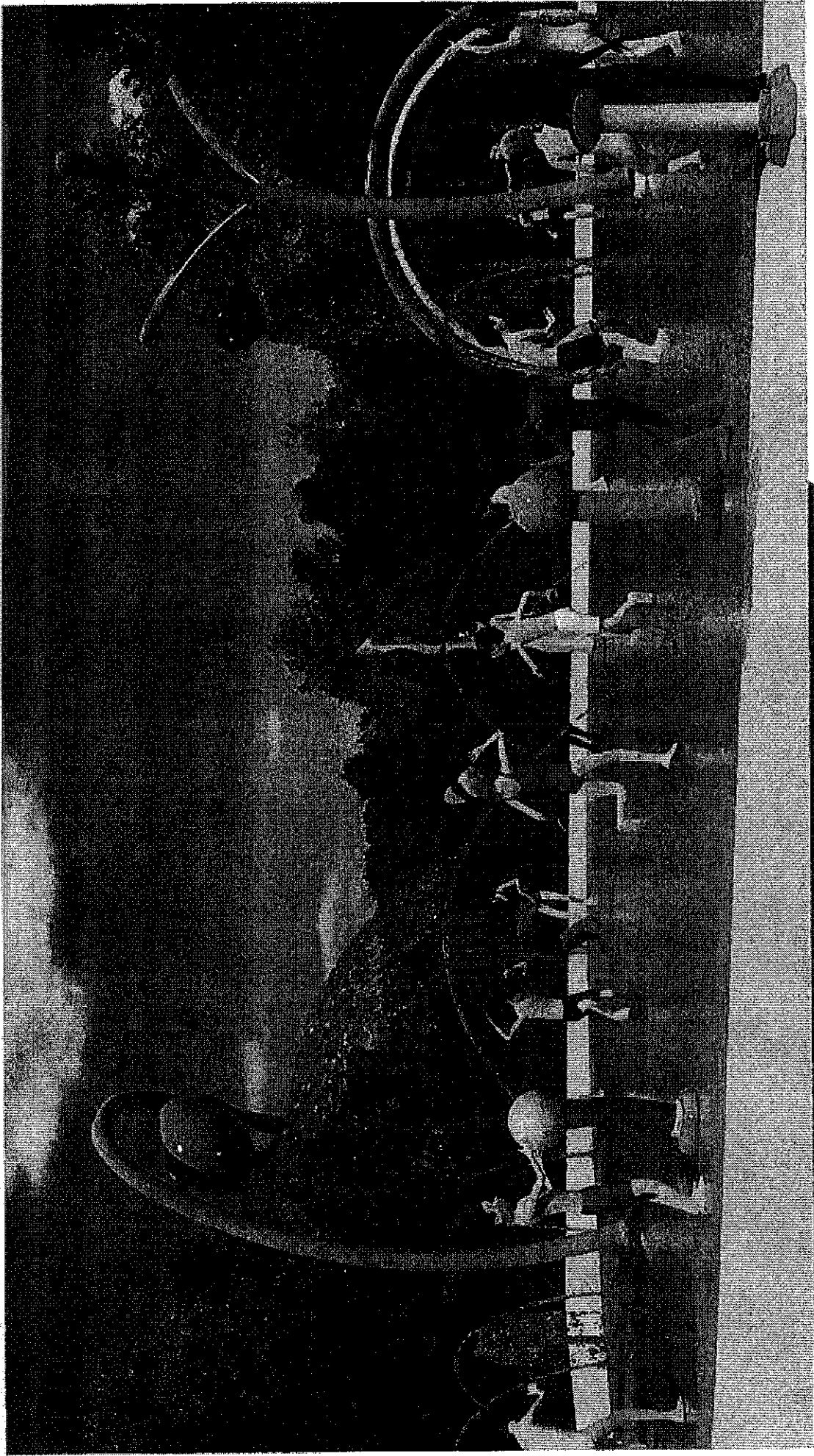
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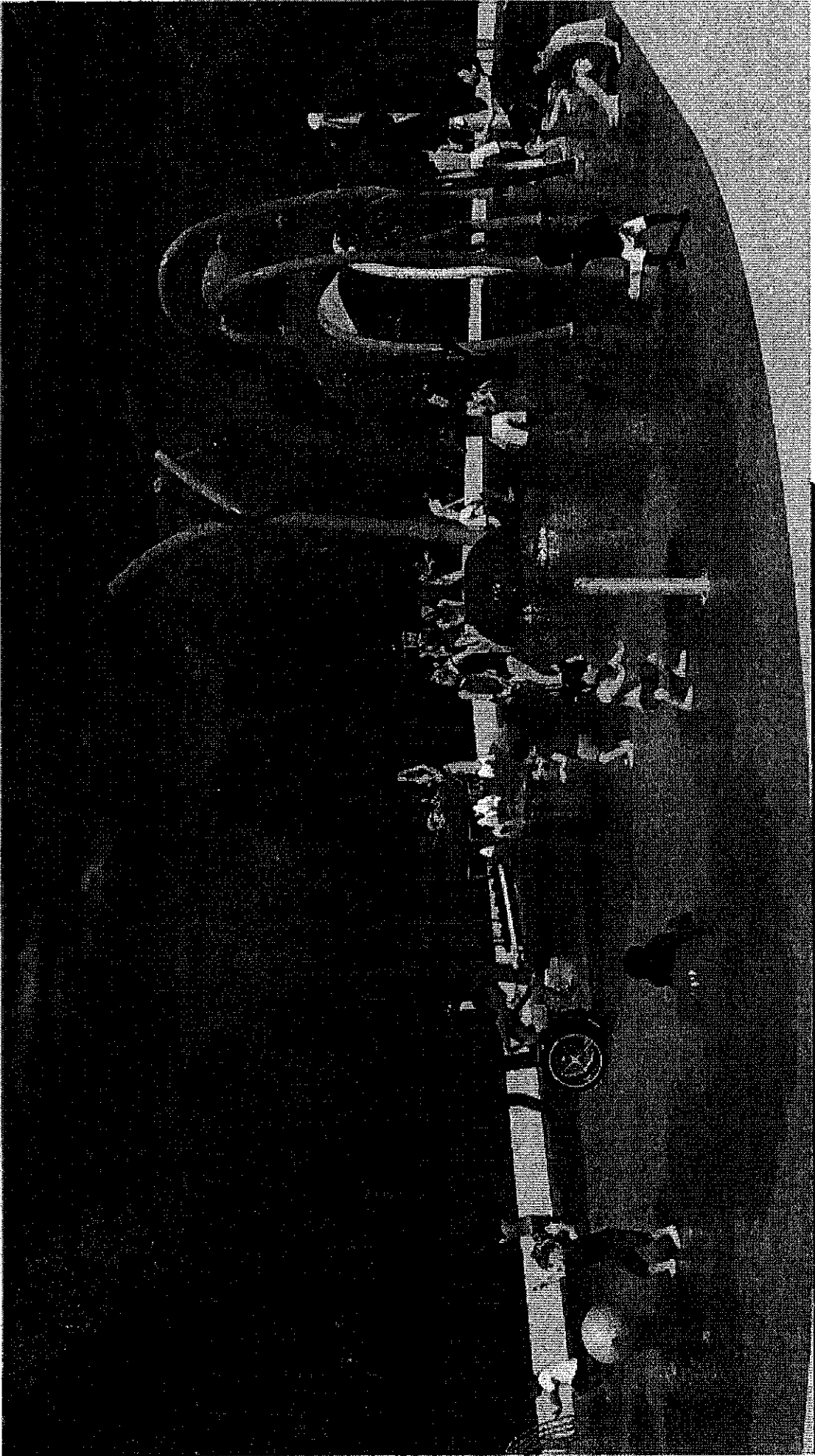
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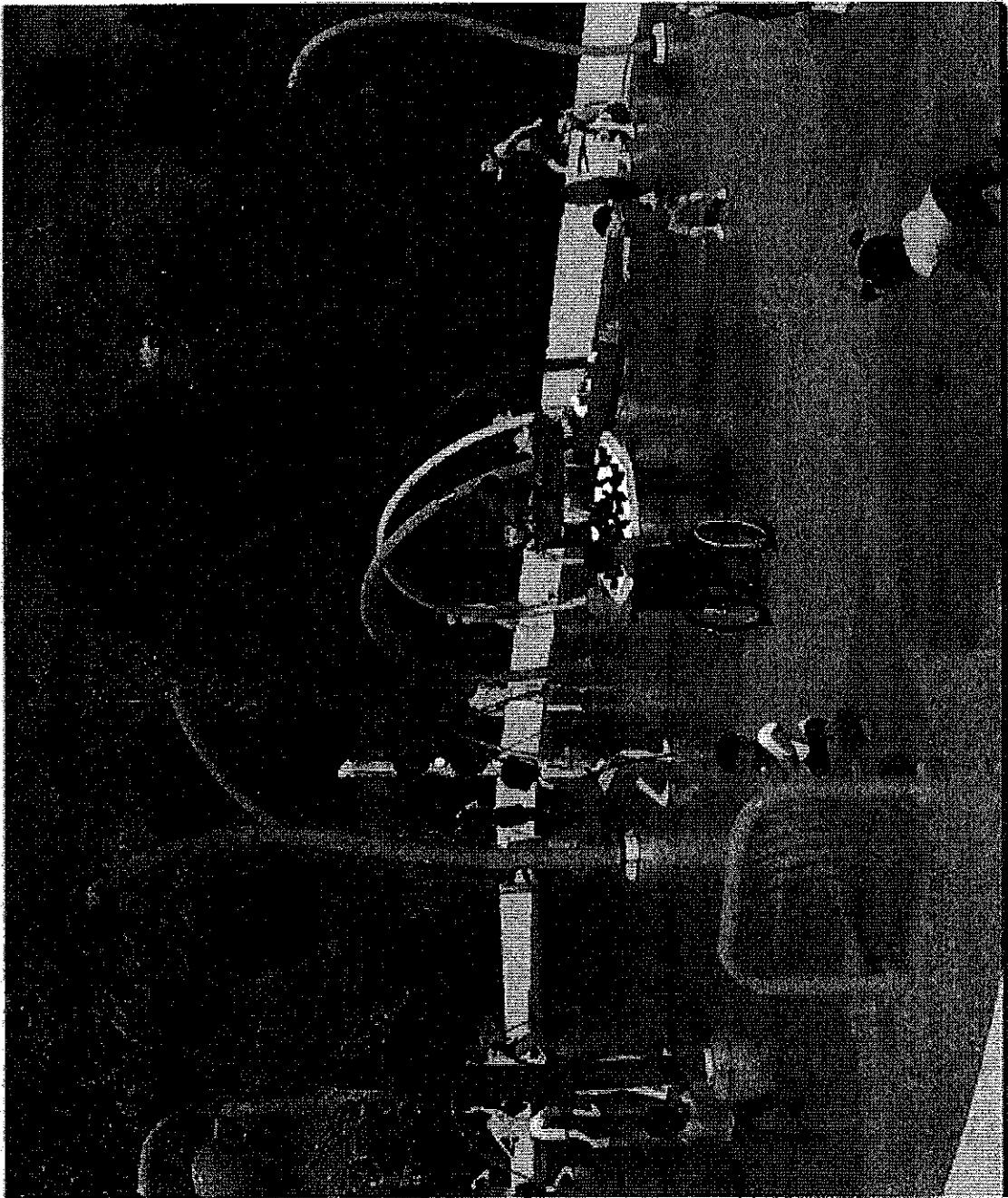
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## INCLUSIVE PLAY HIGHLIGHTS

**W**ater, being naturally inclusive, combined with splash play bring together people of all ages and abilities in a world of fun, learning and sensory exploration. Aquatix innovative water features allow for hands-on education tailored to every development stage.

The designers at Aquatix work to deliver an educational, exploratory design that encourages physical and social development, with the ability to grow confidence while engaging in the play elements around them. This inclusive approach not only enhances community connection but also ensures there's something for everyone, making it a vibrant hub for social interaction, relaxation and unforgettable memories.

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## Learning to enjoy texture and water

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- a separation of fissures close to dammer and dry zones
- ensure easy soil absorption and interaction

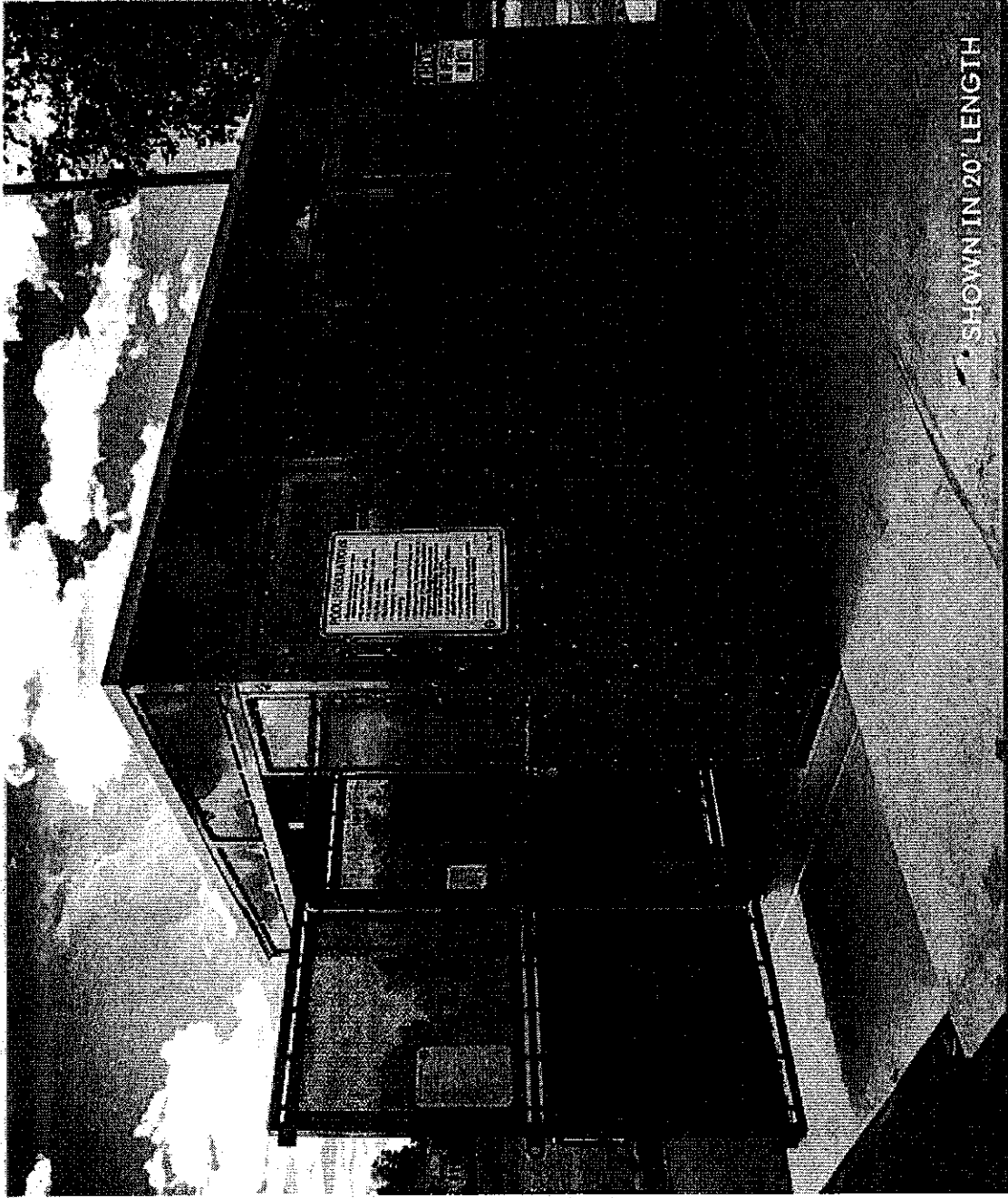
### Variety of structures for the whole family

- Unique water formations pour, dump, spray, wiggle, launch and spin
- Combines ground spray and structures for all ages
- Centrally placed in splash pad and often a transition zone from Gentle activity to Dynamic

## Continual excitement and interaction

- High Volume, highly interactive spray features and Comb N Play structures
- Combination of sprays and structures
- Placement of features close to perimeter and dry zones ensuring easy adult supervision and interaction

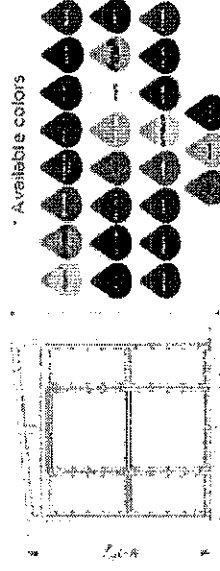
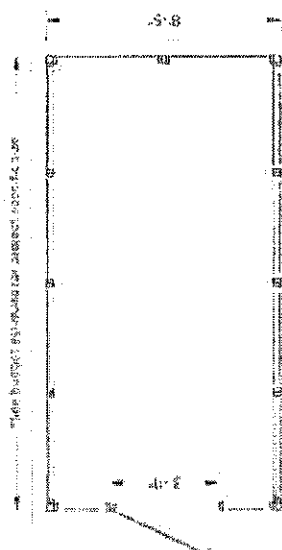
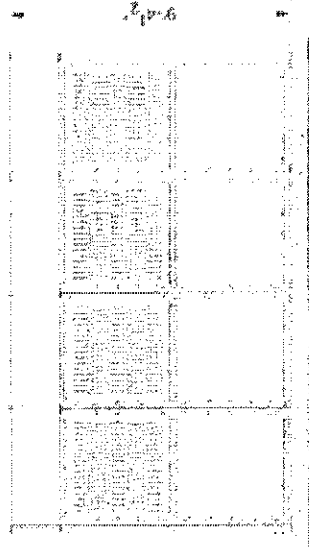
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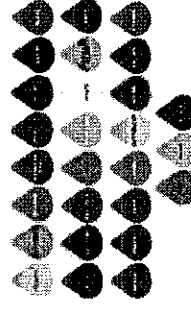
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# RECIRCULATION SYSTEM ABOVE GROUND MECHANICAL ENCLOSURE

\*See budget estimate for project specific size.



\* Available colors



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# DESIGN DETAILS

\*Surface finishes and/or site furnishings shown are conceptual and provided by others

## PROPOSED COLORS

### PAINT COLORS



### ACRYLIC COLOR(S)



## PROJECT DETAILS

### PROJECT DIMENSIONS

45'-0" X 85'-0"

### TOTAL SYSTEM FLOW RATE

288

### ENCLOSURE COLOR



## COLOR APPROVAL

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

DATE

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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Leonidas E. Stavrinakis  
532A Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Stavrinakis,

Charleston County is requesting \$8,000,000 in State funding for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and project construction and inspection for a pedestrian improvement project on Main Road (S-20) to provide a 5-foot pedestrian sidewalk between the intersections with Chisolm Road (S-54) and Maybank Highway (SC-700). This project is intended to improve pedestrian safety by providing a dedicated pedestrian walkway where none exists today. Based on 2024 SCDOT traffic data, approximately 17,000 vehicles travel through this section of Main Road daily. Although pedestrian accident data was not available, construction of these improvements would remove pedestrians from having to utilize the narrow shoulders or the roadway itself to traverse along Main Road and would greatly benefit students trying to access St. John's High School and Angel Oak Elementary School which is located approximately 1,500 feet from the Chisolm & Main Road intersection.

Upon receipt of funding, Charleston County would be able to begin design work immediately. It is anticipated that the preliminary engineering effort would take approximately 2 years including time for conceptual designs, public input, and environmental permitting. Right-of-Way acquisitions and utility relocations would take approximately 1 year to complete. It is anticipated that construction of the almost 1-mile long sidewalk segment would take approximately 1 year. Estimated scheduling and costs of the project are detailed in the table below:

| Phase                              | Estimated Schedule | Estimated Cost     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Preliminary Engineering & Permitti | FY2027 – FY2029    | \$900,000          |
| Right-of-Way Acquisition           | FY2029 – FY2030    | \$300,000          |
| Utility Relocation                 | FY2029 – FY2030    | \$200,000          |
| Construction & Inspection          | FY2030 – FY2031    | \$6,600,000        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>4 years</b>     | <b>\$8,000,000</b> |

Please note that a minimum of \$300,000 will be required to develop a detailed concept plan and at least \$900,000 to get Construction Plans.

Charleston County School District, along with many residents, have already expressed their concern about the lack of pedestrian facilities along this section of Main Road, and when combined with the proximity of the two schools and heavy roadway traffic, this pedestrian safety improvement project is even more crucial.

Sincerely,

William L. Tuten  
County Administrator

**House Member Appropriation Request Form**  
THIS DOCUMENT & SUPPORTING MATERIAL WILL BE PUBLIC

Requested Amount: \$3,000,000

The entity is a:      State Agency      Local Government, X Non-Profit, or      Other

Entity Contact: Trace Whetsell Title/Position: Government AffairsEntity Website: <https://charleston-sc.gov/> County Location: Charleston

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: The DuPont Wappoo drainage basin experiences recurring flooding driven by limited ditch conveyance, undersized and aging infrastructure, insufficient flood storage, and tidal influences at the basin's outfall to the Stono River. These challenges result in frequent flooding to homes, businesses, and critical transportation corridors. The City has identified the basin's central drainage channel as a priority for Corps consideration for future flood mitigation projects. In 2019, AECOM completed a watershed master plan for the DuPont Wappoo drainage basin. The plan provided an inventory and assessment of existing stormwater infrastructure and recommended improvements to reduce localized flooding. The study identified 11 potential project areas for capital improvements, focused primarily on City-owned infrastructure. Recommended conceptual projects included routine maintenance, culvert replacement and

upsizing, roadway elevation, ditch widening, installation of check valves, and creation of additional storage through ponds or wetlands.

Stavrinakis 119



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## City of Charleston

WILLIAM S. COGSWELL, JR.  
MAYOR

April 30, 2026

### Re: DuPont Wappoo Drainage Improvements- Orleans Road

Dear Representative Stavrinakis,

The City of Charleston respectfully requests \$3,000,000 in state earmark funding for the Orleans Road Drainage Improvements Project within the DuPont Wappoo Drainage Basin. This basin experiences recurring flooding due to limited ditch conveyance, undersized and aging infrastructure, insufficient flood storage, and tidal influence from the Stono River. These conditions contribute to frequent flooding of homes, businesses, and key transportation corridors.

The City has identified the basin's central drainage channel as a priority for long-term flood mitigation and has advanced this project as a key component of its watershed improvement strategy.

The City has contracted with AECOM to complete design and construction documents for Project Area #1, based on the watershed master plan. The project will improve stormwater capacity and reduce flooding through replacement of undersized driveway culverts, installation of approximately 750 linear feet of sidewalk along the eastern side of Orleans Road between Hazelwood Drive and Carverwood Lane, and upgrades to the existing drainage channel between Carverwood Lane and Orleans Road, including storm sewer piping to improve conveyance.

The project is currently in final permitting and is expected to go to bid in late spring to early summer 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in August 2026 and last approximately six months.

State investment will directly reduce flood risk, improve infrastructure resilience, and support critical transportation and neighborhood stability within the basin. The City appreciates consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of William S. Cogswell, Jr. is written over the word "Sincerely,".

William S. Cogswell, Jr.



## Infrastructure Improvements in the Dupont-Wappoo Watershed - Area 1

City of Charleston, SC

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - 100% Submittal

| Item | Description                                                                | Unit | Quantity | Unit Cost    | Total Cost    |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 1    | Mobilization                                                               | LS   | 1        | \$ 81,559.42 | \$ 81,559.42  |
| 2    | Traffic Control                                                            | LS   | 1        | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 45,000.00  |
| 3    | Clearing and Grubbing                                                      | AC   | 1        | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00  |
| 4    | 12" RCP Removal                                                            | LF   | 27       | \$ 60.00     | \$ 1,620.00   |
| 5    | 15" RCP Removal                                                            | LF   | 130      | \$ 65.00     | \$ 8,450.00   |
| 6    | 18" RCP Removal                                                            | LF   | 168      | \$ 80.00     | \$ 13,440.00  |
| 7    | 24" RCP Removal                                                            | LF   | 204      | \$ 85.00     | \$ 17,340.00  |
| 8    | 30" RCP Removal                                                            | LF   | 4        | \$ 100.00    | \$ 400.00     |
| 9    | 36" RCP Removal                                                            | LF   | 8        | \$ 110.00    | \$ 880.00     |
| 10   | Tie In 15" RCP to Junction Box and Furnish Necessary Appurtenances         | EA   | 4        | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 20,000.00  |
| 11   | Tie in 18" RCP to Junction Box and Necessary Appurtenances                 | EA   | 2        | \$ 6,500.00  | \$ 13,000.00  |
| 12   | Tie in 48" RCP to Junction Box and Necessary Appurtenances                 | EA   | 2        | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00  |
| 13   | Cap 15" RCP                                                                | EA   | 2        | \$ 1,000.00  | \$ 2,000.00   |
| 14   | Abandon 18" SD Pipe with Flowable Fill                                     | LF   | 40       | \$ 120.00    | \$ 4,800.00   |
| 15   | Remove Trees up to 24" diameter                                            | EA   | 4        | \$ 2,500.00  | \$ 10,000.00  |
| 16   | Mail Box Remove and Reset                                                  | EA   | 12       | \$ 200.00    | \$ 2,400.00   |
| 17   | Relocate Pedestrian Crossing Signal Pole                                   | EA   | 2        | \$ 3,600.00  | \$ 7,200.00   |
| 18   | Removal and Disposal of Drainage Structure                                 | EA   | 2        | \$ 3,000.00  | \$ 6,000.00   |
| 19   | Removal and Disposal of Headwall                                           | EA   | 1        | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00  |
| 20   | Removal and Disposal of Junction Box                                       | EA   | 1        | \$ 3,000.00  | \$ 3,000.00   |
| 21   | Remove and Relocate Fence                                                  | LF   | 80       | \$ 145.00    | \$ 11,600.00  |
| 22   | Remove and Replace Asphalt Pavement                                        | SF   | 303      | \$ 210.00    | \$ 63,630.00  |
| 23   | Remove Concrete Driveway                                                   | SY   | 109      | \$ 40.00     | \$ 4,373.33   |
| 24   | Remove Asphalt Driveway                                                    | SY   | 91       | \$ 38.00     | \$ 3,470.67   |
| 25   | Remove Decorative Paver Driveway                                           | SY   | 12       | \$ 45.00     | \$ 540.00     |
| 26   | Remove Concrete Sidewalk                                                   | SY   | 31       | \$ 40.00     | \$ 1,248.89   |
| 27   | Remove and Replace Curb & Gutter                                           | LF   | 24       | \$ 300.00    | \$ 7,200.00   |
| 28   | Remove and Replace Crosswalk Striping                                      | LF   | 172      | \$ 4.00      | \$ 688.00     |
| 29   | Sawcut Asphalt Pavement                                                    | LF   | 824      | \$ 12.00     | \$ 9,888.00   |
| 30   | Inlet Structure Filter - Type A                                            | LF   | 32       | \$ 32.00     | \$ 1,024.00   |
| 31   | Inlet Structure Filter - Type E                                            | EA   | 13       | \$ 400.00    | \$ 5,200.00   |
| 32   | Install Sediment Tube                                                      | LF   | 162      | \$ 10.00     | \$ 1,620.00   |
| 33   | Install Erosion Control Blanket                                            | SY   | 1,440    | \$ 8.00      | \$ 11,520.00  |
| 34   | Silt Fence                                                                 | LF   | 4,540    | \$ 7.00      | \$ 31,780.00  |
| 35   | Install Rip-Rap                                                            | CY   | 125      | \$ 340.00    | \$ 42,500.00  |
| 36   | Install Concrete Washout                                                   | EA   | 2        | \$ 1,000.00  | \$ 2,000.00   |
| 37   | Stabilized Construction Entrance                                           | EA   | 2        | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00  |
| 38   | Install Tree Protection                                                    | LF   | 86       | \$ 135.00    | \$ 11,610.00  |
| 39   | Supply and Install 12" RCP                                                 | LF   | 15       | \$ 160.00    | \$ 2,400.00   |
| 40   | Supply and Install 18" RCP                                                 | LF   | 819      | \$ 225.00    | \$ 184,275.00 |
| 41   | Supply and Install 24" RCP                                                 | LF   | 435      | \$ 300.00    | \$ 130,500.00 |
| 42   | Supply and Install 30" RCP                                                 | LF   | 52       | \$ 350.00    | \$ 18,200.00  |
| 43   | Supply and Install 48" RCP                                                 | LF   | 36       | \$ 425.00    | \$ 15,300.00  |
| 44   | Install SCDOT Type 16 Curb Inlet                                           | EA   | 1        | \$ 11,500.00 | \$ 11,500.00  |
| 45   | Install SCDOT Type 9 Catch Basin                                           | EA   | 8        | \$ 10,300.00 | \$ 82,400.00  |
| 46   | Install 48"x48" Junction Box with Concrete Sidewalk Flume with Header Curb | EA   | 4        | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 88,000.00  |

|                                                          |                                                                                                        |    |        |              |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|--------------|------------------------|
| 47                                                       | Install SCDOT 24"x24" Inlet                                                                            | EA | 5      | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 48                                                       | Install 6'x9' Junction Box                                                                             | EA | 1      | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00           |
| 49                                                       | Install 6'x12' Junction Box                                                                            | EA | 1      | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 45,000.00           |
| 50                                                       | 18" Beveled End Section                                                                                | EA | 1      | \$ 1,700.00  | \$ 1,700.00            |
| 51                                                       | 24" Beveled End Section                                                                                | EA | 1      | \$ 1,850.00  | \$ 1,850.00            |
| 52                                                       | Install Headwall                                                                                       | EA | 1      | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00           |
| 53                                                       | Ditch Excavation and Disposal of Excavated Materials                                                   | CY | 640    | \$ 55.00     | \$ 35,200.00           |
| 54                                                       | Import Fill                                                                                            | CY | 150    | \$ 40.00     | \$ 6,000.00            |
| 55                                                       | Permanent Seeding                                                                                      | SF | 36,500 | \$ 0.75      | \$ 27,375.00           |
| 56                                                       | Topsoil (Delivered to Site) 4"                                                                         | CY | 452    | \$ 40.00     | \$ 18,080.00           |
| 57                                                       | Geotextile Class SE-Nonwoven                                                                           | SF | 9,250  | \$ 4.00      | \$ 37,000.00           |
| 58                                                       | Install ADA Curb Ramp                                                                                  | EA | 2      | \$ 500.00    | \$ 1,000.00            |
| 59                                                       | Install 5' Wide Concrete Sidewalk (6" Uniform)                                                         | SY | 414    | \$ 120.00    | \$ 49,666.67           |
| 60                                                       | Mill and Resurface Asphalt Pavement                                                                    | SY | 905    | \$ 115.00    | \$ 104,075.00          |
| 61                                                       | Replace Concrete Driveway                                                                              | SY | 151    | \$ 160.00    | \$ 24,088.89           |
| 62                                                       | Replace Asphalt Driveway                                                                               | SY | 39     | \$ 112.00    | \$ 4,318.22            |
| 63                                                       | Replace Concrete Sidewalk                                                                              | SY | 11     | \$ 120.00    | \$ 1,360.00            |
| 64                                                       | Remove and Replace Gas Main                                                                            | LS | 1      | \$41,976.72  | \$ 41,976.72           |
| 65                                                       | Water Service and Meter Conflict                                                                       | EA | 12     | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 60,000.00           |
| 66                                                       | Sewer Service Conflict                                                                                 | EA | 12     | \$ 7,250.00  | \$ 87,000.00           |
| 67                                                       | D.I. Pipe Waterline Relocation And Furnish All Necessary Fittings and Appurtenances at Carverwood Lane | LF | 30     | \$ 250.00    | \$ 7,500.00            |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                                         |                                                                                                        |    |        |              | <b>\$ 1,712,747.81</b> |
| <b>Contingency (5%)</b>                                  |                                                                                                        |    |        |              | <b>\$ 85,637.00</b>    |
| <b>Construction Subtotal With Escalation Factor (8%)</b> |                                                                                                        |    |        |              | <b>\$ 137,020.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Cost</b>                                        |                                                                                                        |    |        |              | <b>\$ 1,935,404.81</b> |

Notes:

1. Opinion of Probable Construction Cost is based on a Level 4 Engineer's Estimate.
2. This Opinion of Probable Construction Cost does not include any land acquisition cost for easements.
3. This Opinion of Probable Construction Cost is only an estimate of possible construction costs for budgeting purposes. This estimate is limited to the conditions existing at issuance and is not a guarantee of actual price or cost. Uncertain market conditions such as, but not limited to; local labor or contractor availability, wages, other work, material market fluctuations, price escalations, force majeure events and developing bidding conditions, etc. may affect the accuracy of this estimate. AECOM is not responsible for any variance from this Opinion of Probable Construction Cost or actual prices and conditions obtained.



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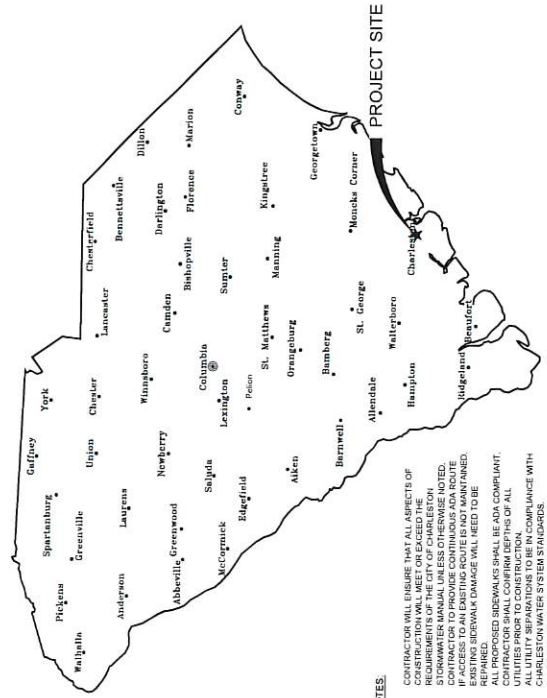
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# INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DUPONT-WAPPOO WATERSHED

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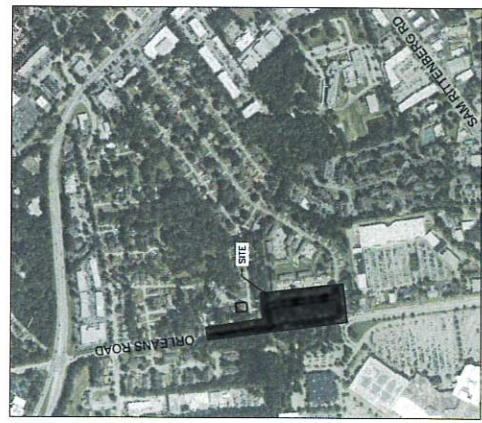
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ORLEANS ROAD, CHARLESTON SC 29407  
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PROJECT SITE

- NOTES:
- CONTRACTOR WILL ENSURE THAT ALL ASPECTS OF CONSTRUCTION WILL MEET OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STORMWATER MANUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
  - CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS ADA ROUTE THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT AREA.
  - EXISTING SIDEWALK DAMAGE WILL BE REPAIRED.
  - ALL PROPOSED SIDEWALKS SHALL BE ADA COMPLIANT.
  - ALL UTILITY REPAIRS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY OF CHARLESTON STANDARDS.
  - ALL DRAINAGE PIPE CLASS IN UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

VICINITY MAP



LOCATION MAP  
SCALE: 1" = 500'

CHARLESTON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

THE DUPONT-WAPPOO (DUWAP) WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AIMS TO ENHANCE THE FLOW CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING CONVEYANCE SYSTEM AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE WATERSHED. THE PROJECT INCLUDES UPGRADES TO EXISTING DITCHES WITHIN THE EXISTING DRAINAGE EASEMENTS.

CONCRETE SIDEWALK WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED ALONG ORLEANS ROAD FROM HAZELWOOD TO THE DUPONT-WAPPOO WATERSHED. THE SIDEWALK WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE EAST SIDE OF ORLEANS ROAD, AS WELL AS CURB INLETS AS WELL AS SUMP INLETS ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE SIDEWALK TO PRESERVE DRAINAGE FROM THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES.

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| APPLICABLE SECTION | STORMWATER DESIGN STANDARDS MANUAL (SWDM) DESIGN EXCEPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | SUBMITTAL DATE | APPROVAL DATE |
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| Section 3.6.6.3    | The limits of all discharge pipes and channels shall not be less than 5.5 feet North American feet from the edge of the pavement. Any surface adjacent to the discharge pipe shall incorporate measures to prevent sedimentation and the need for frequent maintenance.                                                                  |                |               |
| Section 3.9.3      | For open conveyance with topographic planarity or a slope greater than 2 feet, a minimum 12-inch high concrete curb shall be installed on both sides of the channel. For closed conveyance, a minimum 12-inch high concrete curb shall be installed on both sides of the channel as determined by the Director of Stormwater Management. |                |               |
| Section 3.16.2     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |               |

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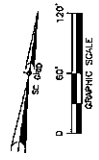
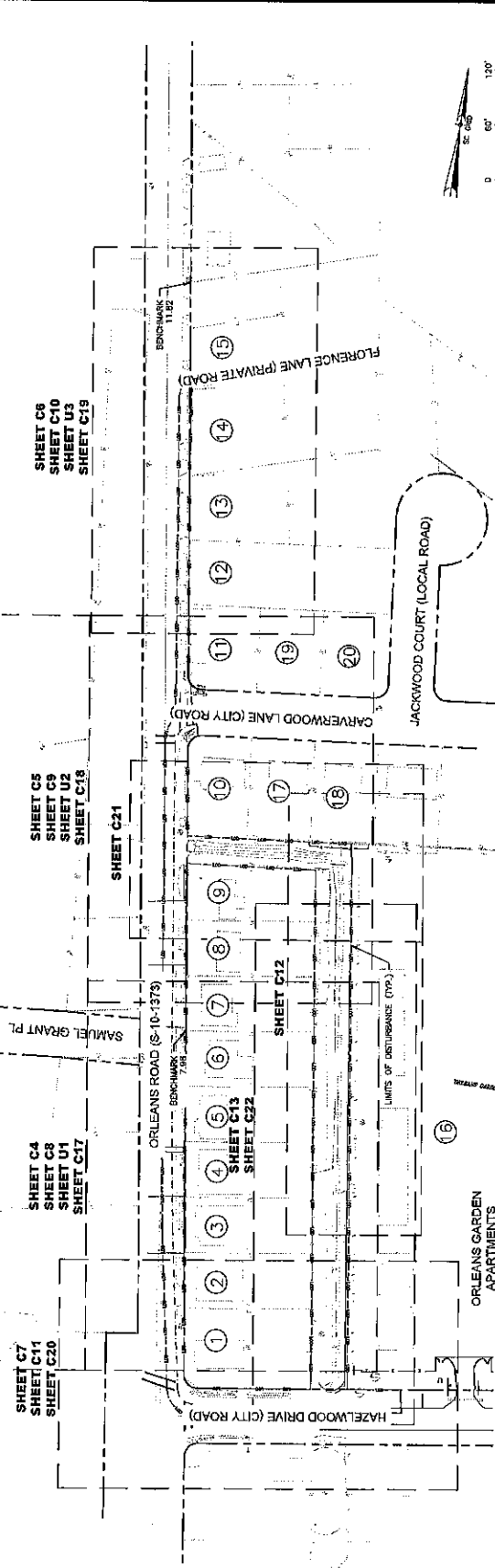
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EXISTING SANITARY SEWER

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| NO. | OWNER                 | TRAIL      | LOT SIZE | ROW DEFINITION | REMAINING LOT | CONSTRUCTION POWERSHEDS |
|-----|-----------------------|------------|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1   | HARRIS REBECCA EMILY  | 3510000215 | 0.1562   | N/A            | 0.1562        | N/A                     |
| 2   | SHAW WADSWORTH S      | 3510000176 | 0.1526   | N/A            | 0.1526        | N/A                     |
| 3   | HARTFIELD ERICA       | 3510000180 | 0.1525   | N/A            | 0.1525        | N/A                     |
| 4   | BROWN JOSEPH          | 3510000201 | 0.1525   | N/A            | 0.1525        | N/A                     |
| 5   | MOOREHEAD JAMES       | 3510000202 | 0.1524   | N/A            | 0.1524        | N/A                     |
| 6   | HOLLANDER JOHN H      | 3510000181 | 0.1526   | N/A            | 0.1526        | N/A                     |
| 7   | HALEY ALANNE          | 3510000014 | 0.1504   | N/A            | 0.1504        | N/A                     |
| 8   | LEES LLC              | 3510000185 | 0.1504   | N/A            | 0.1504        | N/A                     |
| 9   | VANDERKAM JANET MARIE | 3510000186 | 0.1504   | N/A            | 0.1504        | N/A                     |
| 10  | SAW NELLY             | 3510000038 | 0.1597   | N/A            | 0.1597        | N/A                     |

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| 11  | WILSON DEBBIE            | 3510000216 | 0.1564   | N/A            | 0.1564        | N/A                     |
| 12  | SHAW REBECCA EMILY       | 3510000217 | 0.1573   | N/A            | 0.1573        | N/A                     |
| 13  | SHAW REBECCA EMILY       | 3510000218 | 0.1573   | N/A            | 0.1573        | N/A                     |
| 14  | CLEVELAND CRYSTAL J      | 3510000231 | 0.2262   | N/A            | 0.2262        | N/A                     |
| 15  | CLEVELAND JOSEPH MICHAEL | 3510000232 | 0.2262   | N/A            | 0.2262        | N/A                     |
| 16  | ANT ORLEANS GARDENS LLC  | 3510000233 | 2.5000   | N/A            | 2.5000        | N/A                     |
| 17  | HOWARD THOMAS R          | 3510000234 | 0.1797   | N/A            | 0.1797        | N/A                     |
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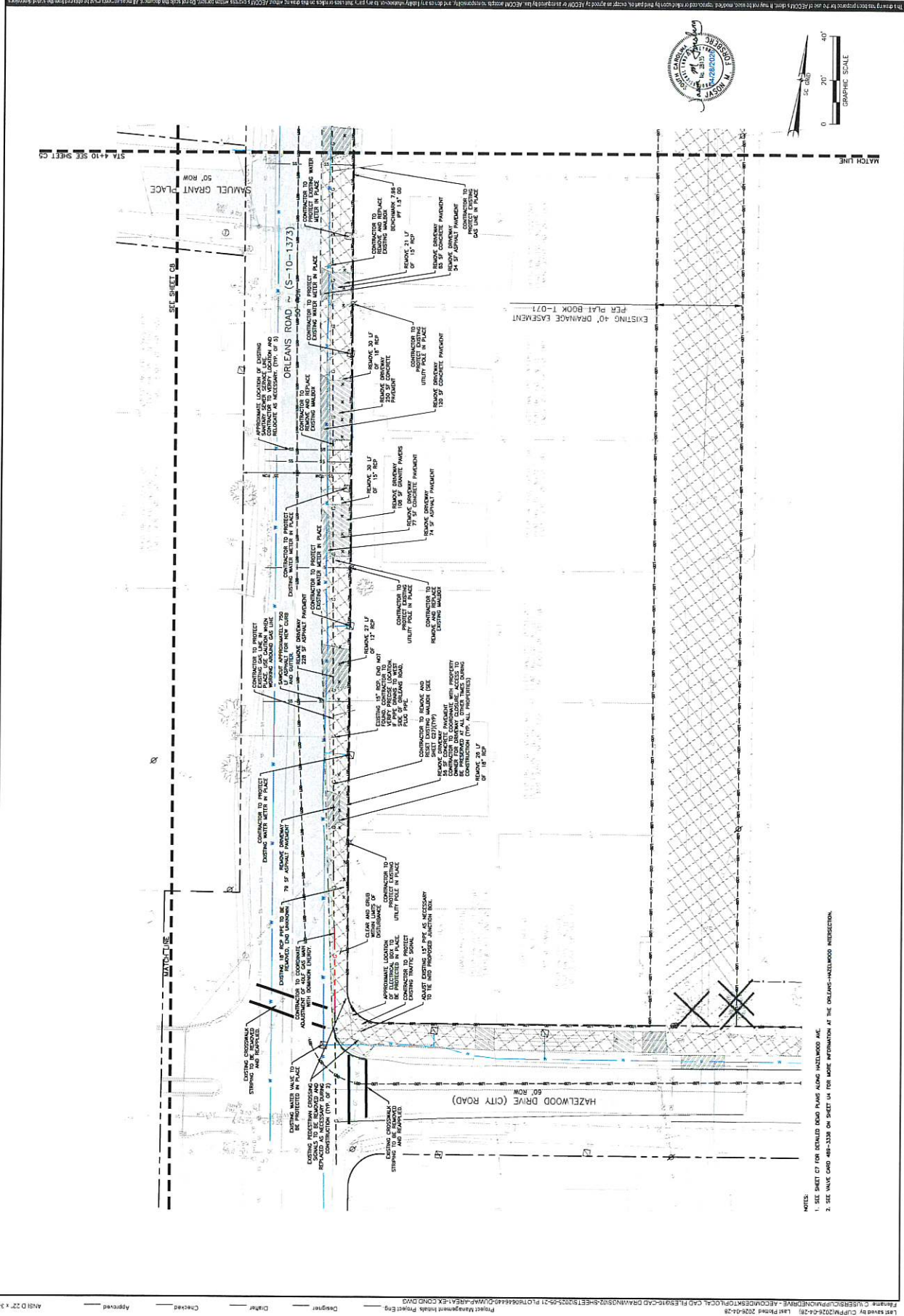
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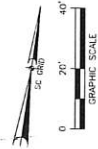
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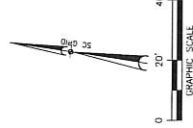
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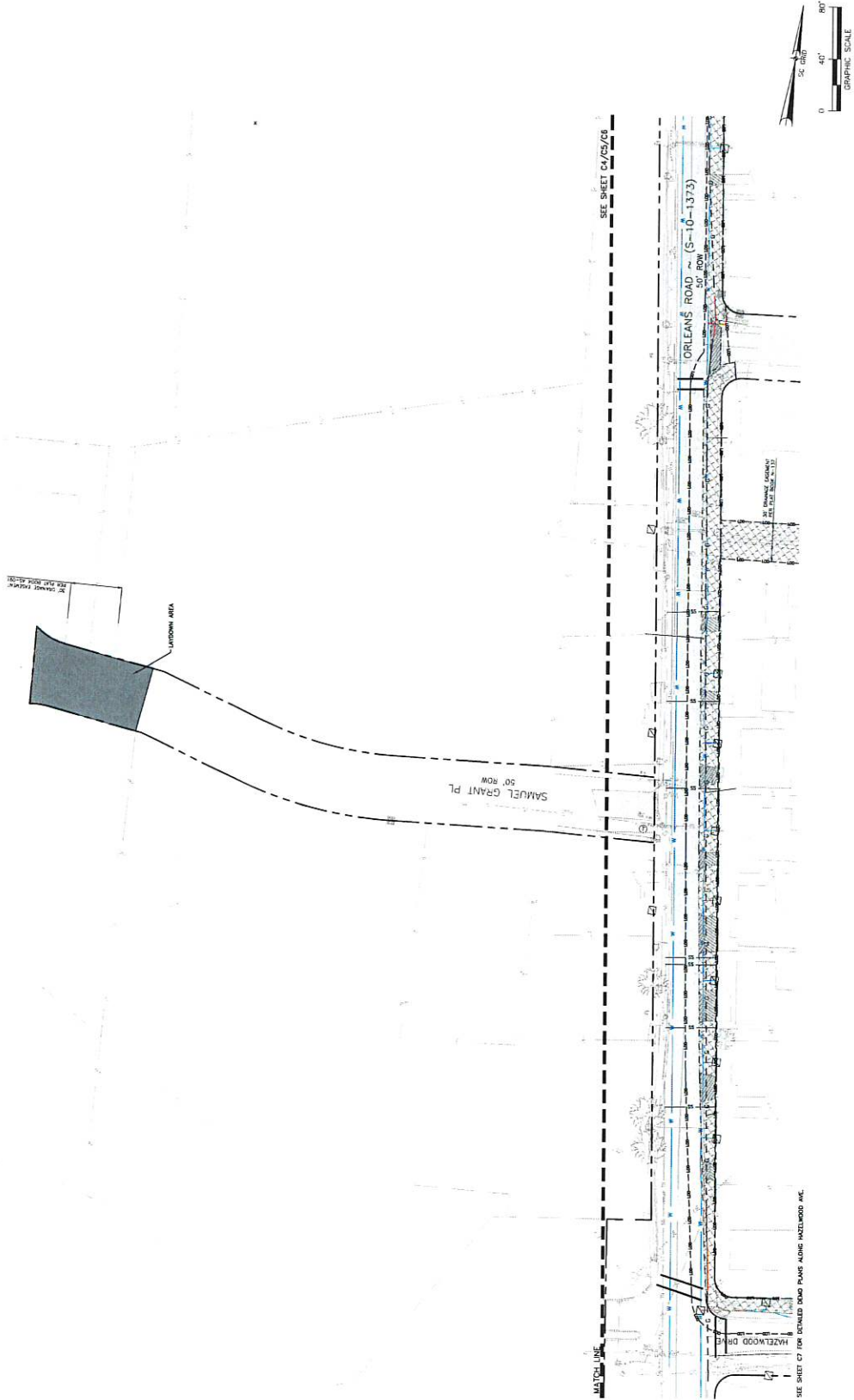
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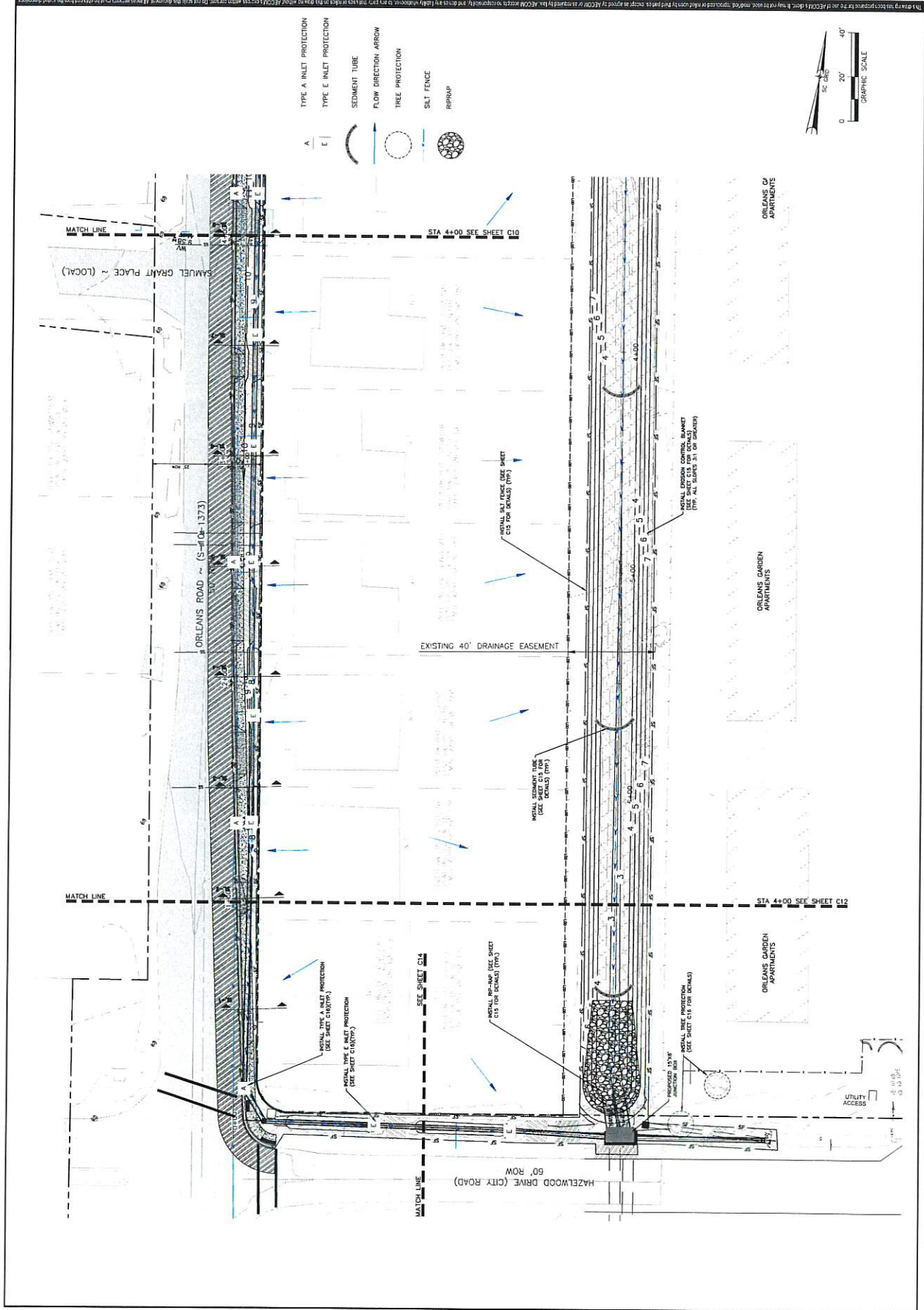
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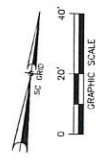
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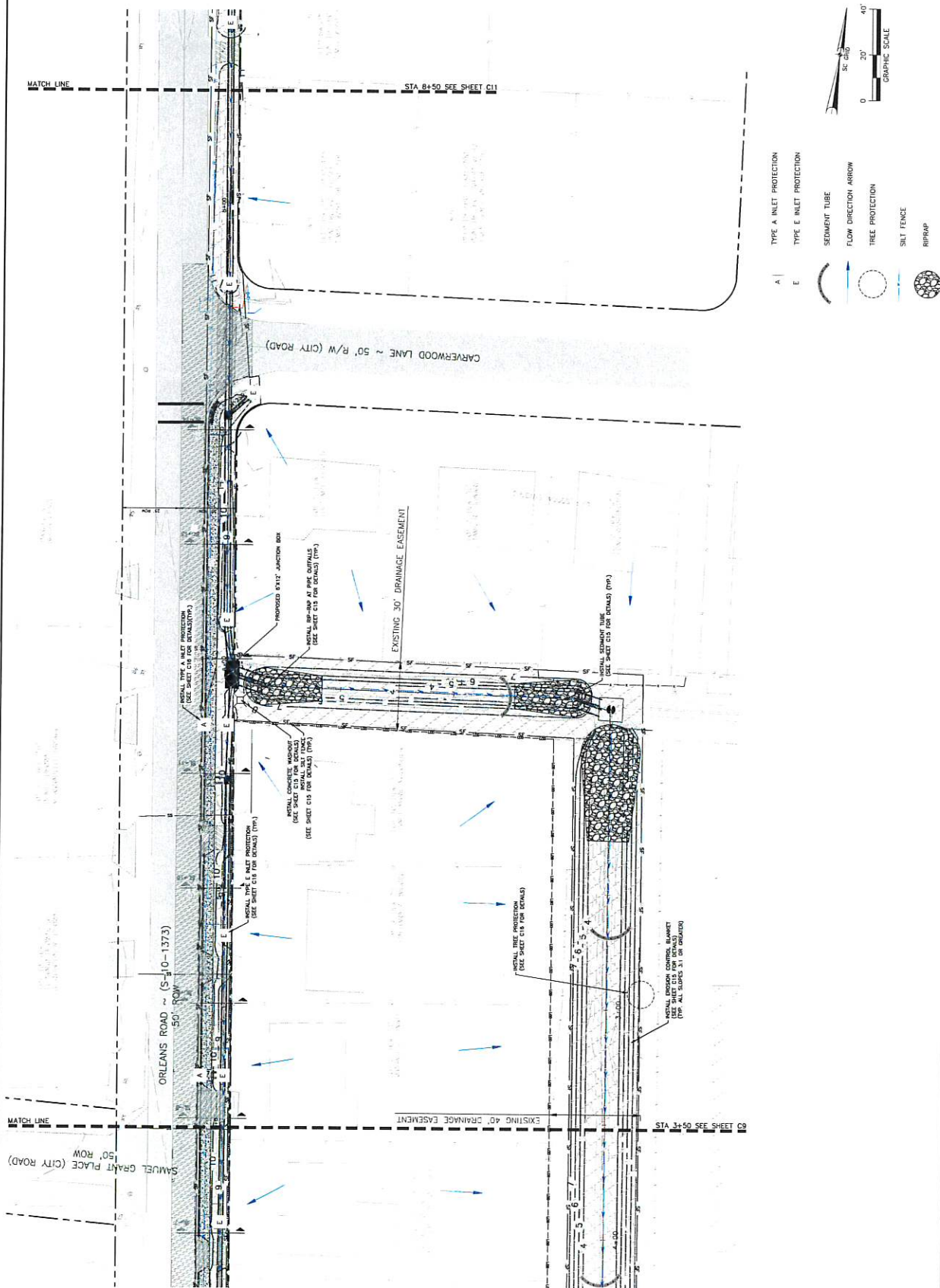
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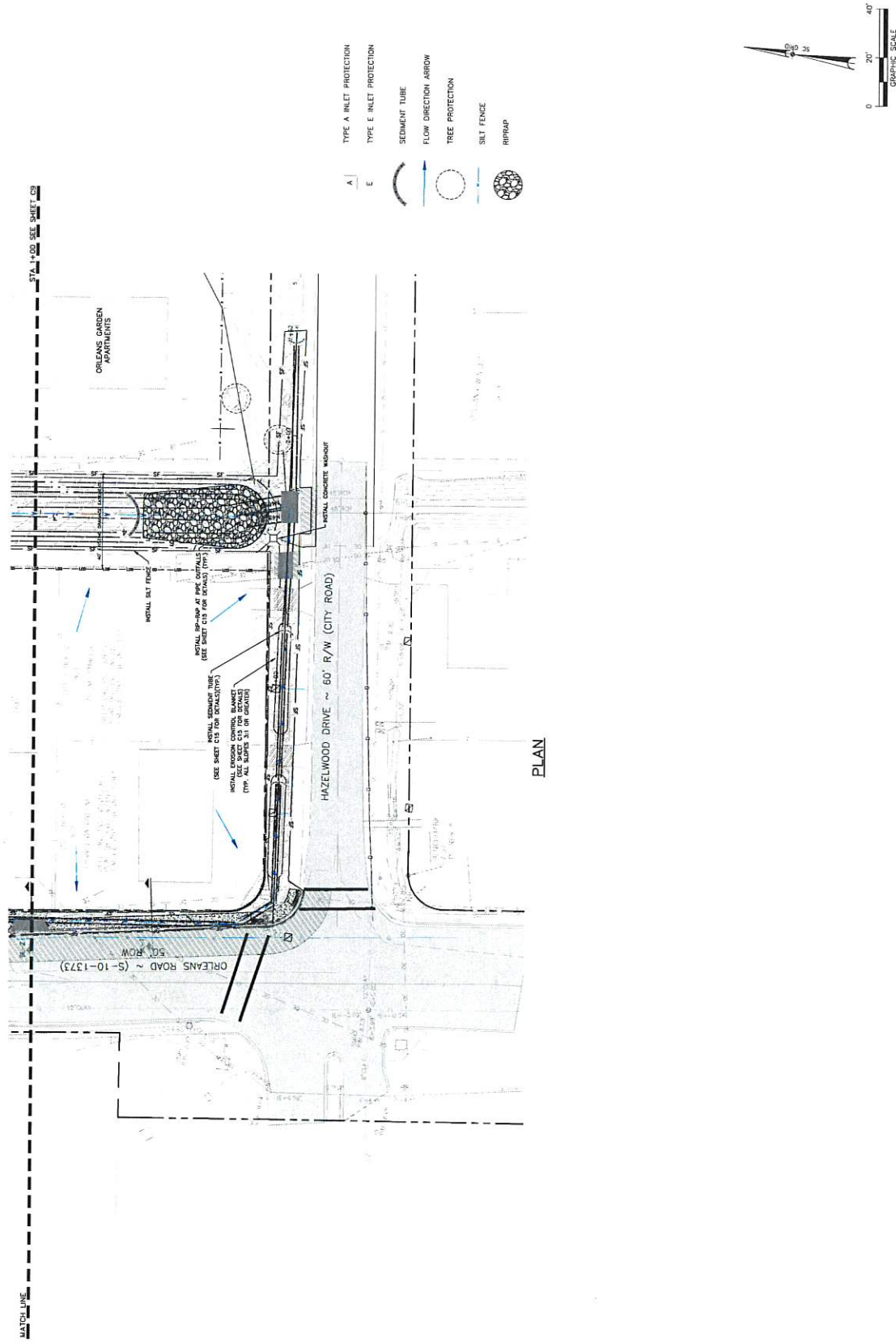


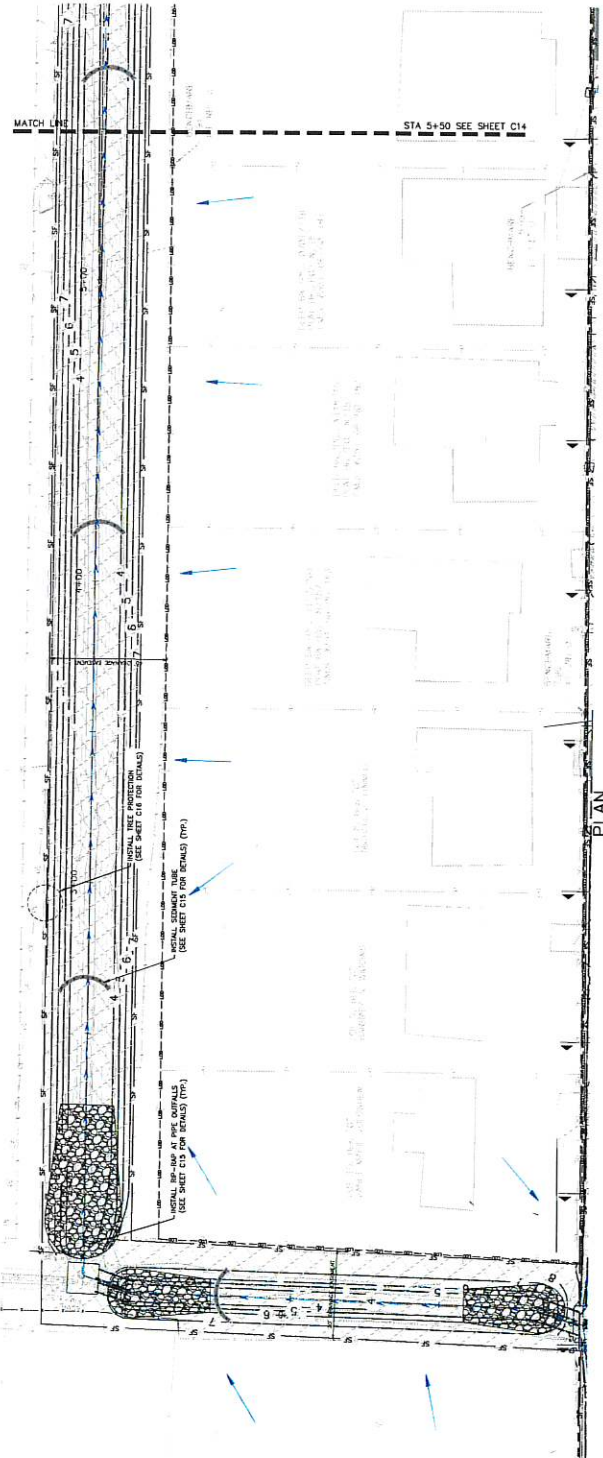
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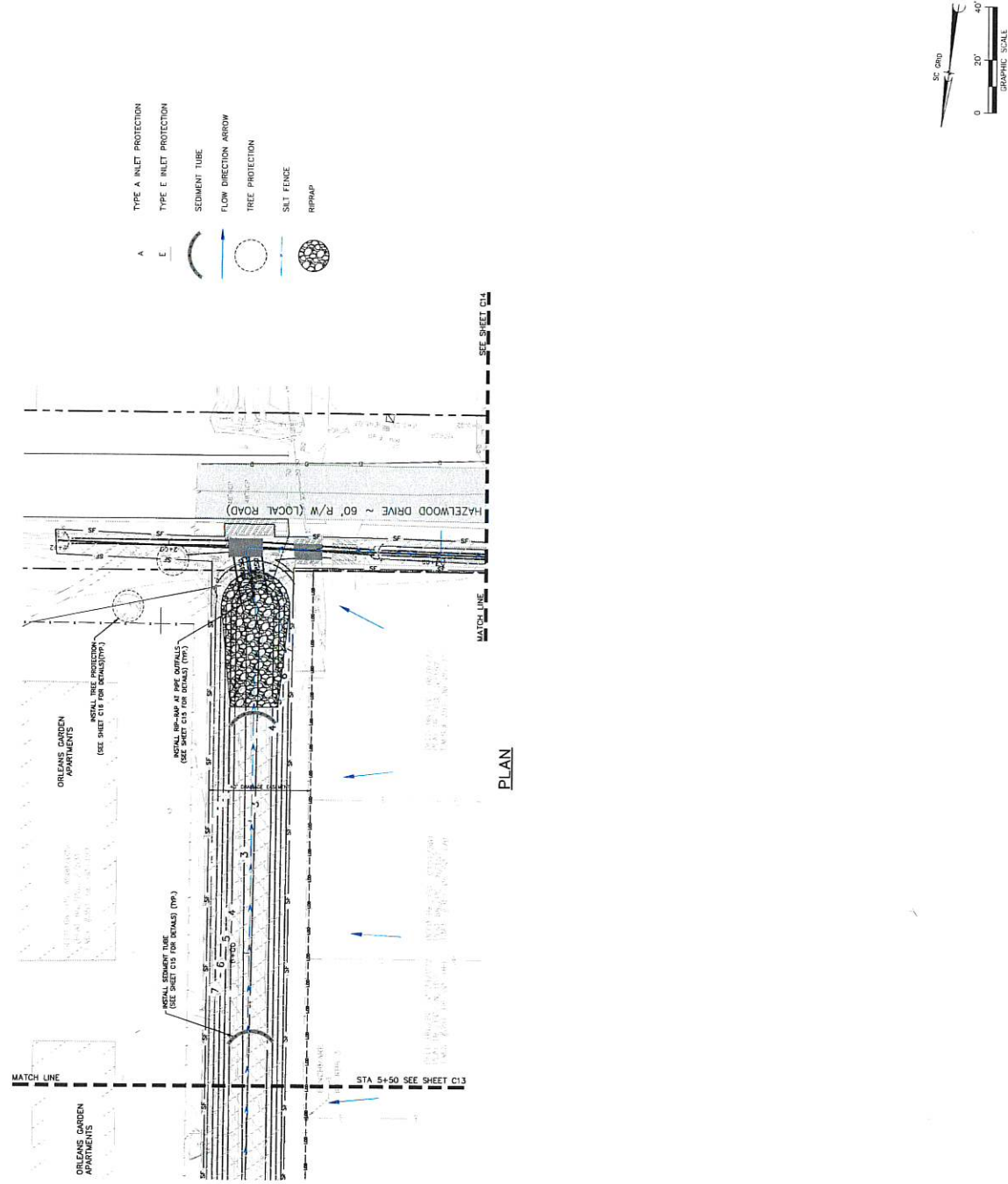
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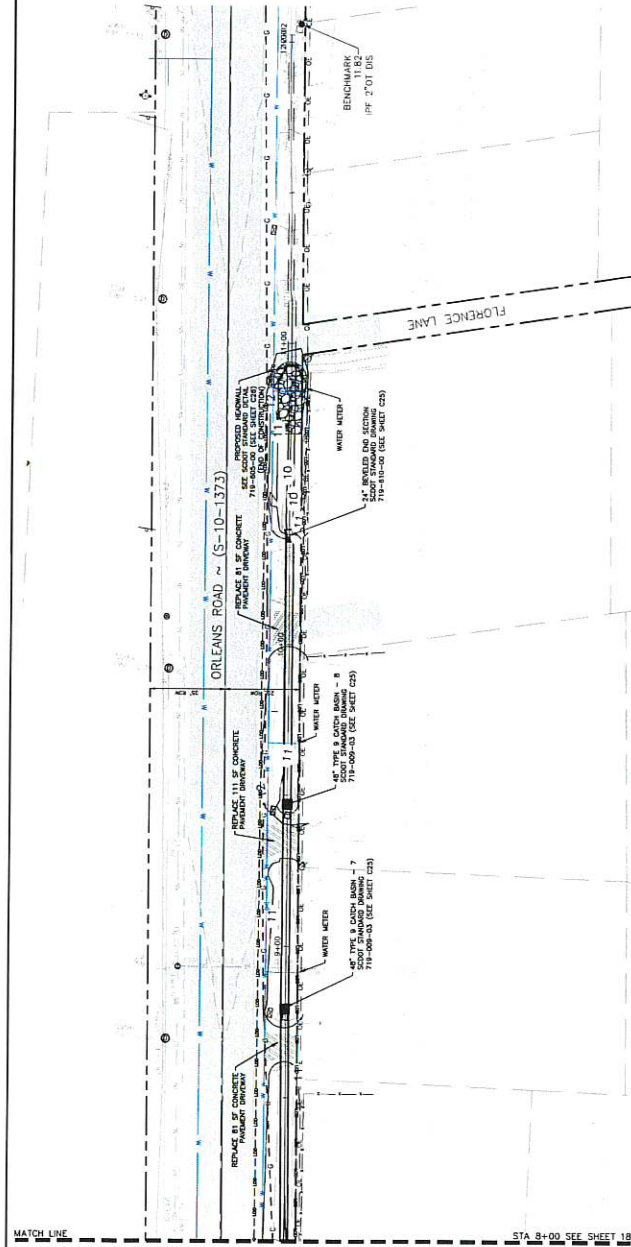


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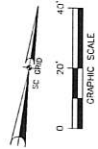
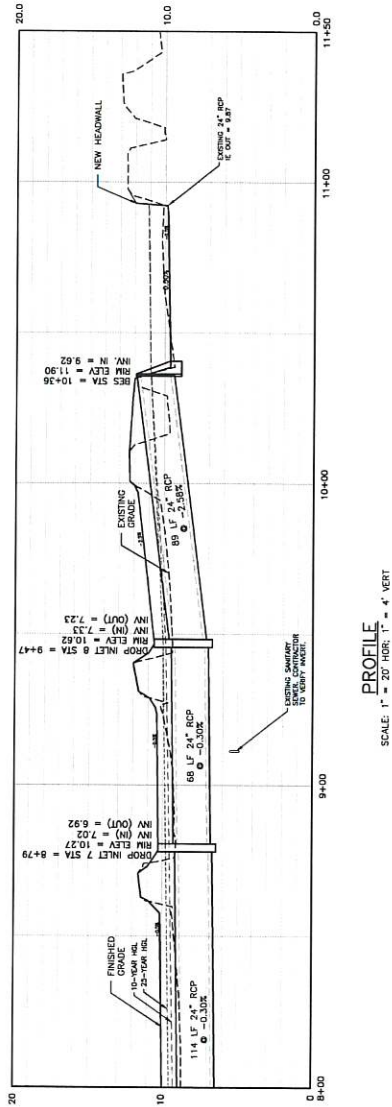








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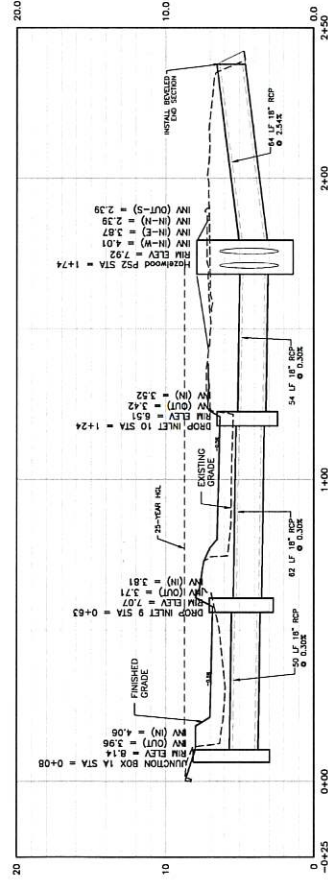
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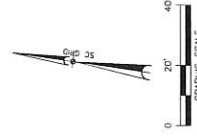
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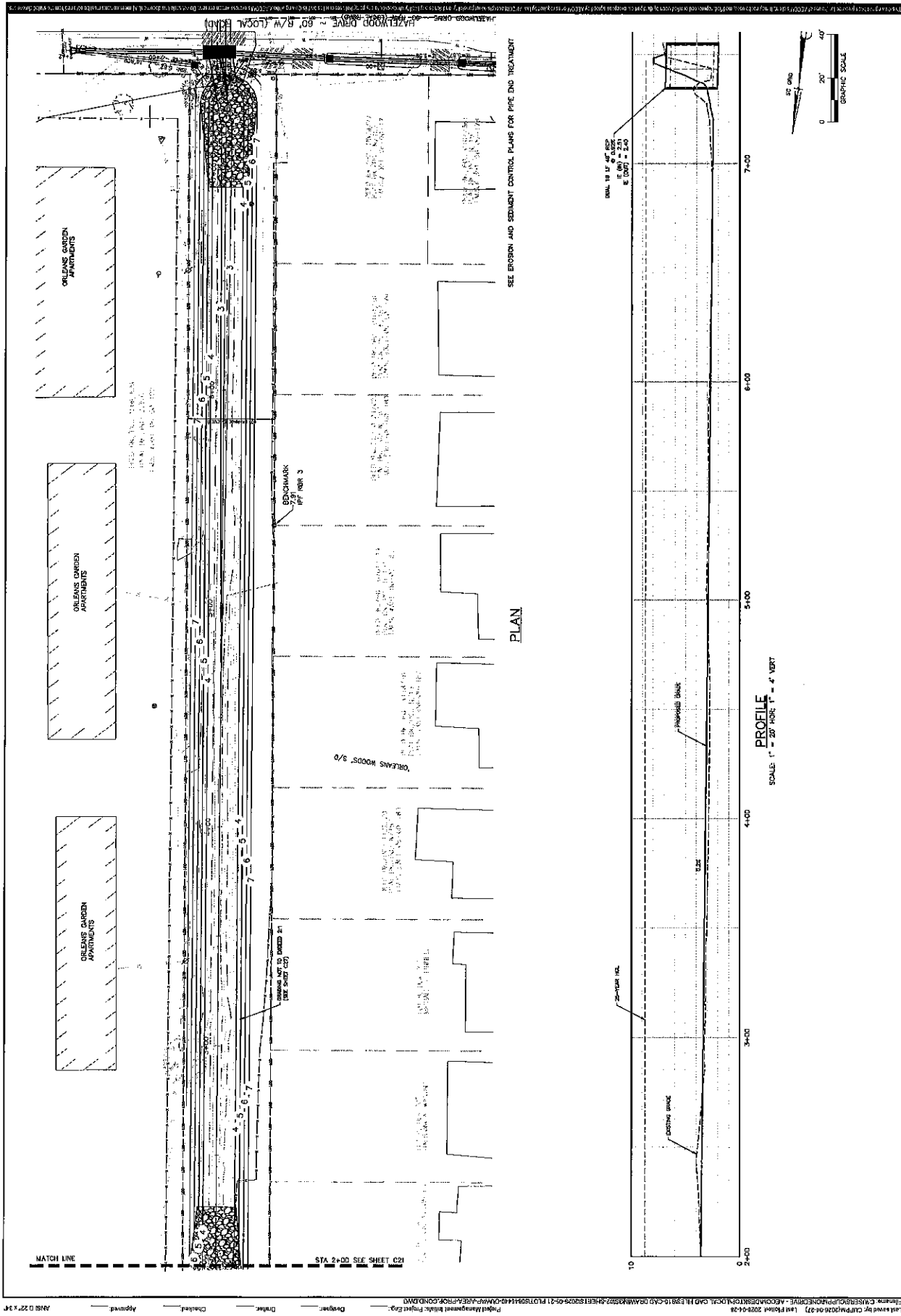
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## City of Charleston

WILLIAM S. COGSWELL, JR.

MAYOR

April 30, 2026

### **Re: RRFBs Installation at West Ashley Greenway- Earmark Request**

Dear Representative Stravrinakis,

On behalf of the City of Charleston, I respectfully request your support in securing \$100,000 in earmark funding for the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at midblock crossing locations along the West Ashley Greenway.

This project was identified in the City's 2025 to 2026 Capital Improvement Program and will fund the purchase and installation of three RRFB systems at key crossings along the Greenway. The City has already installed RRFBs at several intersections, including Canterbury Road, Nicholson Street, and Chadwick Drive, and aims to expand these safety improvements to additional qualifying locations.

The West Ashley Greenway experiences high pedestrian activity, which is expected to increase with the opening of the Ashley River Crossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge. RRFBs are a proven safety measure. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, they can reduce pedestrian crashes by up to 47 percent and increase motorist yielding rates by up to 98 percent.

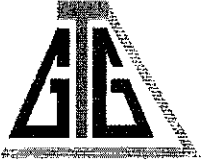
This investment will improve pedestrian safety and support the City's ongoing efforts to enhance multimodal transportation infrastructure.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this request. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

William S. Cogswell, Jr.





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## Invoice

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**Project: WEST ASHLEY GREENWAY FLASHER**

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Qty | U/M | Unit Price | Amount   |
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| PROJECT: PEDESTRIAN FOUNDATION INSTALLATION<br>SC CONTRACT #4400008647<br>LOCATIONS:<br>CANTERBURY RD AT WEST ASHLEY GREENWAY<br>NICHOLSON ST AT WEST ASHLEY GREENWAY<br>CHADWICK DR AT WEST ASHLEY GREENWAY<br><br>MOBILIZATION OF MATERIALS<br>TRAFFIC CONTROL (10% OF COST OF WORK ORDER)<br>FURNISH & INSTALL CONCRETE PEDESTAL BASE WITH BOLTS<br>SIGNAL TECHNICIAN II<br>SIGNAL TECHNICIAN I<br>SIGNAL TECHNICIAN I<br>INSTALL CONCRETE FOUNDATION W/ ANCHOR BOLTS<br>UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION |     |     |            |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3   | EA  | 1,500.00   | 4,500.00 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10  | %   | 190.744    | 1,907.44 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6   | EA  | 877.40     | 5,264.40 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20  | HR  | 85.00      | 1,700.00 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20  | HR  | 65.00      | 1,300.00 |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6   | CY  | 75.00      | 450.00   |
| <br><i>LL 233000 - Transportation Project Management</i><br><br><i>Fund-100</i><br><i>Object Name - Capital Equipment (machines)</i><br><i>Equipment/Item - Order RFPs or other midblock pedestrian crossing countermeasure equipment.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |     |            |          |

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**TOTAL \$20,981.84**



# Quotation

## Control Technologies - HQ

2776 South Financial Court  
Sanford, FL 32773  
(407) 330-2800

## Mid-Atlantic Office

44901 Flacon Place, Suite 110  
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**Date** 05/14/2026

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## Quotation For

James Wallace  
Charleston, SC, City of  
1906 Meeting Street North Charleston, SC 29405  
Phone: 843-724-7372 / Fax:

**Quotation valid until:** 07/13/2026  
**Prepared by:** Kristen Cornwell  
kcornwell@cttraffic.com

## Comments or Special Instructions

Please note: Quoted pricing is effective for 60 days from date of quote. After 60 days, please contact us for updated pricing. Control Technologies does not guarantee pricing more than 60 days. Final pricing will be determined upon release for shipment. We apologize for this inconvenience, but our costs are currently highly erratic and we must base our sell price on our purchase prices. Thanks for understanding.

| AGENCY   |                       | PROJECT                                                                                                               | BID DATE   |             |
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|          |                       | West Ashley Greenway                                                                                                  |            |             |
| QUANTITY | PART NUMBER           | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                           | UNIT PRICE | LINE TOTAL  |
| 6        | 8400-500351V          | Controller, 12V, Prostar-15, 120652V, Hollow, Radio, FLIR, 12V Relay, Delay Timer RAL 6005 Moss Green                 | \$4,260.00 | \$25,560.00 |
| 6        | 8400-2180-BRKT-R-3-V  | Cab Brkt Set, Variant Fits Round Pole 2-3/8 & Up, with Standard Hardware & Snap Locks, for 120652 RAL 6005 Moss Green | \$108.00   | \$648.00    |
| 6        | 8400-SLR-85-B-V       | 110W/12V Solar Panel Package, Top of Pole Mount 4.5 Dia Variant Color                                                 | \$799.00   | \$4,794.00  |
| 18       | 8400-2180-35AHAGN-BAT | Battery, 35Ah 12V Agm Lead Acid                                                                                       | \$276.00   | \$4,968.00  |
| 12       | 8400-138089           | RRFB, Dimmable, Assembly with Universal Mounting Kit                                                                  | \$378.00   | \$4,536.00  |
| 6        | 8400-115881           | Push Button Bulldog Add-On Option Kit Black, With Led                                                                 | \$222.00   | \$1,332.00  |
| 4        | 8400-606002           | Static Sign Package, Double Sided, W11-2, 36", FYG, W16-7P, 24"x12" Arrows                                            | \$608.00   | \$2,432.00  |
| 12       | 8400-373-05076        | Sign, W11-2, 36X36 DG3 FYG, Pedestrian Crossing(Sym) Fed Spec.                                                        |            |             |
| 6        | 8400-373-01757        | W16-7Pr, 24" X 12" DG3, FYG, Down Diagonal Right Arrow                                                                |            |             |
| 6        | 8400-373-01759        | W16-7Pl, 24" X 12" DG3 FYG Down Diagonal Left Arrow                                                                   |            |             |
| 4        | 8400-607028           | Pole Package, Round                                                                                                   | \$2,763.00 | \$11,052.00 |
| 6        | 8400-373-15V          | Pole, Aluminum, 15', Sched 40, Variant Color, 6061-T6 4.5" OD T.O.E. RAL 6005 - Moss Green                            |            |             |
| 6        | 8400-203-00014V       | Base, Aluminum, Square, with Aluminum TAPCO Door, Variant Color, SP-5444-PNC RAL 6005 Moss Green                      |            |             |
| 6        | 8400-109482-V         | Collar Assembly, Aluminum for Square Base PB-5325 - Variant Color RAL 6005 Moss Green                                 |            |             |

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| 24                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8400-111937                              | J-Bolt 5/8-11 X 4 X 21 Gr 55 Galv W/ Nut & 5/8"                                                                        |                                    |                    |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8400-030-00006                           | Washer, Flat, 1-1/16 X 2.5 Od X .125 Glv                                                                               |                                    |                    |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8400-107265-V                            | Sign Mounting Kit, Flared Leg, Standard, Variant Color For Mounting B2B Static Signs to Large Pole RAL 6005 Moss Green |                                    |                    |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7250-195                                 | FLIR TrafiOne 195 Thermal Sensor                                                                                       | \$2,365.00                         | \$14,190.00        |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                    | WIRE-C-Q5710                             | Cable, Cat5, Black 4Pr 26 Awg 7/34 Tc Po Pu; O/A Shield                                                                | \$1.00                             | \$10.00            |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                    | WIRE-C-1803SDWB-                         | 18 Awg 3 Cond Cable w/ shield                                                                                          | \$00.65                            | \$6.50             |
| CREDIT CARD ORDER WILL INCUR 3% SURCHARGE TO THE INVOICED AMOUNT                                                                                                                      |                                          |                                                                                                                        |                                    |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                          |                                                                                                                        | Subtotal                           | \$69,528.50        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                          |                                                                                                                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$69,528.50</b> |
| Sales tax or other applicable taxes are NOT Included                                                                                                                                  |                                          |                                                                                                                        |                                    |                    |
| THIS IS A QUOTATION ON THE GOODS NAMED, SUBJECT TO CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS. TO ACCEPT THIS QUOTATION, PLEASE REMIT PURCHASE ORDER TO CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES. |                                          |                                                                                                                        |                                    |                    |
| <b>FREIGHT</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>FOB Origin,<br/>Prepaid &amp; Add</b> | <b>**Lead Time is approx. ARO**</b>                                                                                    | <b>TERMS</b>                       |                    |
| <b>FOB</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Origin</b>                            | <b>NOTES:</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Net 30 with Approved Credit</b> |                    |

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March 18, 2026

The Honorable Leon Stavrinakis  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 11867  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: State Appropriation Request – Charleston Animal Society Spay/Neuter Clinic and Veterinary Hospital

Dear Representative Stavrinakis:

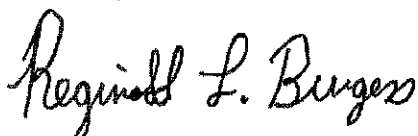
On behalf of the City of North Charleston, I am writing to formally express our support for the Charleston Animal Society's request for a \$10 million state investment to fund Phase I of its campus expansion. The City is honored to serve as the governmental fiscal sponsor for this appropriation request, as required under the state's revised funding framework for nonprofit-led projects.

Our partnership with the Charleston Animal Society is longstanding and deeply rooted in a shared commitment to the welfare of our community. The City has previously demonstrated this commitment through the donation of land adjacent to the current facility to facilitate this necessary growth.

The proposed Spay/Neuter Clinic and North Charleston Community Veterinary Hospital will address critical service gaps in our region. While this facility will serve the entire state, it is of particular importance to North Charleston. Many of our residents currently live in areas with limited access to affordable veterinary care. By providing these essential services, the Animal Society will improve the lives of local pets and their owners while also directly reducing the number of stray and surrendered animals that impact our municipal resources.

This project is an investment in public health, animal welfare, and the quality of life for the citizens of North Charleston and South Carolina at large. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,



Reginald L. Burgess  
Mayor



August 27, 2025

Joe Elmore, President / CEO  
Charleston Animal Society  
2455 Remount Road  
North Charleston, SC 29406

Dear Mr. Elmore:

Thank you for your many recent meetings and conversations with Ron Brinson and myself. Having an interim agreement with the Animal Society is strategically important to our city and the Greater Charleston region and we are very grateful for your cooperation.

I'm writing to provide you with an update on our city's actions to sustain the Animal Society's services, currently provided to our animal control officers and to our citizens, through June 30, 2026, the end of our current fiscal year.

Following a robust briefing and discussion last Thursday, City Council has authorized me to finalize an agreement providing for monthly payments of \$125,000 to the Animal Society, beginning with a retroactive payment for services provided since July 1, 2025. Unfortunately, this expense was not considered in the Fiscal 2026 operations budget, which Council approved last June. Therefore, a resolution authorizing a budget amendment must be approved by Council and I have requested our city attorney and clerk of council to work to expedite this process.

As I mentioned to you when you, Mr. Brinson, and I met recently, we will continue to strengthen the collaborative relations between our great city and the Animal Society. We will also be reviewing policies and best-practice case studies related to animal care and control. In addition, our financial commitments for Fiscal 2027 will be considered in the formulation of the annual operating budget which begins in February 2026.

As always, my team and I look forward to working closely with the Animal Society, sharing an understanding of the public interest and values related to strong animal control and protection services. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

With kindest regards,



Reggie Burgess  
Mayor

## STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST PACKET

### Charleston Animal Society's Statewide Project

#### Phase 1 Hospital/Clinic Construction Project

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##### I. Project Overview

Charleston Animal Society respectfully requests a **\$10,000,000 state appropriation** to support Phase 1 construction of a veterinary hospital and clinic as part of a larger campus expansion initiative.

Phase 1 will establish a **high-capacity surgical and medical facility** designed to:

- Expand access to **spay/neuter services statewide**, particularly in underserved rural areas
- Provide **affordable veterinary care** within the Tri-County region
- Strengthen South Carolina's **animal care and control infrastructure**

This request supports **capital construction only**. Ongoing operations will be funded through a combination of earned revenue, philanthropy, and existing organizational resources.

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##### II. Total Project Budget (Phase 1)

| Category                                                | Amount              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Core Clinic Construction                                | \$20,310,745        |
| Expanded Scope (site, infrastructure, capacity scaling) | \$4,689,255         |
| <b>Total Phase 1 Project Cost</b>                       | <b>\$25,000,000</b> |

##### Funding Sources

| Source                                  | Amount       |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| State of South Carolina (requested)     | \$10,000,000 |
| Private Philanthropy / Capital Campaign | \$10,000,000 |

| <b>Source</b>                        | <b>Amount</b>       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Organizational Investment / Reserves | \$5,000,000         |
| <b>Total Funding</b>                 | <b>\$25,000,000</b> |

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### **III. Program Budget – Use of State Funds**

| <b>Category</b>                       | <b>Amount</b>       | <b>Purpose</b>                                      |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Core Facility Construction            | \$6,500,000         | Structural build-out of surgical and clinical space |
| Medical Equipment & Surgical Capacity | \$1,500,000         | Surgical suites, anesthesia, diagnostic equipment   |
| Site & Infrastructure                 | \$1,500,000         | Utilities, access, and facility support systems     |
| Contingency (cost stabilization)      | \$500,000           | Inflation and supply chain variability              |
| <b>Total State Funds</b>              | <b>\$10,000,000</b> |                                                     |

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### **IV. Project Timeline**

| <b>Phase</b>               | <b>Timeline</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Final Design & Engineering | 2026            |
| Procurement & Bidding      | 2026            |
| Construction               | 2026–<br>2028   |
| Project Completion         | 2028            |

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### **V. Public Benefit & State Impact**

#### **1. Reduction in Local Government Costs**

This project directly addresses rising costs faced by municipalities and counties related to:

- Animal shelter intake and overcrowding
- Staffing and housing expenses
- Euthanasia and disposal

Expanded spay/neuter capacity will:

- Reduce intake volumes
  - Shorten length of stay
  - Lower operational costs across local sheltering systems
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## **2. Public Health & Safety**

The facility will support:

- Increased vaccination rates (including rabies prevention)
  - Reduction in stray and unvaccinated animals
  - Lower incidence of bites and disease transmission
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## **3. Statewide Infrastructure**

This is not a local facility—it is designed to support:

- Rural and underserved communities
  - Smaller shelters lacking veterinary capacity
  - Regional and statewide coordination of services
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## **4. Workforce Development**

The project supports expansion of:

- Veterinary and technician training programs
  - Including veterinary students at The Harvey S. Peeler, Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine (Clemson University)

- Animal care and control workforce capacity

This aligns with broader statewide workforce development needs.

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## **VI. Economic Impact**

### **Construction Phase**

- ~\$25 million capital investment
- 150–200 construction jobs (direct and indirect)

### **Operational Phase**

- 25–40 new full-time positions
  - Sustained regional economic activity
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## **VII. Leveraged Investment**

- **State Investment:** \$10 million
- **Total Project:** \$25 million

The State's participation leverages:

- Private philanthropic investment
- Organizational capital
- Community support

This represents a **2.5:1 return on State investment** in total project value.

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## **VIII. Long-Term Value to the State**

This project provides durable public benefit through:

- Reduced taxpayer-funded sheltering costs
- Improved efficiency of animal control systems
- Strengthened public health protections
- Long-term infrastructure supporting statewide needs



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## **IX. Justification for State Support**

South Carolina's animal care and control systems are experiencing:

- Increased demand
- Workforce shortages
- Capacity constraints

This project addresses these challenges through **infrastructure investment**, rather than ongoing subsidy.

The requested appropriation enables:

- Accelerated project delivery
- Cost-sharing with private funding
- Immediate and long-term public benefit

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## **X. Closing Statement**

This request represents a **targeted, cost-effective investment in infrastructure** that will:

- Reduce long-term costs to local governments
- Improve public health outcomes
- Strengthen statewide capacity

This project represents a targeted investment in infrastructure that will reduce long-term costs to local governments, improve public health outcomes, and strengthen South Carolina's capacity to manage animal populations effectively. The State's participation enables a cost-shared solution with measurable public benefit.

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

Requested Amount: \$ \$7,000,000

Recipient Entity: South Carolina Aquarium

The entity is a:        State Agency,        Local Government,   X   Non-Profit, or        Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Courtenay Lewandowski Title/Position: Chief Strategy Officer

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: clewandowski@scaquarium.org

Entity Website: <https://scaquarium.org/> County Location: Charleston County

### Intended Use of the Funds:

The Aquarium's sustainability and safety project aims to upgrade animal care infrastructure, repair, update, and renovate the water quality, animal nutrition lab, and kitchen, enhance Great Ocean Tank safety infrastructure, and fortify the facility against inclement weather. These improvements are essential to reducing risk, maintaining the well-being of our animals, staff, and visitors and fortifying our facility.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit:

The Aquarium is the number one family attraction in Charleston and an anchor in the state's tourism economy, generating an annual economic impact of approximately \$413.81 million. In addition to providing free or reduced cost STEM programming to thousands of K-12 students annually, the Aquarium is a global leader in endangered sea turtle rehabilitation. By supporting the Aquarium, the state ensures the continued well-being of thousands of animals, enhances educational programs that benefit students and visitors alike, and strengthens our state's economy.

Representative Leon Stavrinakis

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Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

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February 23, 2026

The Honorable Leon Stavrinakis  
Post Office Box 11867  
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1867

Dear Representative Stavrinakis,

For more than 25 years, the South Carolina Aquarium has exemplified our state's commitment to the preservation and conservation of our wildlife and wild places. Our team works diligently to care for thousands of animals, inspire the next generation of scientists and explorers, to welcome families from every corner of South Carolina and beyond and shed light upon our state's great biodiversity. Creating and sustaining this "ocean within our walls" is an extraordinary and immense undertaking—one made possible only through the passion of our staff and our strong and consistent partnership with the state.

As we look ahead, the Aquarium faces growing infrastructural pressures that directly affect the safety of our guests, staff, volunteers, and the animals entrusted to our care. To meet these challenges responsibly, we have identified several essential infrastructure projects and are respectfully requesting \$7,000,000 in state support to advance them. This investment will strengthen the systems that allow us to operate safely, resiliently, and at the level of excellence the people of South Carolina expect. Specifically, this support will enable us to:

- **Modernize our Animal Nutrition Lab and Water Quality Laboratory** by pursuing critical replacements of the aging equipment and storage systems required to maintain the highest standards of food safety and prevent zoonotic disease.
- **Upgrade the Great Ocean Tank backup areas and dive safety infrastructure** to prevent transmission of harmful bacteria during dive operations and to support the safety of the staff and volunteers who maintain this signature exhibit.
- **Address essential building and life-support infrastructure needs** including roof replacement, building-wide waterproofing, and generator seal upgrades, all to reduce vulnerability to flooding and storm damage.

These proposed upgrades are fundamental measures to protect the state's ongoing investment in our mission. We are deeply grateful for the support the state has shown us over the years. With your continued partnership, we can ensure that the South Carolina Aquarium remains resilient, innovative, and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Mills  
President and CEO  
South Carolina Aquarium



## **Appeal for State Funding**

FY2026 Request: \$7,000,000

The Aquarium was created as an educational resource, poised to complement state curriculum, and as a gateway to South Carolina's incredible biodiversity; a front door for visitors from around the world to step through and experience the unparalleled majesty of South Carolina's wildlife and wild places. As we celebrate more than 25 years of service to our statewide community, we continue to take the steps necessary to fortify our facility and ensure it is here for decades to come. The South Carolina Aquarium has identified a selection of projects absolutely essential to the safety, health, and well-being of our staff, the thousands of animals in our care, and the more than 500,000 guests we see walk through our doors each year.

*To execute these investments which will protect our animals and staff and facilitate greater visitor satisfaction, the Aquarium respectfully requests your support in the amount of \$7,000,000. With state support, the project work is expected to begin in February of 2027 and take approximately 12 months to complete.*

### ➤ **Animal Nutrition Lab**

- Urgent replacement of outdated appliances and storage systems is necessary keep food and medicine systems safe for our staff and animal population and reduce zoonotic disease risks.

### ➤ **The Water Quality Lab**

- Upgrades will lower the number of reagents used, reducing hazardous waste generation and minimizing staff exposure to carcinogens or teratogens.

### ➤ **Great Ocean Tank Dive Safety Infrastructure**

- Extensive safety upfits will prevent the transfer of potentially deadly bacteria and toxic material from humans to the animals and improve layout.



The water quality, animal nutrition lab and kitchen area are integral to our animal care operations. In the animal nutrition lab, our dedicated staff prepare over 90,000 pounds of food annually for the more than 5,000 animals that call the Aquarium home. Upgrading outdated appliances and storage systems and implementing advanced disinfection systems will reduce the risk of zoonotic disease transmission, safeguarding the health of

both animals and caretakers.

The water quality lab is vital for monitoring and maintaining the health of our aquatic environments. With over 20 years of service, essential equipment and infrastructure require modernization to maintain efficiency and accuracy. A transformation of the space will drastically increase efficiency and allow for greater visibility from touring guests, increasing public awareness and education. Upgrading components such as the spectrophotometer, fume hood, cabinets, and flooring will reduce hazardous waste generation and minimize staff exposure to harmful substances.

The backup space for our Great Ocean Tank, the exhibit that anchors our institution and collection, requires extensive safety upfits that will prevent the transfer of potentially deadly bacteria and toxic material from humans to the animals and improve the area's layout. The dive locker room within the Great Ocean Tank backup space is a critical area for the preparation and safety of our dive team, who care for approximately 500 animals in various tank environments, including the Great Ocean Tank. Renovating this space will provide a secure and hygienic environment for staff and volunteers, preventing the transfer of potentially harmful bacteria and materials from humans to animals. Upgrading the dive locker room will also ensure it meets modern safety standards and is functionally available to all staff and volunteers, including those with disabilities.



➤ **Animal Safety Resilience Infrastructure**

- These investments ensure that animal care standards are upheld at all times and that guests can continue to safely enjoy the Aquarium experience.

➤ **Critical Building Infrastructure**

- Modernizing critical systems will reduce single points of failure, improve operational reliability, and strengthen our capacity to remain fully functional during and after storm-related disruptions.

As a cornerstone of Charleston's recreational and educational landscape, the Aquarium plays a critical role not only in supporting tourism and family recreation, but also in advancing environmental education and conservation awareness. To continue serving this role, the facility must proactively address growing vulnerabilities driven by increasingly severe weather patterns, rising sea levels, and aging animal life-support and building systems. These risks present real and immediate challenges to the safety of our animals, our guests, and the long-term viability of the facility.



Planned capital investments are designed to strengthen the Aquarium's resilience against these threats. Key priorities include comprehensive roof replacement, enhanced building envelope waterproofing, and critical upgrades to emergency generator seals. Together, these improvements will significantly reduce the Aquarium's risk exposure to hurricanes, intense rainfall events, and flooding. Strengthening these fundamental building elements ensures the facility can withstand storm events with minimal disruption and recover more quickly when impacts occur.

Equally vital, though less visible to the public, is the robust network of behind-the-scenes infrastructure that supports daily operations. Boilers, pumps, chillers, actuators, and ozone systems form the backbone of the Aquarium's life-support network, maintaining precise environmental conditions for thousands of animals while enabling a safe and seamless guest experience. Many of these systems have reached or exceeded their intended service life and are growing increasingly vulnerable to failure. Of particular concern is the potable water pump, whose reliability is critical to both animal care and public health, especially during extreme weather events when system redundancy is most needed.



Ultimately, strengthening the Aquarium's physical infrastructure is an investment in long-term stewardship. It protects the state's financial investment in the facility, safeguards an iconic community asset, and preserves a vital hub for environmental education, conservation messaging, and family recreation.

| <b>South Carolina Aquarium<br/>2026 Budget- Critical Infrastructure</b> |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                         | <b>FY26</b>         |
| <b>BTS Animal Safety Infrastructure</b>                                 |                     |
| GOT FRAC Actuators - Valve and Motor Replacements                       | \$ 15,000           |
| GOT Dive Safety Gear and Equipment                                      | \$ 35,000           |
| Emergency Air Blowers Upgrade                                           | \$ 17,000           |
| Temperature Monitoring Equipment                                        | \$ 10,000           |
| OFT LSS Monitoring                                                      | \$ 8,000            |
| OFT Ozone System                                                        | \$ 10,000           |
| OFT Fractionator                                                        | \$ 15,000           |
| Potable Water Pump System Replacement                                   | \$ 325,000          |
| Chiller 1 Rebuild                                                       | \$ 150,000          |
| Chiller 2 Rebuild                                                       | \$ 150,000          |
| STH HVAC 1 Replacement                                                  | \$ 15,000           |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                                                        | <b>\$ 750,000</b>   |
| <b>Critical Third-Floor Animal Safety Infrastructure</b>                |                     |
| Animal Nutrition Lab                                                    | \$ 1,200,000        |
| Water Quality Lab                                                       | \$ 1,200,000        |
| Great Ocean Tank Dive Safety Infrastructure                             | \$ 1,100,000        |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                                                        | <b>\$ 3,500,000</b> |
| <b>Critical Building Infrastructure</b>                                 |                     |
| Roof Replacement                                                        | \$ 2,150,000        |
| Freight Elevator Doors Replacement                                      | \$ 150,000          |
| Building Envelope Resilience- Exterior Doors                            | \$ 100,000          |
| Cooling Tower Vibration Isolation                                       | \$ 50,000           |
| Emergency Generator - Enclosure Replacement                             | \$ 250,000          |
| Emergency Generator - Rear Main Seal                                    | \$ 50,000           |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                                                        | <b>\$ 2,750,000</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                                   | <b>\$ 7,000,000</b> |



## City of Charleston

WILLIAM S. COGSWELL, JR.

MAYOR

April 28, 2026

The Honorable Leon Stavrinakis  
Post Office Box 11867  
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1867

Dear Representative Stavrinakis,

As a leader committed to the well-being, safety, and resilience of the City of Charleston, I am writing to respectfully request your support for the South Carolina Aquarium's 2026 state funding request. The Aquarium is one of our state's most significant educational, environmental, and tourism assets, and continued state partnership is essential to ensuring its long-term sustainability.

The South Carolina Aquarium has a direct and longstanding contractual relationship with the City of Charleston and the state of South Carolina. The Aquarium building is owned by the City, and the institution operates the facility under a formal agreement that reflects a shared commitment to public education, conservation, and community benefit. Historically, the Aquarium has been awarded competitive ATAX funding from the City of Charleston, and has partnered on several education initiatives, to include the recent transformation of the city owned Maritime Center into the new Learning Lab.

Further, the South Carolina Aquarium has a demonstrated record of responsibly stewarding state funds, ensuring accountability, compliance, and measurable public impact; the Aquarium is actively partnered with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and has received funding from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

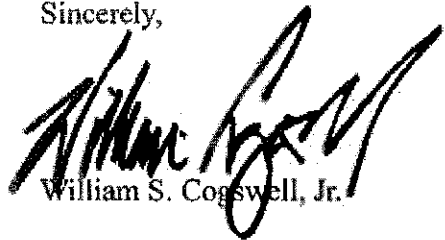
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The Aquarium is a pillar of our state's leadership in conservation, STEM education, and family recreation. These proposed upgrades are foundational investments necessary to safeguard the state's existing capital investment, protect the thousands of animals housed at the Aquarium, and maintain a safe experience for the more than 500,000 annual visitors.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for considering this important request. I look forward to working with you to ensure the Aquarium remains safe, resilient, and thriving for generations to come.

Sincerely,



William S. Cogswell, Jr.



## City of Charleston

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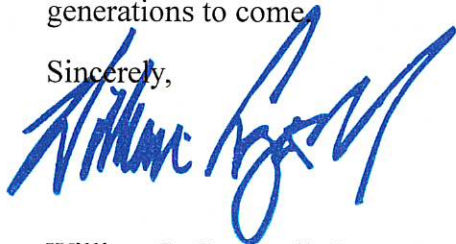
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William S. Cogswell, Jr.



## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: AIKEN'S CENTER OF HOPE

Requested Amount: \$ 2,000,000.00

Recipient Entity: CITY OF AIKEN, SC

The entity is a:      State Agency, ☒ Local Government,      Non-Profit, or      Other

If **Other**, please explain:     

Entity Contact: STUART BEDENBAUGH Title/Position: CITY MANAGER

Phone Number:      Email: SBEDENBAUGH@CITYOFAIKENSC.GOV

Entity Website: CITYOFAIKENSC.GOV County Location: AIKEN COUNTY

Intended Use of the Funds: TO CONSTRUCT A RESOURCE CENTER TO SHELTER THE INCREASING HOMELESS POPULATION AND PROVIDE RESOURCE SERVICES TO MOVE THEM TO STABLE HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: THIS INVESTMENT GIVES A HAND UP TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN CRISIS BY DELIVERING HOLISTIC AND SPECIALIZED HELP SO THEY HAVE STABLE HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT. (SEE ATTACHED DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT)

Bill Taylor

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

[Signature]

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: William (Bill) Clyburn Signature: William Clyburn

Print Name: Bill Hixon Signature: Bill Hixon

Print Name: Melissa Dremus Signature: Melissa Dremus

NAME: CHARLES V. HARTZ Signature: Charles V. Hartz



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311@cityofaikensc.gov

February 17, 2026

Representative Bill Taylor  
House District 86, Aiken County  
416B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Dear Representative Taylor,

I am writing to request \$2 million in the state's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for the proposed Aiken Center of Hope. As you know, rising homelessness and housing instability are placing tremendous strain on Aiken's limited shelter options. While the local Salvation Army remains an invaluable community resource, its current 1960's era shelter is no longer adequate to meet today's challenges.

A recent survey of 100 community leaders identified the construction of a Center of Hope shelter as the most critical investment needed to address homelessness and housing insecurity in our area. The City is eager to collaborate with trusted nonprofits, as well as local and state agencies, to build this resource center and shelter that will serve those most in need.

Aiken City Council has already committed \$400,000 toward the Center of Hope and recognizes that the total investment will be approximately \$10-\$12 million. To help make this facility a reality, the City of Aiken respectfully requests \$2 million in the state's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. With your support, and that of other legislators in the General Assembly, Aiken is ready to move forward with this much-needed resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stuart T. Bedenbaugh  
City Manager

## **Aiken's Housing Crisis and Capacity Challenges**

The Aiken area is facing a significant housing crisis, with rising homelessness and limited shelter capacity straining resources.

- Rising homelessness and housing instability are straining Aiken's limited shelter infrastructure.
- The Salvation Army operates the only general shelter in a four-county area, which is limited in capacity, resulting in people in need being turned away. It is a 44-bed shelter, the only general-use facility between Augusta, GA, and Columbia, SC. In 2024, it served 522 individuals, provided 7,126 nights of shelter, and 37,562 meals.
- The unsheltered homelessness rate in Aiken exceeds the state average, indicating a need for more appropriate shelter options.
- Nearly half of all renters in Aiken County are cost-burdened, paying over 30% of their income in housing costs.
- The so-called "working poor" families often work full-time but lack the income to cover basic household budgets.
- Nearly half of Aiken households are financially stretched to the limit, and just one unexpected sizeable bill that they can't pay would result in eviction and homelessness.

## **Essential Need for Creation of Aiken's Center of Hope**

A modern shelter facility with comprehensive services is crucial for long-term community impact.

- A survey of 100 community leaders confirmed that the construction of a Center of Hope is the most critical investment for addressing homelessness and housing instability in the Aiken area.
- The current 1960s-era shelter facility is not configured for today's demand and service standards. It is too small to meet needs, outdated, not ADA-compliant, and lacks family-capable accommodation.

## **Persistent Food Insecurity Issues**

On a daily basis, the City of Hope will address the food insecurity affecting many households despite the presence of charitable organizations.

- Over 21,000 residents in Aiken County experience food insecurity annually, with 1 in 8 residents struggling to access food.
- Child food insecurity is particularly high, with 17.5% of children affected.
- The demand for food assistance exceeds supply, especially in rural areas.

### **Collaborative Partnerships**

The City of Aiken will collaborate with trusted nonprofit organizations and local and state agencies to enhance service delivery and ensure specialized care for those in need.

**The Aiken Salvation Army**, which will lead the City of Hope project, has fostered deep community trust and responsiveness during its century of service in Aiken. Its integrity and visibility in addressing homelessness are highly regarded, as is its crisis response, which has strengthened its reputation in the community.

The Salvation Army currently addresses homelessness and housing instability through various partnerships and services:

- Works with **Aiken Housing Authority** and **Umoja Village** for housing placements.
- Coordinates with **Midlands Area Consortium on Homelessness** for data sharing.

The Salvation Army and its local partners provide comprehensive social services and case management:

- Collaboration with **St. Vincent de Paul**, **Community Action**, and others for housing support.
- Shares food systems with **ACTS** and **Golden Harvest Food Bank** for pantry support.
- Partners with **Aiken Department of Social Services** for client paperwork and benefits navigation.

### **City of Hope – A Holistic Approach**

The City of Hope will be far more than an overnight shelter. It will **serve as a lifeline** for those seeking stable housing and employment, enabling them to sustain themselves with hope and dignity.

**The City of Hope will serve as the resource center for homelessness** – a one-stop location for services delivered by various non-profit organizations, along with county and state agencies, such as the S.C. Department of Workforce, the S.C. Department of Mental Health, the Aiken Center, a county agency helping clients overcome drug and alcohol addiction, and the Free Medical Clinic of Aiken.

The Salvation Army's **LifNav program** is a revolutionary approach to enabling homeless individuals and families secure a bright future using "out of the box" tactics. It is a proven model for moving people toward stability and away from homelessness. The program helps participants reflect on their past experiences, envision their preferred life, and set clear action plans to achieve their goals by providing the tools and resources needed to execute their plan.

**Success is evident.** In the past year, more than 200 LifNav participants in Aiken have been placed in permanent housing and are employed.

### **Funding the City of Hope**

Recent quantitative and qualitative findings from a community assessment conducted by a national firm indicate that homelessness in Aiken is outpacing the city's current infrastructure capacity. This situation highlights the urgent need for expanded family-capable shelters and comprehensive wraparound services. The call for expansion is critical, as emphasized by outside consultants.

A strategic plan for a community-wide capital campaign is being finalized and will launch in late spring or summer. The financial goal will likely be in the **\$10-\$12 million range**.

The City of Aiken has provided **\$400,000** in initial funding for the development of the City of Hope and anticipates a subsequent funding round as the project progresses. We hope the Aiken County Council will join us in providing similar support.

**The City of Aiken respectfully requests a community investment of \$2 million in the state's 26-27 budget.**



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Mayor Stephen W. Tumbleston

TOWN OF RAVENEL  
E.B. Ellington Municipal Complex Project  
5600 Ellington School Road  
TMS 228-00-00-011

### **HISTORY**

The Town of Ravenel purchased this vacant elementary school and the 10 acres from the Charleston County School district in 2017. This property was donated in the 1950's by the late Reverend Melvin Washington to be used for an African American school. The main building is approximately 23,000 square feet with a smaller 8,500 square foot building that was constructed at a later date. This school, originally Miley Hill School then later renamed E.B. Ellington, educated generations of African American children before being integrated in the 1960's. An integrated school continued to be a vital part of St Paul's Parish until a new EB Ellington school was opened in 2010.

Ravenel leadership has been reviewing possible future uses for this property and long-range planning for the area. The town held a community input meeting on site to determine the public's interest, concerns, and wishes for the redevelopment of this property. The community feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly directed towards a few specific areas. First, our residents want us to recognize and memorialize the black history of this property. This could be accomplished by naming recognition, repurposing materials, and incorporating cultural importance into the design and accessories throughout the property. Other areas of importance included social gathering and outdoor recreational spaces. The public would have access to gathering spaces inside the newly remodeled building for educational, senior programs, cultural awareness, and many other activities. Our vision for an outdoor recreational area includes but are not limited to a walking/jogging trail around the entire property, pickleball courts, multi-purpose fields, and an eventual separate on-site multi-purpose facility to support youth athletics.

### **Vision**

Town leadership envisions developing Phase I of this property which includes renovating the 8500 square foot building into a new municipal complex that can serve a growing population for generations to come. At the core of this facility will be relocating our town hall to the 8,500-sf existing building. The 23,000-sf existing structure will be removed and that space will be used for community gatherings, recreational fields, etc. A 6' wide multi-purpose walking/jogging trail will be included in the first phase to give the community immediate access to outdoor recreational opportunities. Phase II will include pickleball, multi-purpose fields and a multi-

purpose building. (see the attached master plan) The community space inside our new town hall will be available to the public for a wide array of uses. We see a great need for senior and Veteran services with a specific focus on improving health and wellness. Youth development programs are a priority for our community. These programs can help young people develop social skills and improve their self-esteem while building confidence and a sense of purpose.

### **Current Status**

Ravenel Town Council has approved the funds to enter into a design contract for the development of a complete set of construction plans and documents. A contract has been executed, and design meetings have begun.

### **Timeline**

Plan development and permitting the site will take 12-16 months to complete. The bidding process can parallel the permitting process and a contractor can be selected in approximately 16 months. Select demo to include the 23,000-sf facility and interior of the 8,500-sf facility can begin in 6 months. Phase I which includes all demo, renovation of the 8,500-sf facility, multi-purpose trail, parking, grading, and stormwater management of the entire site can be completed mid-2026.

### **Benefits**

In addition to the spacious indoor and outdoor amenities the town will also be able to offer additional public services to our citizens. Another potential benefit is the repurposing of our existing space at The George W. Tumbleston Service Center. Currently the County Auditor, Treasurer, Magistrate, and Ravenel Town Hall are all located in the county building. I will work closely with County and State officials to locate a South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles facility to occupy the vacant space that once housed Town Hall. The continued growth from Main Road to the Edisto River and upper Dorchester County, makes our area an excellent choice for an additional SCDMV.

### **Financials**

Phase I- All demo work, drainage, site improvements, utilities, building renovations, walking paths, parking, multipurpose sports field, and landscape improvements are estimated at \$3,000,000.00.

The town requests \$750,000.00 in 2026 and \$750,000.00 in 2027. The town has funds available to match the \$1,500,000.00 to complete the 3-million-dollar phase I.

### **Attachments**

- Design Contract
- Survey
- Master Plan
- Building renovation elevations
- Floor Plans



January 16, 2025

Mayor Stephen W. Tumbleston  
Town of Ravenel  
5962 Highway 165  
Ravenel, SC 29470

Re: A/E Proposal for Ravenel Town Hall

Dear Mayor Tumbleston,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the Town of Ravenel with the design of your new Town Hall. SMHa, inc. (SMHa) proposes to provide Architectural/Engineering services as described in the following:

### **Project Understanding**

The project involves the partial demolition and renovation of the existing vacant Miley Hill school building located at 5600 Ellington School Road to serve as a new Town Hall for the Town of Ravenel. The project will also include site improvements such as parking, pedestrian facilities, a driveway connecting to Ellington School Road, landscaping, utility service connections, and an onsite stormwater management system.

The scope of the work is based on "Phase 1" of a Conceptual Master Plan developed by Outdoor Spatial Design and a conceptual renovation floor plan and elevation developed by SMHa under prior separate contracts with the Town (see attached Exhibits A and B). This proposal is to develop these concepts into Construction Documents for the permitting and construction of Phase 1 of the Ravenel Town Hall. SMHa will serve as Architect of Record for the project, with the following consultants under our contract: Landscape Architecture: Outdoor Spatial Design, LLC (OSD); Civil Engineering: C Baker Engineering LLC (CBE); Structural Engineering: ADC Engineering, Inc. (ADC); MPE Engineering: HG Consulting Engineers, LLC (HG). It is our understanding that the Owner will provide Cost Estimating services separately, and that the project will be procured through the Design-Bid-Build delivery method.

### **Scope of Services**

SMHa will provide the following Architectural services for this project. Please refer to the attached proposals from the Civil Engineer, Landscape Architect, Structural Engineer, and MPE Engineer for a more detailed description of their respective scope of services. The Agreement, if this proposal is accepted, will be based on the AIA B101 Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect, 2017 edition. A sample draft of this document is attached for reference.

#### Architectural Basic Services:

1. **Schematic Design Narrative:** Provide a written narrative of the design to supplement the Conceptual drawings for use in Schematic Design Cost Estimating.
2. **Design Development (DD):** Upon approval of Owner-provided Schematic Design Cost Estimate, develop construction drawings to 60%. DD includes coordination with consultant designs to integrate building systems with new layout, and one page-turn meeting of the Drawings with the Town. DD Deliverables to include:
  - o Life Safety/ Code Analysis
  - o Existing/Demolition Floor Plan, Reflected Ceiling Plan (RCP), Roof Plan and Exterior Elevations
  - o Renovation Floor Plan, RCP, Roof Plan, and Exterior Elevations
  - o Building Sections and Primary Wall Sections
  - o Preliminary Door Schedule and Details
  - o Preliminary Finish Plan and Schedule

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3. **Construction Documents (CD):** Upon approval of the DD package and Owner-Provided Cost Estimate, develop Construction Documents for permitting and bidding. CD includes continued coordination with consultant documents, further development of renovation details, and one page-turn meeting of the Drawings with the Town. CD Deliverables to include:
  - o All drawings from DD, developed for permit submittal and bidding
  - o Section and Plan Details
  - o Door and Window Details
4. **Specifications:** Provide 3-part specifications in Master Spec format, compiled into a written project manual to supplement the drawings as part of the Contract Documents.
5. **Permitting Coordination:** Review the project with the Authority Having Jurisdiction during design, and respond to plan review comments during permitting.
6. **Bidding Administration:** Attend pre-bid conference, answer bidders' RFIs, issue addenda as required.
7. **Contract Administration/Project Closeout:** This service is proposed on an hourly basis with an estimated fee, not to be exceeded without the Town's prior approval. The estimate is based on an assumed 9-month construction duration with bi-weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor meetings and site visits to observe construction. CA services also include review of Contractor Submittals, answering Contractor RFI's, review of Contractor Pay Applications, and review of Proposed Change Orders. Project Closeout will include review of as-built and record documents submitted by the Contractor, visiting the project to generate a final punch list, and issuing a certificate of Substantial Completion.

Architectural Supplemental Services:

1. **Cost Estimating:**—The Owner has indicated that he will provide Cost Estimating services during design, separate from this agreement.
2. **Interior Design:** Provide selection and documentation of interior finishes and design of interior elements including casework, millwork, and specialty accent walls and ceilings. Coordinate with Design Team and Town on selection of plumbing fixtures, toilet accessories, hardware, and lighting fixtures.

**Exclusions**

The following are excluded from our scope of services, but may be added as additional services with corresponding fees:

- Public Meetings/Community Presentations
- Marketing Material/ Graphics
- Procurement/ Selection of Artwork
- Procurement/Selection of Furniture
- Owner-Requested Revisions to Approved Drawings (after SD, DD and CD Approvals)
- GeoTechnical Engineering
- Environmental Study/Engineering
- Hazardous Materials Survey
- Cost Estimating (to be provided by Owner)

**Compensation**

Compensation for this phase of work shall be billed as a lump sum, and invoiced on a monthly basis, unless otherwise noted. All sub-consultant fees include a 10% SMHa mark-up. Tasks labeled as



"HNTE" are Hourly Not to Exceed the estimated amount without prior Owner approval.

**Basic Services**

|                                                        |               |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>Architectural Basic Services (SMHa)</b>             | <b>\$</b>     | <b>91,000</b>      |
| Schematic Design Narrative                             | \$            | 4,000              |
| Design Development                                     | \$            | 18,000             |
| Construction Documents                                 | \$            | 25,000             |
| Specifications                                         | \$            | 5,000              |
| Permitting Coordination (HNTE)                         | \$            | 2,500              |
| Bidding Administration                                 | \$            | 3,500              |
| Contract Administration (HNTE)                         | \$            | 27,000             |
| Closeout                                               | \$            | 6,000              |
| <br><b>Structural Basic Services (ADC)</b>             | <br><b>\$</b> | <br><b>15,840</b>  |
| Design Development                                     | \$            | 5,280              |
| Construction Documents                                 | \$            | 7,260              |
| Construction Administration                            | \$            | 3,300              |
| <br><b>MEP Basic Services (HG)</b>                     | <br><b>\$</b> | <br><b>24,200</b>  |
| Schematic Design Narrative                             | \$            | 5,500              |
| Design Development                                     | \$            | 6,600              |
| Construction Documents                                 | \$            | 6,600              |
| Specifications                                         | \$            | 2,750              |
| Contract Administration                                | \$            | 2,750              |
| <br><b>Civil Engineering Basic Services (C Baker)</b>  | <br><b>\$</b> | <br><b>65,450</b>  |
| Conceptual Planning                                    | \$            | 4,400              |
| Downstream Analysis                                    | \$            | 4,400              |
| Site Design                                            | \$            | 22,000             |
| Stormwater Design                                      | \$            | 8,800              |
| Permitting                                             | \$            | 11,000             |
| Coordination of Onsite Wastewater (Septic) System      | \$            | 1,650              |
| Meetings and Coordination                              | \$            | 5,500              |
| Bidding Assistance                                     | \$            | 1,650              |
| Construction Administration                            | \$            | 3,850              |
| Project Closeout                                       | \$            | 2,200              |
| <br><b>Landscape Architecture Basic Services (OSD)</b> | <br><b>\$</b> | <br><b>63,470</b>  |
| Construction Documents 30%                             | \$            | 13,750             |
| Construction Documents 60%                             | \$            | 21,450             |
| Construction Documents 90%                             | \$            | 11,550             |
| Permitting                                             | \$            | 7,150              |
| Written Specifications                                 | \$            | 5,720              |
| Bidding and Negotiation                                | \$            | 3,850              |
| <br><b>Total Basic Services</b>                        | <br><b>\$</b> | <br><b>259,960</b> |

**Supplemental Services**

|                               |           |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Interior Design (SMHa)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>13,500</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|

**Total Supplemental Services** \$ 13,500

**Reimbursable Expenses (Estimated)** \$ 3,500.00

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal and to work with the Town of Ravenel on your project. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 843.364.0118.

Owner



Signature

STEPHEN Tumbleston-Mayon  
Printed Name and Title

Architect



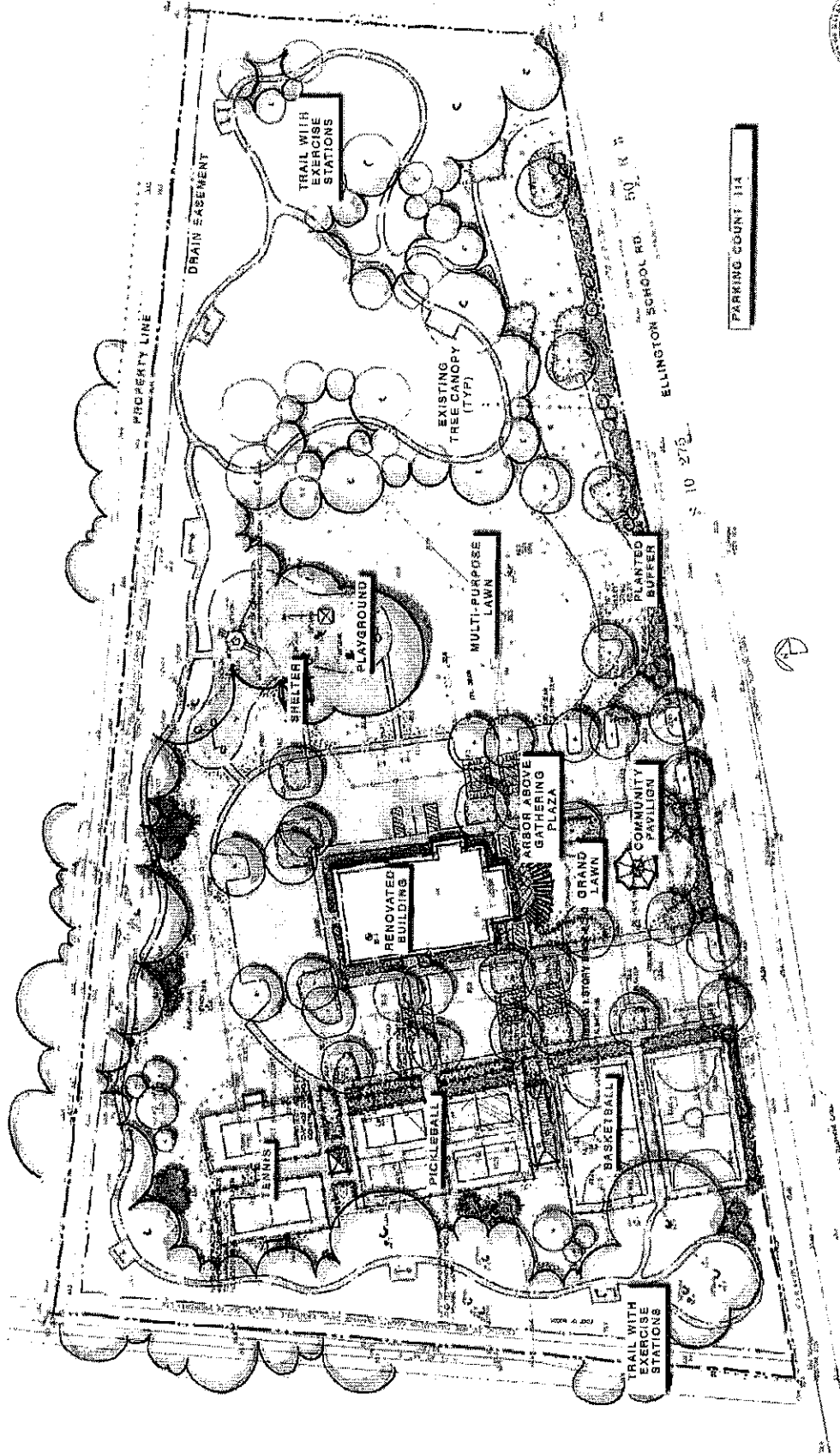
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William S. Connell, AIA, Principal  
Printed Name and Title

**Attachments:**

- SMHa Standard Hourly Rates
- Exhibit A: OSD Masterplan (02.15.23)
- Exhibit B: SMHa Conceptual Renovation Plan and Elevation (05.08.24)
- OSD Proposal (05.23.24)
- C Baker Engineering Proposal (05.24.24)
- HG Engineers Proposal (05.21.24)
- ADC Engineering Proposal (05.29.24)
- Draft AIA B101 2017 Contract





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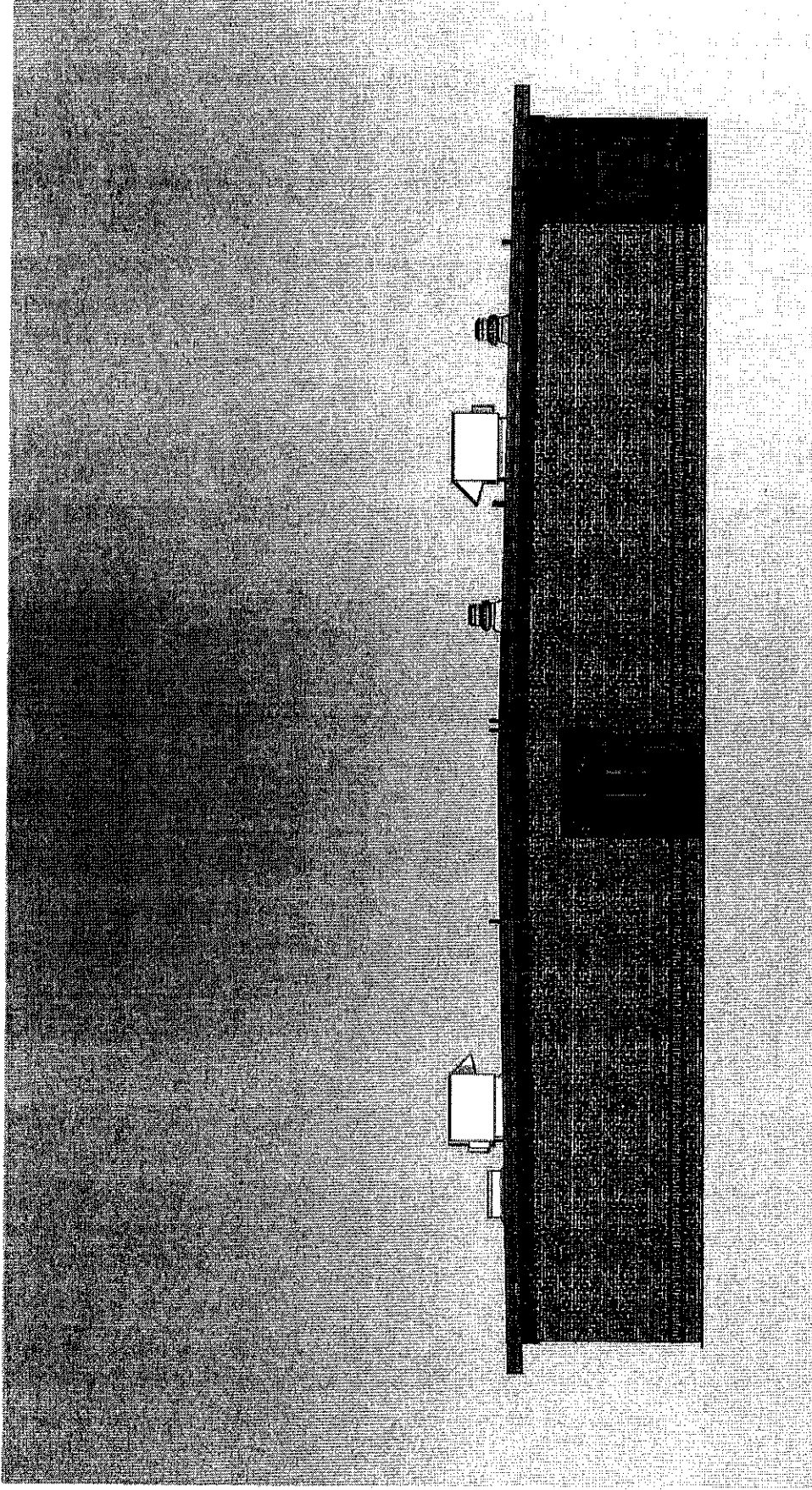
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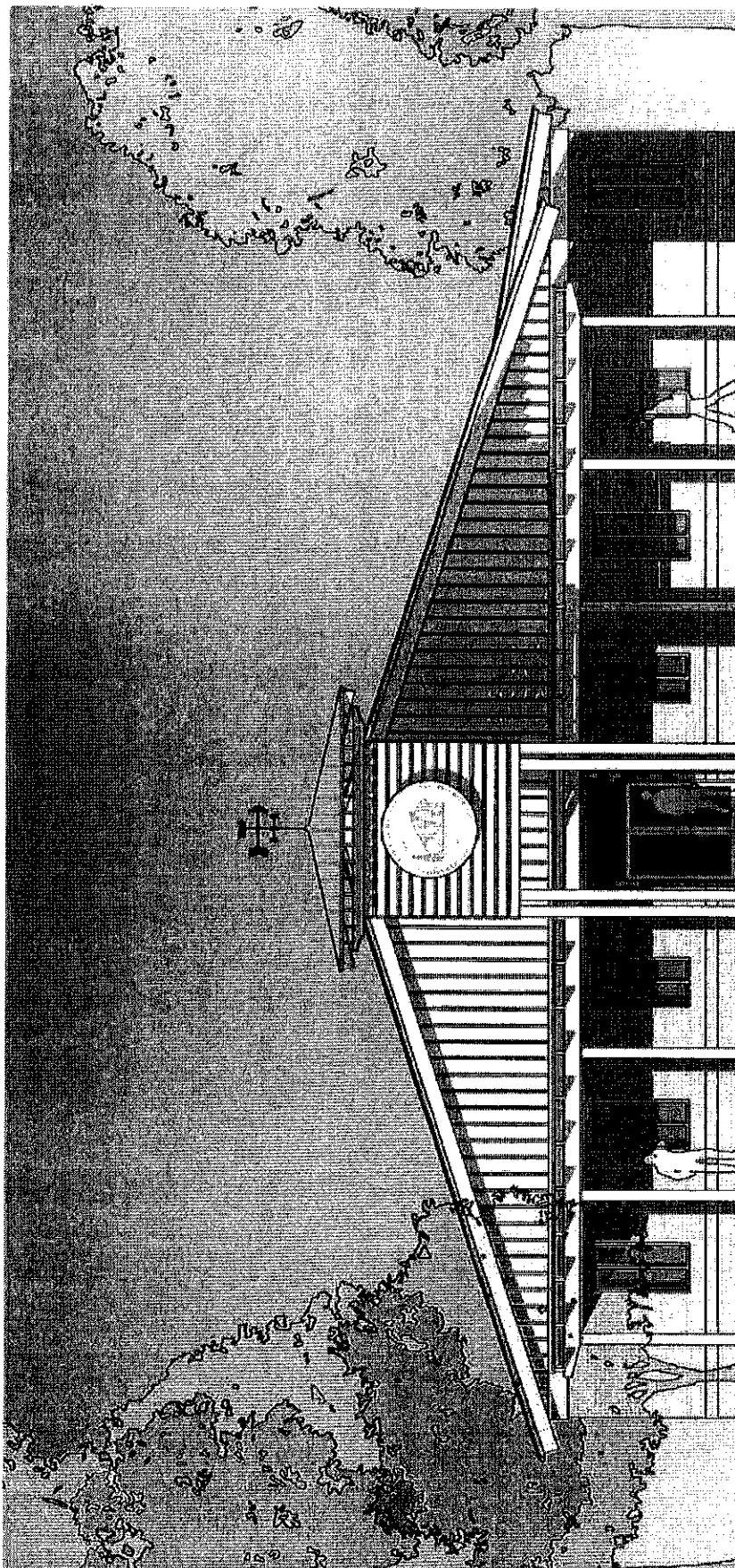
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February 15, 2022

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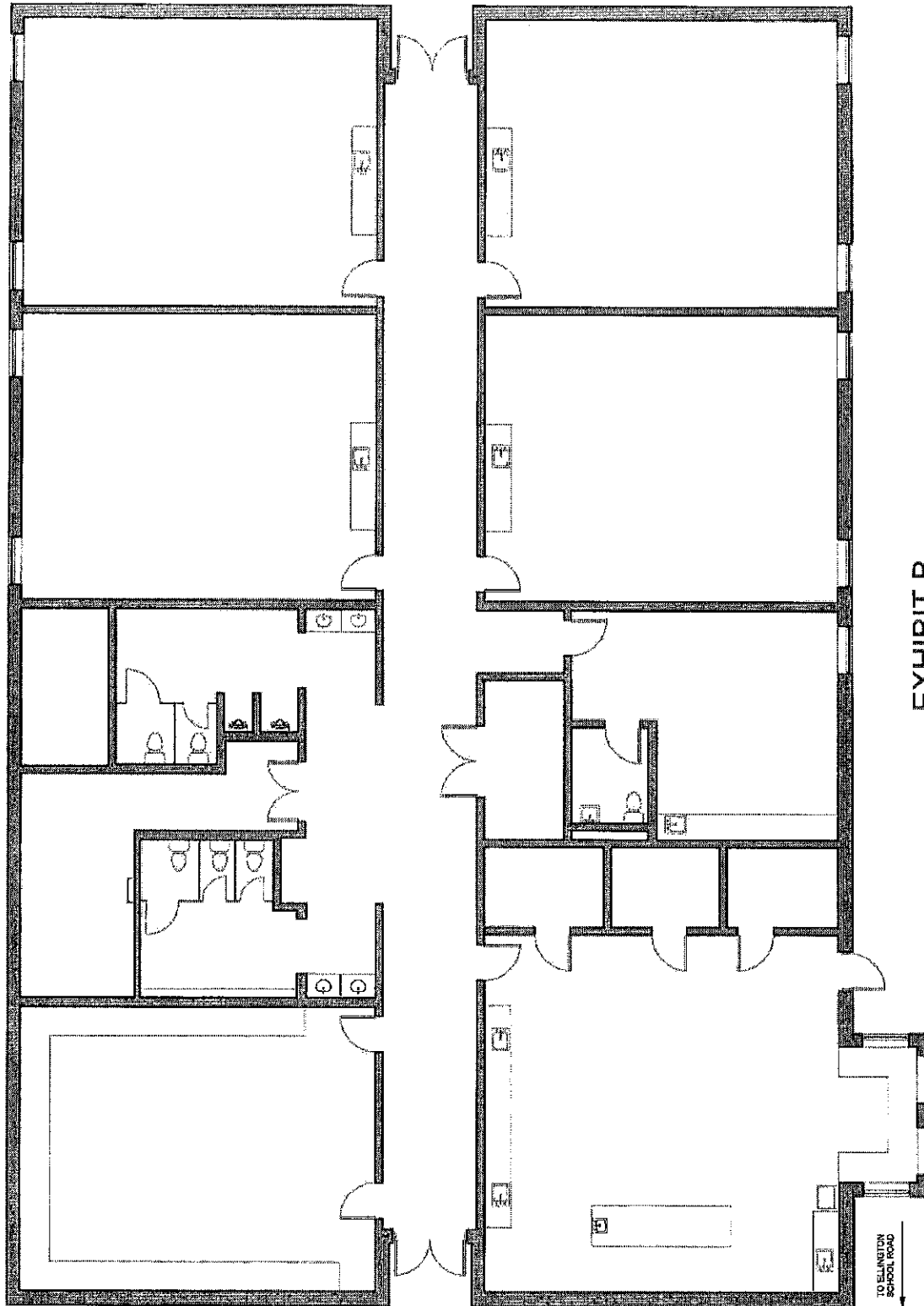


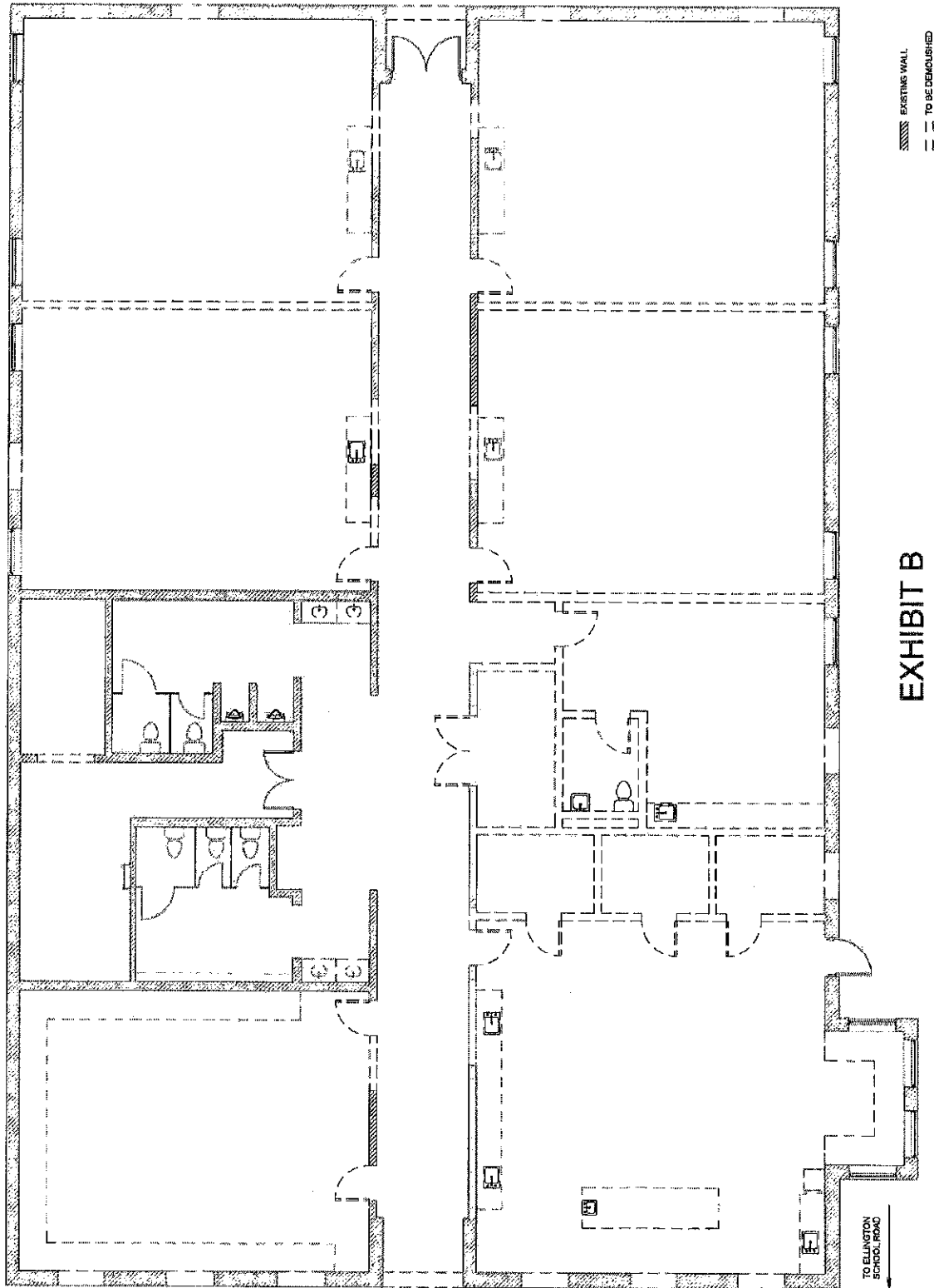


**SMH** | Tower Concept  
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EXHIBIT B

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May 1, 2026

Rep. David Vaughan  
SC General Assembly  
326B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Appropriation Request – Multi-Purpose Stadium

Dear Rep. Vaughan:

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to our community as we navigate the pressures of rapid growth and aging infrastructure. As requested, please find the additional details regarding the City's funding request for this project below.

| Project Name | Funding Request |
|--------------|-----------------|
|--------------|-----------------|

Multi-Purpose Stadium Phase II \$12,000,000

## Project Description & Benefits

The City of Mauldin is requesting \$12,000,000 in an on-going commitment for the completion of Phase II of a Multi-Purpose Stadium currently under development at BridgeWay Station in Mauldin, SC. The stadium will serve as a premier destination for professional sports as the home of the Greenville Triumph, community events, recreation, entertainment, and more. Beyond its primary programming, the City is committed to making the facility accessible to local schools and community organizations, ensuring the site serves as a true public asset and cementing its role as a vital economic and social anchor. With more than \$100 million in private investment into BridgeWay Station, the stadium will act as a powerful catalyst for future development and economic growth.

**Anticipated Start/Completion Date - June 30, 2027**

## Project Budget

|                            |              |                        |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Expenses:                  |              | Revenue:               |                     |
| Architecture & Engineering | \$3,000,000  | <i>Funding Request</i> | <i>\$12,000,000</i> |
| Phase I Construction       | \$15,000,000 | City of Mauldin        | \$14,500,000        |
| Phase II Construction      | \$15,000,000 | Private Funding        | \$ 7,000,000        |
| <hr/>                      |              | <hr/>                  |                     |
| <i>Total</i>               | \$33,500,000 | <i>Total</i>           | \$33,500,000        |

The City of Mauldin and its private sector partners will assume all financial responsibilities for cost overruns.

## Verification

The City of Mauldin is a certified municipality within the State of South Carolina as defined in SC Code Section 5-1-10. The City was issued a chartered in 1890 and a Certificate of Incorporation issued in 1976.

This project is vital to the continued growth and development of Mauldin. Your assistance in securing this funding for this project would be a tremendous benefit to the people of our community and the future success of our region.

I greatly appreciate your time, attention, and effort in this endeavor.



Respectfully,

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Seth Duncan  
City Administrator



May 1, 2026

Rep. David Vaughan  
SC General Assembly  
326B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Appropriation Request – City Hall Improvements

Dear Rep. Vaughan:

Thank you for your continued support of our community through the challenges of expansion and infrastructure updates. Please find the additional information below to support the City's funding request for this project.

| <b>Project Name</b>    | <b>Funding Request</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| City Hall Improvements | \$500,000              |

**Project Description & Benefits**

The City of Mauldin is seeking \$500,000 to fund essential improvements and upgrades at City Hall, addressing critical infrastructure needs driven by the City's rapid growth. Currently, the facilities supporting the municipal court and police department are severely overtaxed and no longer meet operational demands. This project focuses on renovating high-traffic areas, including the municipal courtroom, jury deliberation spaces, and police personnel facilities to ensure an effective, secure and professional environment. Key upgrades to police locker rooms and staging areas will improve officer morale and daily operational readiness of first responders, while the modernization of the judicial wing will enhance safety and efficiency for staff and the public. This project ensures that as Mauldin grows, the City's essential services remain reliable, secure, and prepared to meet the needs of every citizen.

**Anticipated Start/Completion Date**

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

**Budget**

|                    |             |                    |           |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Expenses:          |             | Revenue:           |           |
| City Hall Upgrades | \$1,000,000 | Funding Request    | \$500,000 |
|                    |             | City of Mauldin    | \$500,000 |
| <hr/> <i>Total</i> |             | <hr/> <i>Total</i> |           |
| \$1,000,000        |             | \$1,000,000        |           |

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City Administrator



May 1, 2026

Rep. David Vaughan  
SC General Assembly  
326B Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Appropriation Request – Sidewalk Improvements

Dear Rep. Vaughan:

Thank you for your continued support of our community as we face challenges posed by rapid growth and aging infrastructure. As requested, please find additional information regarding the City's funding request for the project mentioned below.

| Project Name          | Funding Request |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sidewalk Improvements | \$500,000       |

#### Project Description & Benefits

To support the safety and growth of the community, the City of Mauldin is requesting \$500,000 for the improvement of SCDOT sidewalks and the installation of new pedestrian connections. With many existing pathways in disrepair, this funding will allow the City to restore safe mobility while closing critical gaps in infrastructure near schools and businesses. Prioritizing these upgrades is an essential step in ensuring the City's pedestrian network remains functional and accessible. Improving aging SCDOT infrastructure, and expanding connectivity to neighborhoods currently lacking sidewalks, ensures that Mauldin remains a safe, walkable, and thriving community.

#### Anticipated Start/Completion Date

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

#### Budget

|              |                    |                 |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Expenses:    |                    | Revenue:        |                    |
| Engineering  | \$100,000          | Funding Request | \$500,000          |
| Construction | \$1,000,000        | City of Mauldin | \$600,000          |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$1,100,000</i> | <i>Total</i>    | <i>\$1,100,000</i> |

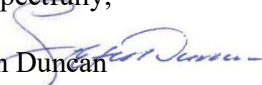
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Respectfully,

  
Seth Duncan  
City Administrator



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**Tee Coker**  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
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TCoker@Simpsonville.com

February 5, 2026

Hon. David Vaughan  
South Carolina State Legislature District 27  
Blatt Building, Suite 326B  
Columbia, SC 29201

**Subject: Community Investment Request – City of Simpsonville – Downtown Infrastructure Improvements**

Dear Representative Vaughan:

The City of Simpsonville is currently undertaking a multi-year effort to improve and revitalize its Central Business District. One significant project, a new Municipal Campus, has been completed. **Our next project is a full reconstruction of critical downtown infrastructure**, including storm drainage systems, curb and gutter, sidewalks, roadway surfaces, traffic signals, and a realignment of traffic flow through the district. **This critical project involves almost exclusively SCDOT-owned infrastructure.**

**The City of Simpsonville is committed to the project, as it is currently out for bids, with an estimated start in Spring 2026 and completion in Summer 2028.** Pre-bid estimates from our CTC are roughly \$20 million. The City already has substantial financing in place to manage most of the project cost, with roughly \$12 million in bond proceeds and \$2 million in CTC appropriations set aside. **However, there is some uncertainty regarding the funding of the remaining project costs—as well as potential cost overruns.**

**Therefore, the City of Simpsonville is humbly requesting a community investment in the amount of \$9.5 million** to ensure the timely completion of this critical project and continue our downtown revitalization efforts. **Such an investment from the state would also demonstrate the type of partnership between a local jurisdiction and the state that our SCDOT leadership is working to promote.** While I cannot speak for him, I have discussed this project numerous times with our district engineer, who has expressed his support in the value it will bring to the state's roadway system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Thomas A Coker, Jr.*

Thomas "Tee" Coker, Jr.  
City Administrator

FILE NO. GLDTC 594 PROJECT NO. 591C  
SIMPSONVILLE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS  
PHASE 1

S.E.N.E. MAIN ST. (FROM #280' N. OF W. FERNWOOD DR. TO N. PLINLEY CIR.)  
W/E. CURTIS ST. (FROM N/5. MAPLE ST. TO BELL DR.)  
ACADEMY ST. (FROM E. CURTIS ST. TO E. COLLEGE ST.)  
E/W. COLLEGE ST. (FROM ACADEMY ST. TO N. MAPLE ST.)  
HUNTER ST. (END NEAR JONESVILLE RD.)

## SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE OUTFALLS

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| 4-4B     | RIGHT-OF-WAY DATA SHEETS                | 3            |
| 4C-4H    | RIGHT-OF-WAY STRIP MAPS                 | 6            |
| 5        | GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES & INCLUSIONS | 1            |
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**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I have placed my signature and seal on the design documents submitted herewith, and I accept responsibility for the design of the system. Further, I verify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the design is consistent with the requirements of Title 40, Chapter 11, the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended, pursuant to Regulation 72-300 of 2001 (as applicable), in accordance with the terms and conditions of SCS-11-0208.



**CAUTION**

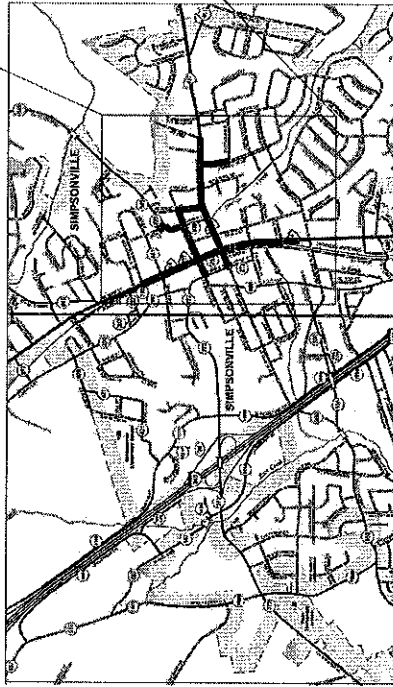
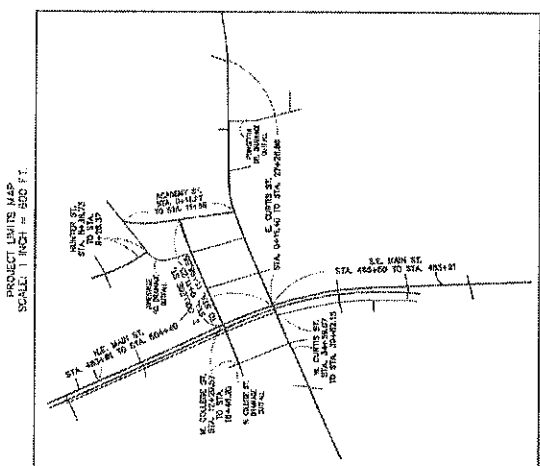
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NOTE: ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS ON THIS PROJECT TO CONFORM WITH SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION LATEST EDITION, AND BOOK OF STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

| INITIAL                  | DATE | CHECKED BY | DATE |
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| POLE PLANS               | AGE  | 09/16/22   | WOB  |
| RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS       | AGE  | 01/10/24   | WOB  |
| FINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS |      |            |      |

| REV. # | DATE     | DESCRIPTION OF REVISION             |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1      | 04/27/74 | FIELD REVEN PERSONNEL               |
| 2      | 06/06/74 | NOT AS REVERED AS GENERAL PERSONNEL |
| 3      | 04/21/75 | DATE REVERED FOR P.M. 1.507         |



|                        | 6. CURVE ST. | 7. CURVE ST. | 8. TANGENT ST. | 9. TANGENT ST. | 10. STATION |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| NET LENGTH OF ROADWAY  | 0.232        | 0.280        | 0.313          | 0.343          | 0.077       |
| NET LENGTH OF BRIDGE   |              |              |                |                | 1.588       |
| NET LENGTH OF PROJECT  | 0.737        | 0.693        | 0.313          | 0.326          | 1.588       |
| NET LENGTH OF EXISTING |              |              |                |                | 0.077       |
| NET LENGTH OF EXISTING | 0.237        | 0.055        | 0.279          | 0.324          | 0.077       |
| NET LENGTH OF EXISTING |              |              |                |                | 1.588       |

LAYOUT  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 1/4

NOTES PERMIT INFORMATION

Place 1 Area = 7.1 Acres

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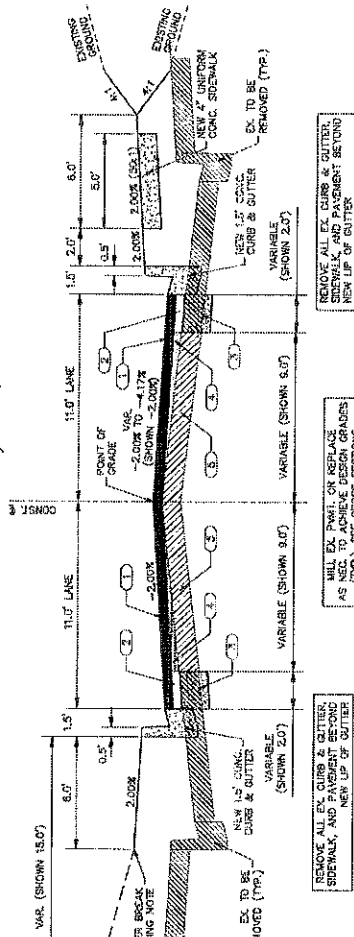


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FOR RIGHT OF WAY: WCB 01/13/24  
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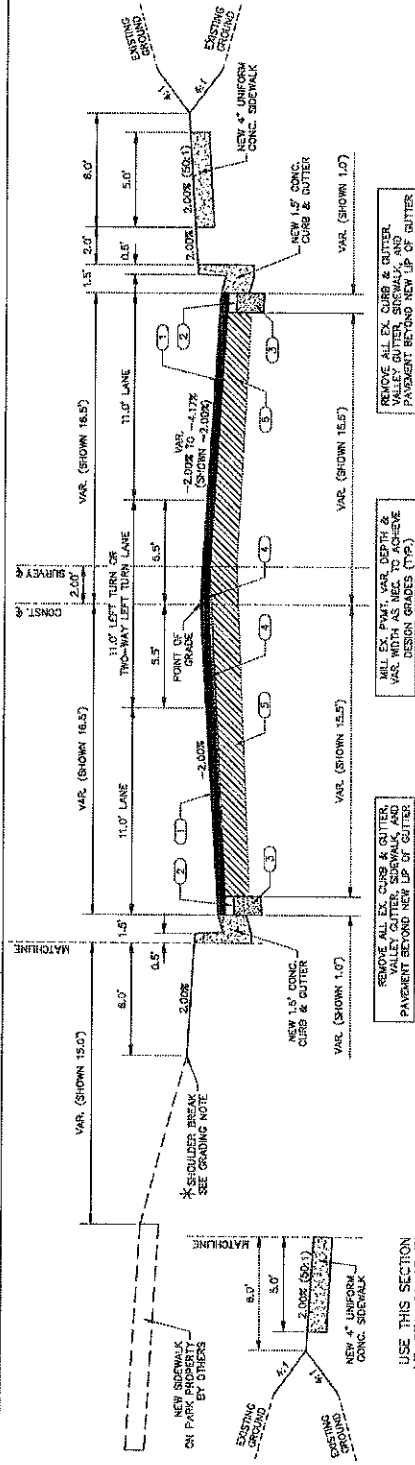
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USE THIS SECTION FOR  
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STA. 10+67.72 TO STA. 16+21.57

\*\* OVERLAY EXISTING ASPHALT PAVEMENT  
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USE THIS SECTION FOR  
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GREENVILLE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
TYPICAL SECTION SHEET  
SCALE 1" = 10' USUAL CASE  
DATE 10/23/23 BY JL CHECKED 10/23/23 APPROVED 10/23/23





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May 14, 2026

The Honorable J. David Weeks  
308D Blatt Bldg.  
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RE: **Budget Requests**

Dear Representative Weeks:

The City of Sumter is requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget, for the following project:

***Lincoln Museum Project Development (Final Phase): \$700,000***

The funds will complete the final phase of the Lincoln Alumni African American Museum. This project will finalize the establishment of an African American history museum. The museum is in the developing Sumter Museum District, which is near both a military museum and a Jewish museum.

Our projected timeline indicates that this project will be completed in early 2027.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Deron L. McCormick  
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**RE: Budget Requests**

Dear Representative Weeks:

The City of Sumter is requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget, for the following project:

***Riley Park Exterior Enhancements: \$1,250,000***

This request seeks to complete Phase 4 improvements at Riley Park. Riley Park hosts regional tournaments and is the home field for local area baseball and softball teams. With completing the improvements, the park will undergo exterior wall enhancements, entrance upgrades, and locker room renovations.

Our projected timeline indicates that this project will commence in August 2026 and be completed in July 2028.

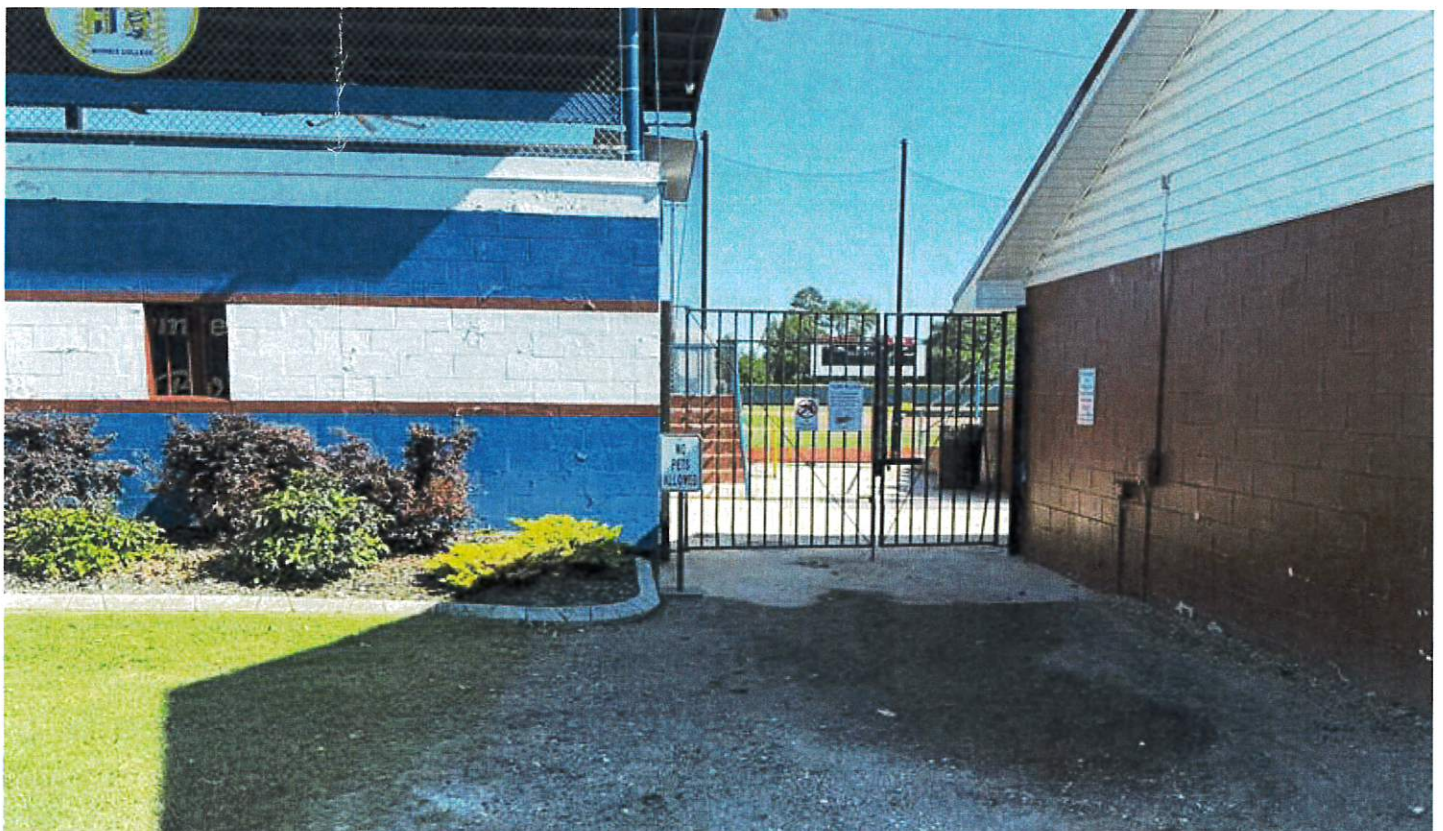
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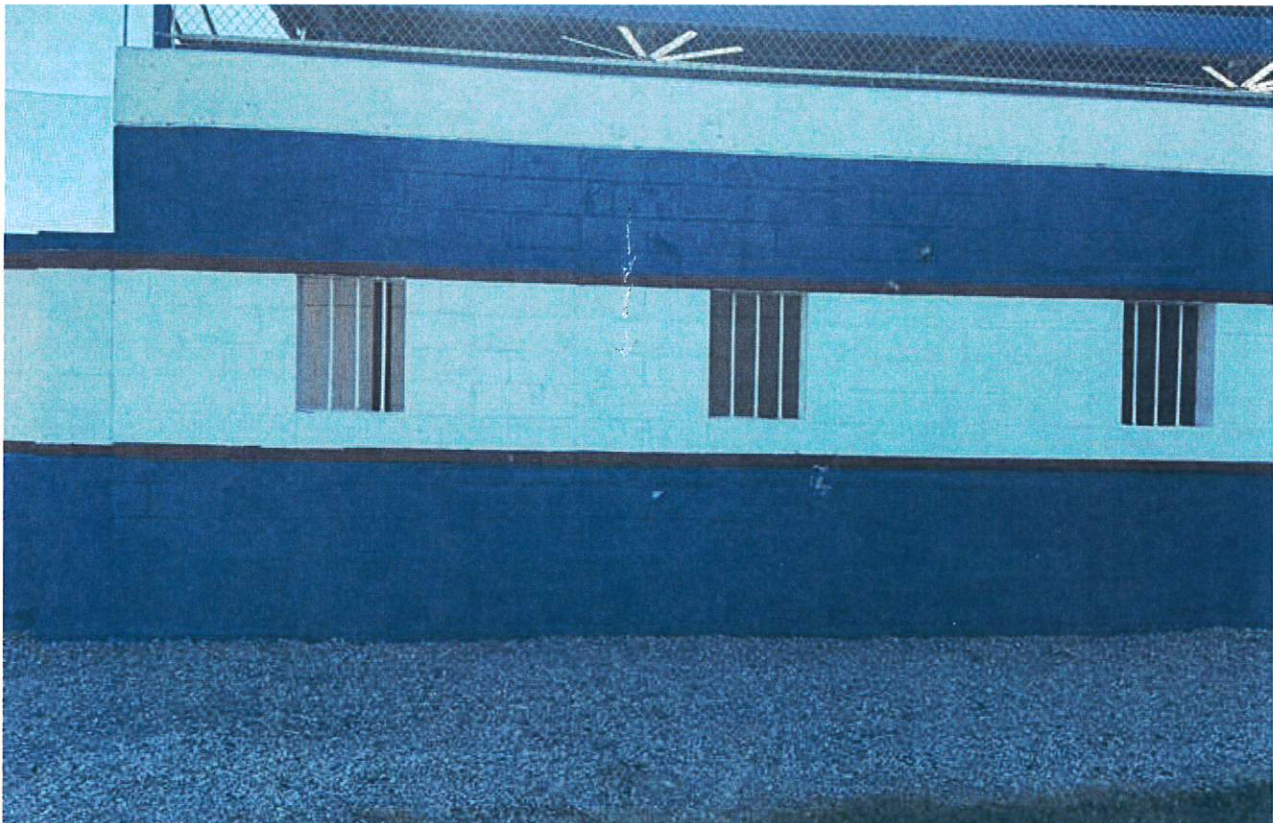


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## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: South Sumter Community Improvement

Requested Amount: \$ 1.7 million

Recipient Entity: City of Sumter

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Howie Owens Title/Position: Asst. City Manager

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: howens@sumtersc.gov

Entity Website: www.sumtersc.gov County Location: Sumter

Intended Use of the Funds: To complete community development projects along

the SC. South Sumter community including the Manning Avenue Streetscape,  
outdoor museum and establishing Community Services Institute

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

The South Sumter corridor extends from City of Sumter downtown to an industrial  
sites, important for economic development. Community Services Institute will  
highlight historical development of the area and present community  
initiatives for the underserved community. NO PERSONEL EXPENSES IN

J. David Weeks

[Signature] THIS REQUEST

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

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### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.  
506 Blatt Bldg.  
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The Honorable J. David Weeks  
308D Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia 29201

**RE: Budget Requests**

Dear Speaker Smith and Representative Weeks:

The City of Sumter is requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget, for the following projects:

***South Sumter Community Improvements: \$1,700,000***

The funds will be used to complete community development projects in South Sumter, including the Manning Avenue streetscape, an outdoor museum, and the establishment of a community services institute. The South Sumter Corridor extends from downtown Sumter to industries that support the City of Sumter's economic development. A community service institute will showcase the historical development of the area and present community initiatives for the underserved community.

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***Broad Street Trailhead – Skate Park and Pump Track: \$2,000,000***

This request seeks to complete the Broad Street Trailhead on the Shot Pouch Greenway. The funding will create the skate park and pump track, as well as complete the overall trailhead development. The food truck area, playground, fencing, great lawn, parking, and restrooms are nearly completed. With the addition of the skate park and pump track, the original vision will be completed at the key access point of the greenway.

***Westend Park: \$1,250,000***

This request seeks to complete the Westend Park with additional parking, restrooms, and accessible playground equipment. The improvements will offer residents a safe, welcoming community space and fulfill the vision for a neighborhood park.

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***Lift Station Improvements: \$2,500,000***

This request seeks funds to complete upgrades at priority locations due to aging wastewater infrastructure. The completion of the upgrades will improve system reliability, protect public health, enhance worker safety, and reduce long-term maintenance costs. In addition, the overall wastewater system will be strengthened.

***Water & Sewer Rehabilitation: \$5,300,000***

This request seeks the rehabilitation of priority water and sewer mains to include the installation of effluent flow metering, which will improve system reliability, monitoring, and long-term infrastructure performance.

Thank you for your consideration of this requests. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Deron L. McCormick  
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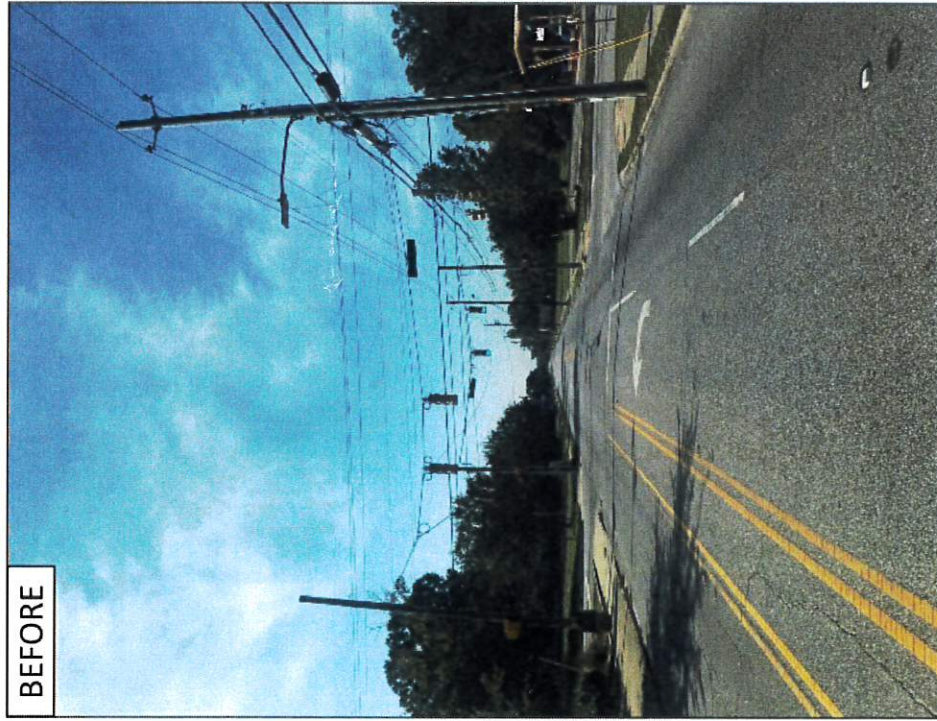
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**MANNING AVENUE REVITALIZATION PROJECT**  
**INTERSECTION OF MANNING AVENUE AND FULTON STREET**





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April 28, 2026

The Honorable Spencer Wetmore  
422C Blatt Bldg.  
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Dear Representative Wetmore,

Charleston County is requesting \$250,000 in State funding to support preliminary engineering for a pedestrian improvement project on Woodland Shores Road (S-386) to provide a 5-foot pedestrian sidewalk between the intersections with Riverland Drive (S-53) and Kell Place (Local). This project is intended to improve pedestrian safety by providing a dedicated pedestrian walkway where none exists today. The project will create critical pedestrian connectivity for nearby neighborhoods, linking residents to Maybank Highway, Murray LaSaine Elementary School, Camp Road Middle School, and James Island County Park in coordination with other recently completed pedestrian projects and fully funded pedestrian projects slated for construction in 2026. Unfortunately, SCDOT does not collect traffic data on this mainly residential street but it is assumed that less than 2,500 vehicles travel this section of Woodland Shores Road daily. Although pedestrian accident data was not available, construction of these improvements would remove pedestrians from having to utilize the narrow shoulders or the roadway itself to traverse along Woodland Shores Road and would greatly benefit students.

Upon receipt of funding, Charleston County would be able to begin design work immediately while seeking other funding sources for the other phases. It is anticipated that the preliminary engineering effort would take approximately 1.5 years including time for conceptual designs, public input, and environmental permitting. Estimated scheduling and total costs of the project are detailed in the table below:

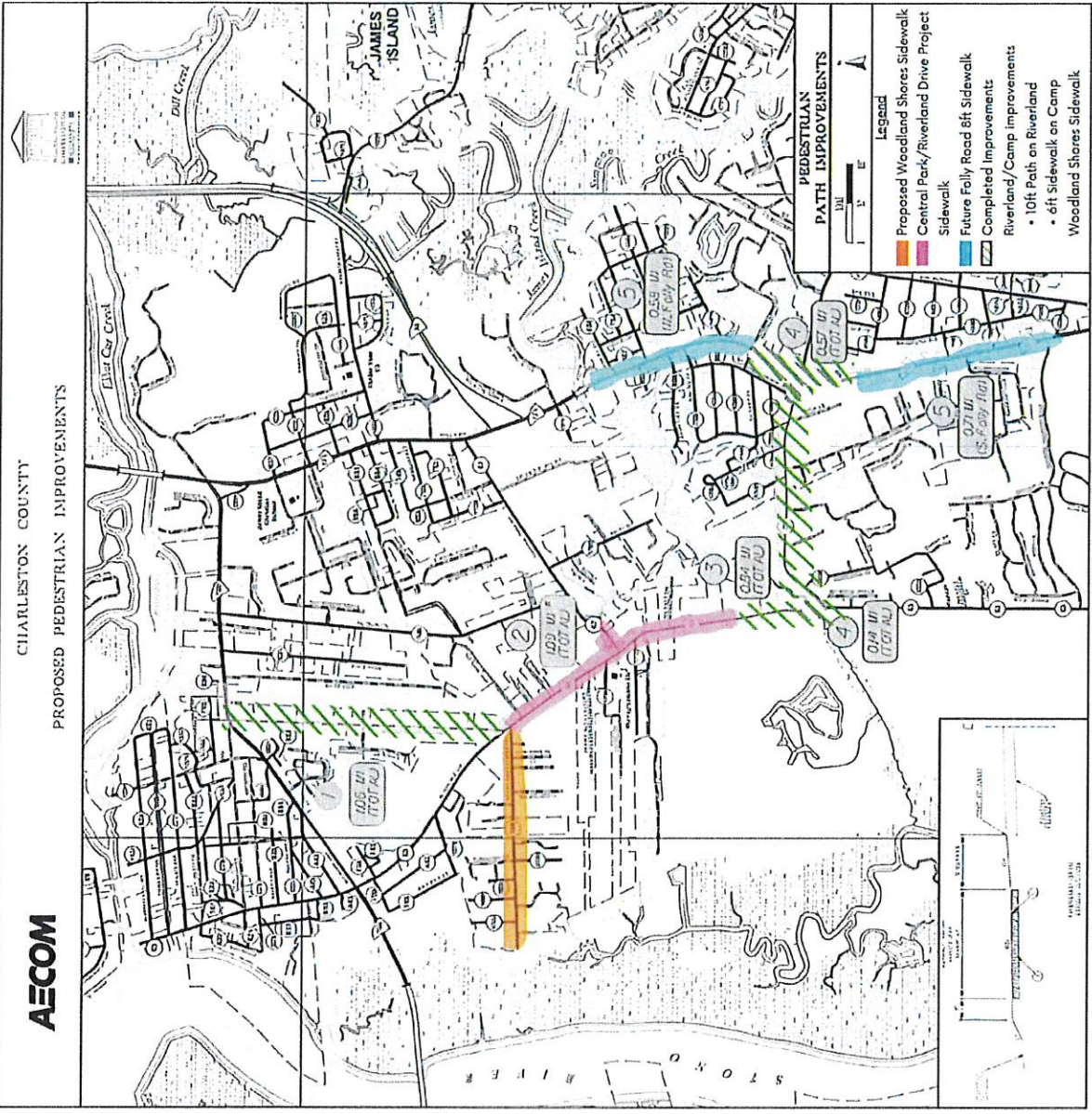
| Phase                                | Estimated Schedule | Estimated Cost     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Preliminary Engineering & Permitting | FY2027 – FY2028    | \$250,000          |
| Right-of-Way Acquisition             | FY2028 – FY2029    | \$200,000          |
| Utility Relocation                   | FY2028 – FY2029    | \$300,000          |
| Construction & Inspection            | FY2029 – FY2030    | \$2,500,000        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>3 years</b>     | <b>\$3,250,000</b> |

Many residents along this roadway have already expressed their concern about the lack of pedestrian facilities along this section of Woodland Shores Road, and when combined with the reported speeding of vehicles down this residential roadway, this pedestrian safety improvement project is even more crucial.

Sincerely,

William L. Tuten  
County Administrator





### Legend

Proposed Woodland Shores Sidewalk

Central Park/Riverland Drive Project Sidewalk

Sidewalk

Future Folly Road 8ft Sidewalk

Completed Improvements

Riverland/Camp improvements

• 10ft Path on Riverland

• 6ft Sidewalk on Camp

Woodland Shores Sidewalk



## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Pedestrian Safety Improvement, James Island

Requested Amount: \$ \$2,173,000

Recipient Entity: City of Charleston

The entity is a: State Agency, X Local Government, Non-Profit, or Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Trace Whetsell Title/Position: Government Affairs

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: WHETSELLT@charleston-sc.gov

Entity Website: charleston-sc.gov County Location: Charleston

Intended Use of the Funds: Construct a sidewalk, including drainage along Secessionville Rd

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

Hundreds of residents live along this dangerous corridor with several accidents and at least one fatality. This will provide a connecting route to schools, churches, homes, and businesses.



Primary House Sponsor – Print Name



Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## City of Charleston

WILLIAM S. COGSWELL, JR.

MAYOR

March 10, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Secessionville Road between Fort Johnson Road and Camp Road has experienced significant speeding issues and has been the site of at least one pedestrian fatality in recent years. The addition of a sidewalk is greatly needed to improve safety for the hundreds of residents who live in the surrounding area and regularly travel along this corridor.

The attached estimate would enable construction of a sidewalk from Camp Road to 1101 Secessionville Road—approximately 1,475 feet—at a projected cost of \$2.173 million. The project is currently anticipated to begin in 2027, with an estimated completion date in 2029.

This project represents an important first step toward providing much-needed pedestrian connectivity between nearby neighborhoods and Camp Road, while significantly improving safety along this heavily traveled route.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

William S. Cogswell, Jr.

## Budget Proposal

8/7/2025

Project: Secessionville Road Sidewalk and Drainage

Submitted By: Wildwood Contractors, Inc.

| Pay Item     | Item Description                                       | UNIT | QTY  | COST/UNIT   | TOTAL COST             |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1            | MOBILIZATION                                           | LPSM |      |             | \$ 50,000.00           |
| 2            | SURVEY                                                 | LPSM |      |             | \$ 28,500.00           |
| 3            | DESIGN/ENGINEERING                                     | LPSM |      |             | \$ 50,000.00           |
| 4            | CONSTRCTION LAYOUT                                     | LPSM |      |             | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 5            | SOIL EROSION CONTROL, SILT FENCE                       | LNFT | 5600 | \$ 6.00     | \$ 33,600.00           |
| 6            | SOIL EROSION CONTROL, CHECK DAM                        | EACH | 30   | \$ 200.00   | \$ 6,000.00            |
| 7            | SOIL EROSION CONTROL, INLET PROTECTION                 | EACH | 52   | \$ 225.00   | \$ 11,700.00           |
| 8            | SOIL EROSION CONTROL, STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE | EACH | 2    | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 13,000.00           |
| 9            | CLEARING AND GRUBBING                                  | ACRE | 2    | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 15,000.00           |
| 10           | REMOVAL, INDIVIDUAL TREE                               | EACH | 10   | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 25,000.00           |
| 11           | REMOVAL OF PIPE CULVERT                                | EACH | 4    | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 6,000.00            |
| 12           | REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT, CONCRETE                          | SQYD | 800  | \$ 45.00    | \$ 36,000.00           |
| 13           | STRIPPING                                              | CUYD | 1800 | \$ 40.00    | \$ 72,000.00           |
| 14           | SELECT BORROW                                          | CUYD | 1000 | \$ 75.00    | \$ 75,000.00           |
| 15           | DITCH, EXCAVATION                                      | CUYD | 400  | \$ 55.00    | \$ 22,000.00           |
| 16           | BACKFILL, SELECT PIPE                                  | CUYD | 2000 | \$ 40.00    | \$ 80,000.00           |
| 17           | EARTHWORK GEOTEXTILE                                   | SQYD | 500  | \$ 18.00    | \$ 9,000.00            |
| 18           | PLACED RIPRAP, CLASS 1                                 | TON  | 20   | \$ 225.00   | \$ 4,500.00            |
| 19           | TREE RETAINING WALL - CMU REINFORCED WALL              | LNFT | 240  | \$ 450.00   | \$ 108,000.00          |
| 20           | CONCRETE PAVEMENT DRIVEWAY 6"                          | SQYD | 790  | \$ 108.00   | \$ 85,320.00           |
| 21           | CONCRETE PAVEMENTSIDEWALK 6"                           | SQYD | 3100 | \$ 90.00    | \$ 279,000.00          |
| 22           | 24-INCH PIPE CULVERT                                   | LNFT | 3500 | \$ 165.00   | \$ 577,500.00          |
| 23           | 36-INCH PIPE CULVERT                                   | LNFT | 800  | \$ 225.00   | \$ 180,000.00          |
| 24           | END SECTION FOR 24-INCH PIPE CULVERT                   | EACH | 4    | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 6,400.00            |
| 25           | END SECTION FOR 36-INCH PIPE CULVERT                   | EACH | 4    | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 9,600.00            |
| 26           | INLET (5'x5') Pre-fab                                  | EACH | 52   | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 442,000.00          |
| 27           | MANHOLE ADJUSTMENT                                     | EACH | 27   | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 67,500.00           |
| 28           | TRENCH DRAIN                                           | LNFT | 500  | \$ 75.00    | \$ 37,500.00           |
| 29           | ADJUST WATER VALVE                                     | EACH | 10   | \$ 500.00   | \$ 5,000.00            |
| 30           | ADJUST FIRE HYDRANT                                    | EACH | 2    | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00           |
| 31           | ADJUST WATER METER                                     | EACH | 44   | \$ 250.00   | \$ 11,000.00           |
| 32           | DETECTABLE WARNING PANELS - BRICK                      | EACH | 24   | \$ 750.00   | \$ 18,000.00           |
| 33           | FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL, 4-INCH DEPTH           | SQYD | 4000 | \$ 12.50    | \$ 50,000.00           |
| 34           | SEEDING, HYDRAULIC METHOD                              | SQYD | 9680 | \$ 2.00     | \$ 19,360.00           |
| 35           | SIGN PEDESTRIAN X-ING                                  | EACH | 37   | \$ 250.00   | \$ 9,250.00            |
| 36           | PAVEMENT MARKINGS 8"                                   | LNFT | 2400 | \$ 8.00     | \$ 19,200.00           |
| 37           | PAVEMENT MARKINGS 24"                                  | LNFT | 1600 | \$ 20.00    | \$ 32,000.00           |
| 38           | TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL - FLAGGING                   | LPSM |      |             | \$ 150,000.00          |
| 39           | REMOVE AND RESET MAILBOX                               | EACH | 44   | \$ 150.00   | \$ 6,600.00            |
| 40           | ROAD CUT SCDOT PVMT                                    | SQYD | 60   | \$ 45.00    | \$ 2,700.00            |
| 41           | ROAD CUT SCDOT FLOWABLE FILL                           | CUYD | 100  | \$ 250.00   | \$ 25,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b> |                                                        |      |      |             | <b>\$ 2,713,230.00</b> |

Note: Budget Only, price subject to change based on approved drawings.

Locations based on document emailed by Luigi on 8/4/2025

Starting At Camp Road on Secessionville Road, proposed sidewalk on right side

1. Camp Road to 1101 Secessionville Road - Install approximately 1475 feet of new sidewalk.

No roadside ditches in this area.

2. 1107 Secessionville Road to 1217 Secessionville Road – Install approximately 1500 feet of new sidewalk & pipe in the ditch.

Roadside ditches in this area.

3. 1217 Secessionville Road to Fort Johnson Road – Install approximately 550 feet of new sidewalk.

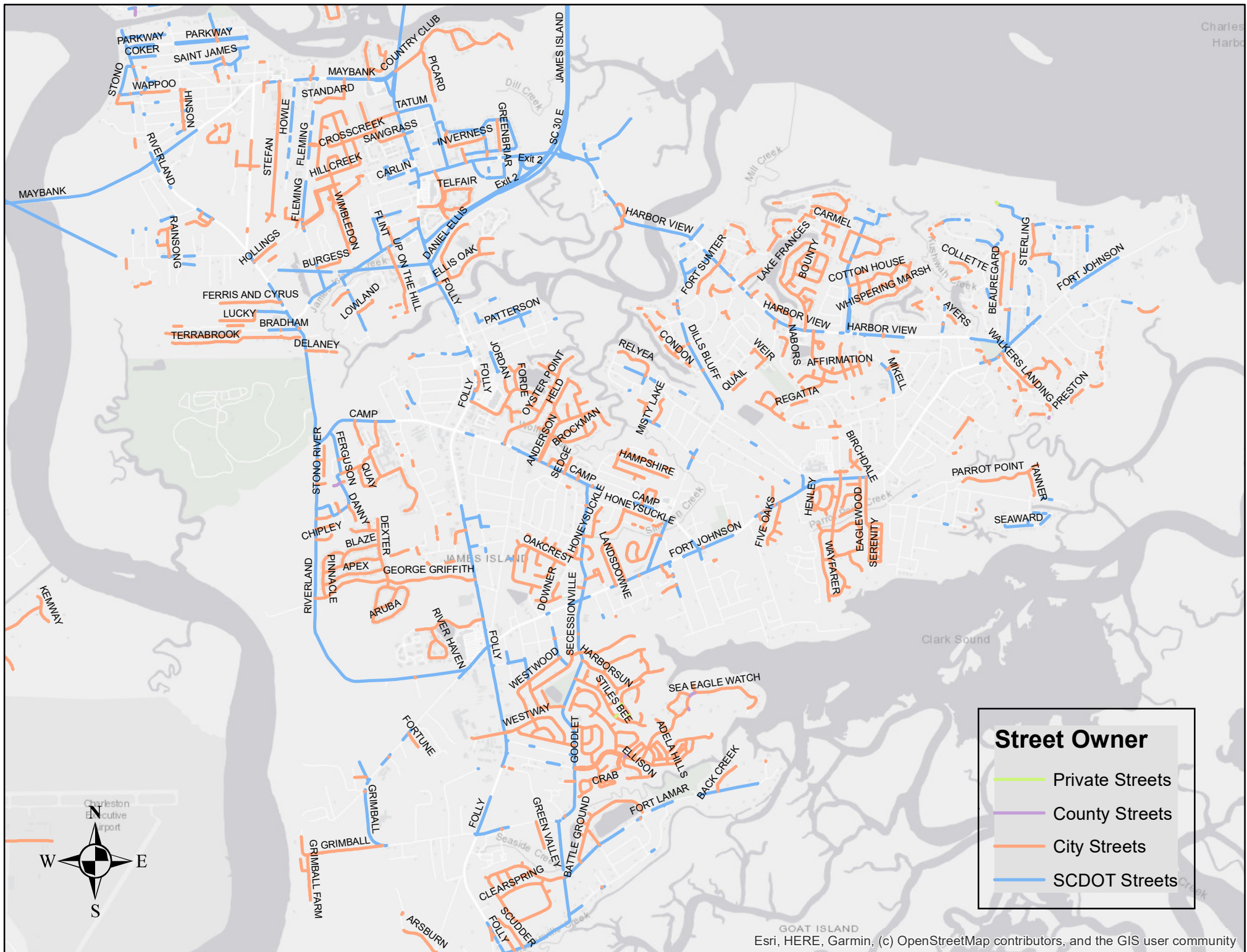
No roadside ditch in this area.

4. On Secessionville from Fort Johnson Road to Bur Clare Drive there is a sidewalk.

5. On Secessionville Road from Bur Clare Drive to Grimbale Road EXT - Install approximately 1800 feet of new sidewalk & pipe in the ditch.

5325 feet of new sidewalk.

3300 feet of ditch that needs to be piped in.





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# City of Folly Beach

Aaron Pope, AICP/ICMA-CM  
City Administrator  
PO Box 48  
Folly Beach, SC 29439

Representative Spencer Wetmore

422C Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia 29201

2/19/26

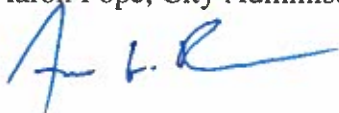
Representative Wetmore,

The City of Folly Beach requests \$475,000 to construct a pervious pedestrian path along West Ashley Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West. The path will complete an off-street pedestrian route linking Folly's business district to the heavily used 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West public restrooms and beach access facilities. The city has constructed the path from Center Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and completed the design and engineering for the extension to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West in 2025. We were unable to fund construction last year due to funding constraints caused by stormwater and water system projects. Additional funding from the State will ensure the timely completion of this important pedestrian safety initiative. It would also advance the completion of the Battery to Beach route, which calls for a continuous path for bicyclists and pedestrians from the Isle of Palms to the Folly Beach County Park.

The city maintains an ongoing focus on pedestrian and traffic safety. This includes a multi-year, million dollar project to construct pedestrian paths along the most heavily used routes on the island. This year the city will complete a 13 block, 1 mile long pedestrian loop around the Center Street business district. The West Ashley extension will begin the next phase of path development by connecting the business district to important locations including beach restrooms and parking facilities, the Folly Beach County Park, and Folly Beach city parks and sport complexes. The completed path network will relieve congestion and reduce accidents by providing safe offroad routes for over 1,000,000 annual visitors.

Sincerely,

Aaron Pope, City Administrator

 2/19/26

**Folly Beach Pedestrian Path**  
**West Ashley Avenue (2nd Street to 3rd Street)**  
**Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - 90% Plans**  
**Date: 19 February, 2026**

**DAVIS & FLOYD**  
 SINCE 1954

| ITEM NUMBER                  | ITEM DESCRIPTION                                        | QUANTITY | UNIT | UNIT PRICE        | COST              |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b>                     | <b>Construction Cost</b>                                |          |      |                   |                   |
|                              | <b>General</b>                                          |          |      |                   |                   |
| 1                            | Mobilization and Traffic Control                        | 1        | LS   | \$ 50,000.00      | \$ 50,000         |
| 2                            | Bonds and Insurance                                     | 1        | LS   | \$ 9,000.00       | \$ 9,000          |
|                              | <b>General Total</b>                                    |          |      |                   | \$ 59,000         |
|                              | <b>Sidewalk</b>                                         |          |      |                   |                   |
| 1                            | Pervious Asphalt Paving                                 | 5,656    | SF   | \$ 50.00          | \$ 282,800        |
|                              | <b>Sidewalk Total</b>                                   |          |      |                   | \$ 282,800        |
|                              | <b>Sedimentation &amp; Erosion Control</b>              |          |      |                   |                   |
| 1                            | Sediment Tubes                                          | 825      | LF   | \$ 20.00          | \$ 16,500         |
| 2                            | Stabilized Seeding and Grassing                         | 1        | LS   | \$ 3,100.00       | \$ 3,100          |
|                              | <b>Sediment &amp; Erosion Control Total</b>             |          |      |                   | \$ 19,600         |
|                              | <b>Landscaping</b>                                      |          |      |                   |                   |
| 1                            | Landscaping                                             | 825      | LF   | \$ 50.00          | \$ 41,250         |
|                              | <b>Landscaping Total</b>                                |          |      |                   | \$ 41,250         |
|                              | <b>Removal/Relocation</b>                               |          |      |                   |                   |
| 1                            | Arborist & Additional Selective Tree Removal/Relocation | 1        | LS   | \$ 7,500.00       | \$ 7,500          |
| 2                            | Right-of-Way Clearing and Landscape Removal             | 1        | LS   | \$ 5,000.00       | \$ 5,000          |
| 3                            | Utility Relocation                                      | 1        | LS   | \$ 30,000.00      | \$ 30,000         |
| 4                            | Sign Removal/Relocation                                 | 1        | LS   | \$ 2,500.00       | \$ 2,500          |
|                              | <b>Removal/Relocation Total</b>                         |          |      |                   | \$ 45,000         |
| <b>Subtotal A</b>            | <b>Construction Cost</b>                                |          |      | <b>Subtotal A</b> | <b>\$ 447,650</b> |
| <b>Cost Estimate Summary</b> |                                                         |          |      |                   |                   |
| <b>A</b>                     | <b>Construction Cost</b>                                |          |      |                   | <b>\$ 447,650</b> |
|                              | <b>Construction Cost Subtotal</b>                       |          |      |                   | <b>\$ 447,650</b> |
|                              | <b>Contingency</b>                                      |          |      | <b>15.0%</b>      | <b>\$ 67,148</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>                     |          |      |                   | <b>\$ 514,798</b> |

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: MEDICAL EMERGENCY POWER SHELTER (MEPS) GENERATOR

Requested Amount: \$ 891,456<sup>00</sup>

Recipient Entity: ANDERSON COUNTY

The entity is a:      State Agency, ☒ Local Government,      Non-Profit, or      Other

If **Other**, please explain: GOV. RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Entity Contact: STEVE NEWTON Title/Position:     

Phone Number:      Email:     

Entity Website: Newton@andersoncounty.org County Location: ANDERSON

Intended Use of the Funds: A GENERATOR THAT WILL ALLOW ANDERSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE A MEDICAL EQUIPMENT POWER SHELTER

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: SERVE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON ELECTRICAL-POWERED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DIALYSIS, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, etc)

WILLIAM R. WHITMIRE

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

William R. Whitmire

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: BETTER JAMES Signature: [Signature]

Print Name:      Signature:     

Print Name:      Signature:

# Community Investment Project (CIP) FY26-27 Senate Request Form

|                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sponsor: Sen. Richard Cash                                                            |
| Project Title: Medical Emergency Power Shelter (MEPS) Generator                       |
| Receiving Entity (RE): Anderson County                                                |
| RE Type: County Government                                                            |
| Investment Requested: \$891,475                                                       |
| RE Match: \$50,000 (In-Kind)                                                          |
| Source of Matching Funds: Anderson County                                             |
| RE Point of Contact: Steve Newton                                                     |
| Phone Number:                                                                         |
| Email: <a href="mailto:snewton@andersoncountysc.org">snewton@andersoncountysc.org</a> |
| <b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION ON PAGE 2 REQUIRED</b>                                         |
| <b>FORM AND ATTACHMENTS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE</b>                                     |

|                                          |
|------------------------------------------|
| <b>FOR SENATE FINANCE STAFF USE ONLY</b> |
| Date Received:                           |
| Funding Amount (Senate Finance):         |
| Notes:                                   |



## Community Investment Project (CIP) FY26-27 Senate Request Form

### Project Description:

Anderson County requests an appropriation of \$891,475 for a generator which will allow us to provide a Medical Equipment Power Shelter (MEPS) at the Civic Center of Anderson. An MEPS is designed to serve persons who rely on electrically-powered medical equipment (dialysis, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, etc.). More than 3,600 persons in our community, and over 50,700 statewide, rely on these devices, and a power outage of any significance puts them at risk.

The requested generator will allow us to renew our partnership with the SC Department of Public Health and make the Civic Center available to support 500 MEPS patients, 500 caregivers, and 82 DPH staff in the event of widespread power outages in Anderson County or anywhere across the state. We will also be able to provide emergency shelter for the general public when we are next visited by an event such as Hurricane Helene, or face a situation where the Oconee Nuclear Station is not able to provide service.

## Community Investment Project (CIP) FY26-27 Senate Request Form

The Civic Center also serves a staging area for Duke Energy, Anderson County Roads & Bridges, and other public service agencies in the aftermath of a disaster.

The County has spent more than five years trying to secure funding for this generator through FEMA's BRIC and HMGP programs to no avail.

This project supports local, regional, and state public safety objectives. Please refer to attached letter from Anderson County EMD Director Josh Hawkins, a project narrative, copy of draft MOU with SC Department of Public Health, and a Benefit-Cost Analysis narrative prepared for an earlier FEMA application.



Additional Material/Description Attached  
(Detailed Project Information is Encouraged)

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SENATOR'S SIGNATURE

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DATE



**ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION**  
**JOSHUA HAWKINS, DIRECTOR**

February 28, 2026  
The Honorable Mike Gambrell  
The Honorable Richard Cash  
South Carolina Senate  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Senators Gambrell and Cash:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for funding a permanent back-up generator for the Anderson Civic Center located at 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Anderson, SC 29625.

For many years, the Anderson Civic Center has been identified as a primary large scale medical needs shelter for Anderson County. However, despite this designation, the facility has only minimal generator capability, insufficient to meet the true demands of a prolonged power outage during a large-scale emergency. Under the updated guidelines from the South Carolina Department of Public Health (SCDPH), medical needs shelters are now classified as Medical Emergency Power Shelters (MEPS). To qualify and operate as a MEPS, a facility must have reliable back-up generation capable of sustaining essential medical operations.

At present, Anderson County does not have the generator capacity necessary for the Civic Center to meet MEPS standards. This shortfall leaves us with a significant gap in our ability to protect medically vulnerable residents during disasters involving extended power outages.

According to EMPower data, Anderson County has 3,676 citizens who rely on electricity to power life-sustaining medical equipment in their homes. Statewide, that number reaches 50,743 individuals. During extended outages, these citizens have limited options and face life-threatening consequences without access to reliable power.

Currently, the only viable MEPS facility in Anderson County is the AnMed Health North Campus, which can accommodate only 15 patients and 15 caregivers. In contrast, the Anderson Civic Center has the physical capacity to support 500 patients, 500 caregivers, and 82 Department of Public Health staff. Without adequate back-up generation, however, we are unable to utilize this facility to its full life-saving potential.

In addition to serving Anderson County residents during natural disasters and extended power outages, the Civic Center plays a critical role in regional emergency response and support. The Civic Center houses the backup Emergency Operations Center for Anderson County Emergency Management and Anderson County serves as a host county for individuals evacuated due to an incident at the Oconee Nuclear Station. In the event of a nuclear emergency requiring mass evacuation, the Anderson Civic Center would serve as a reception and sheltering site for displaced citizens. The absence of a robust backup generator at this designated host facility significantly limits our ability to provide safe refuge, radiological monitoring, and essential services during what would be a highly complex and resource intensive incident.



**ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION**  
**JOSHUA HAWKINS, DIRECTOR**

Investing in a permanent generator for the Anderson Civic Center would dramatically increase our county's emergency preparedness, strengthen regional resilience, and most importantly, protect thousands of medically fragile residents during hurricanes, ice storms, nuclear incidents, and other disasters that disrupt power infrastructure.

Your leadership and advocacy in securing funding for this critical infrastructure improvement would have a direct and measurable impact on public safety in Anderson County and across our region. We respectfully ask for your consideration and support of this request.

Thank you for your continued service to the citizens of Anderson County and the State of South Carolina. Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information or documentation would be helpful.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hawkins", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Director Joshua Hawkins  
Anderson County Sheriff's Office  
Emergency Management Division  
[jdhawkins@andersonsheriff.com](mailto:jdhawkins@andersonsheriff.com)  
Cell: 864-617-0160

**Anderson County Civic Center  
Medical Emergency Power Shelter (MEPS) Generator  
Project Narrative**

**1) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Justification**

The creation of adequate community-wide shelter is established as a high priority item in the Anderson-Oconee Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LMHP) based on:

Goal 2- Local communities will have the capability to initiate and sustain emergency response operations during and after a natural disaster to build and support local efforts and commitment to become less vulnerable to natural hazards.

- Objective 2.1: Designated evacuation shelters will be retrofitted or relocated to ensure their operability during and after disaster events.
- Objective 2.4: Response capabilities will be available to protect visitors, special needs individuals, and the homeless from a disaster's health and safety impacts.

The need for adequate emergency power generation is established as a high priority item in the LMHP based on:

Goal 4- The health, safety and welfare of the community's residents and visitors will not be significantly disrupted or threatened by natural disasters

- Objective 4.2: Facilities in the community posing an extra health or safety risk when damaged or disrupted will be made less vulnerable to the impacts of a disaster.
- Objective 4.3: Public and private medical and health care facilities in the community will be retrofitted or relocated to withstand the impacts of disasters.
- Objective 4.4: Structures, facilities and systems serving visitors to the community will be prepared to meet their immediate health and safety needs.
- Objective 4.5: There will be adequate resources, equipment and supplies to meet victims' health and safety needs after a disaster.

This project involves the purchase and installation of a 3 phase, 4 wire, 277/480V, 1.5 MW diesel generator at the Civic Center of Anderson. The Civic Center is used as a general emergency shelter for the community in times of natural disaster or damaging occurrence, in keeping with Goal 2, Objectives 2.1 and 2.4 of the LHMP. The need for the generator is specifically established as a high-priority item under Items 6 Item and 14 in the LHMP.



## **2) Description of the Problem**

Anderson County wishes to continue its partnership with the SC Department of Health for the Civic Center to be available as an emergency shelter for disaster evacuees with special medical needs. The Civic Center can intake 500 such persons along with 500 others (caregivers, medical personnel, support staff). The county provides this space free of charge to the Department of Health and considers provision of this and related services as a high priority in keeping with the LHMP as adopted.

In addition, SC Department of Mental Health has access to use of the facility in the event of an evacuation or other loss of availability. During the pandemic, this location has served as the area's largest testing facility and vaccination center in coordination with our partners at AnMed Health and SCDHEC.

According to data provided by Duke Energy, the Civic Center loses power due to weather-related conditions once a year (not including short-duration "blinks", for which a generator would not engage or be employed). An engineer's assessment of the current Emergency Power Distribution System concludes: "The existing facility life safety loads currently receive power from an emergency generator system. However, the existing 40KW natural gas emergency generator is not functional and the existing 100A automatic transfer switch 'ATS' is not operating per code."

The facility has inadequate backup generation capabilities currently. As described above, this facility plays a key role in the state's disaster management infrastructure and any loss of its availability would serve to compromise regional disaster management strategies.

## **3) Scope of Work: Description of the Solution & Mitigation Proposed**

The specific scope of work for which grant assistance is requested consists of removal of the existing generator and associated fittings and equipment, followed by replacement of such with the generator described below. The full scope of work is shown in supporting attached document titled **Emergency Generator Replacement--Anderson Civic Center**, which is submitted with this application.

- The existing 40KW generator and 100A ATS shall be removed. A new 1.5MW diesel generator shall be installed and shall feed a new 4000A, 480/277V, nema 3R, service rated automatic transfer switch 'ATS' located on the building exterior within close proximity to the incoming normal power feeder. The new 1.5MW diesel generator shall be furnished with a 2000A and a 100A breaker. The 100A breaker shall feed a new 100A ATS (replacing the existing ATS at the current location) in order to re-feed the existing 100A life safety branch panel. A new 2000A feeder shall be pulled from the generator to the new 4000A 'ATS'. The existing normal power service shall be re-routed to the new 4000A 'ATS'.

- A new 3000A feeder shall be installed from the new 4000A 'ATS' to the existing 3000A switchboard. The new generator shall be provided with a belly tank capable of operating at full capacity for 72 hours.
- Wiring Methods – All work shall be accomplished in strict accordance with the International Building Code (IBC) and the National Electrical Code (NEC), latest editions, and all applicable state and local codes. All work shall be accomplished in a neat and professional manner. All terminals shall be rated for 75 degrees Celsius copper wire. All wiring shall be concealed where possible and installed in suitable raceways. EMT shall be used for equipment feeders. Schedule 40 PVC shall be used underground. All wire shall be single conductor stranded, copper sized per the NEC. Insulation of wire shall be 75 degrees Celsius (THHN, THWN), 600V. Openings around electrical penetrations through fire rated walls, partitions, floors or ceilings shall be sealed using approved materials and methods to maintain the original fire-resistance rating.
- Demolition – The contractor shall remove and dispose of any electrical raceway, wiring, and equipment not re-used in the renovation.
- Concrete Slab – a 10' x 22' concrete pad at 5" thickness shall be installed to support the new generator. See quote included with this application.

#### **4) BUDGET**

- Selective Demo—Electrical Systems (see attachment Generator Line Item Budget): \$2,433
- Electrical Service & Distribution: (see attachment Generator Line Item Budget): \$885,292
- Concrete Pad, 10' x 22' at 5" thick, 4,000 psi commercial mix (see attachment Concrete Slab Contractor's Quote): \$3,750

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| <b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b> | <b><u>\$891,475</u></b> |
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Anderson County will cover all costs related to ongoing maintenance and repair. The county will utilize its standard refueling plan and testing schedule for this equipment.

SHELTERING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND  
THE CIVIC CENTER OF ANDERSON

**I. PURPOSE: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT POWER SHELTER FACILITY**

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) and THE CIVIC CENTER OF ANDERSON (Contracting Party or Contractor) hereby enter into this Sheltering Agreement (Agreement) for the purpose of providing a Medical Equipment Power Shelter (MEPS) facility during natural or man-made events that displace persons from their homes.

**II. SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

**A. Responsibilities of DPH.**

Under the terms of this Agreement, DPH shall be responsible for:

1. Activation: This Agreement will be activated in the following circumstances:
  - a. When the DPH Public Health Region, in consultation with the DPH Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response (BEPR), and the emergency management authority for Anderson County determine there is an immediate need for a MEPS; or

Note: Due to safety, transportation issues, or space availability in other nearby open MEPS locations, DPH may, in its discretion, decide not to open all MEPS sites during an event.

2. Criteria for Admission to a MEPS:
  - DPH staff will make the determination regarding admission to the MEPS and the appropriate level of care for each potential shelteree.
  - The DPH staff will utilize the triage tool developed by the Office of Nursing for admission to the MEPS.
  - A companion is expected to accompany the individual being sheltered.
3. Provision of Staffing:

DPH will provide staffing to operate the MEPS.
4. Supplies:

Shelter residents will be instructed to bring their own medications, necessary medical equipment and supplies. Should DPH need to utilize any supplies from the Contractor during shelter operations, the facility will be reimbursed by DPH.
5. Medical and Non-Medical Beds/Cots/Equivalents:

If necessary, DPH will provide and set-up, as described in Section B. 4, medical and non-medical beds/cots/equivalents.
6. Annual Status Review:

By April 1 of each year, the Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response (REPR) Section Director or his/her designee must contact the Contractor to confirm and/or update the contact information in Section II. B. 2 of this Agreement. The REPR Section Director or his/her designee must attach an amendment to the Agreement reflecting any changes

identified. The REPR representative must send the confirmed or updated information to the Contractor, DPH Contracts Manager and to the State Medical Equipment Power Shelter Coordinator.

**B. Responsibilities of Contractor.**

Under the terms of this Agreement, Contractor shall be responsible for:

1. Provision of Shelter Space in Anderson County:  
In the event of activation, the designated MEPS shelter will be located at: 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Anderson SC 29625.

2. Contractor will provide contact information for DPH to use when activation of the MEPS is required:

**Primary**

Name: Adrienne Cole

Title: Civic Center Manager

Daytime Phone: (864) 260-4819

24-hour Phone: (864) 245-4916

Email [acole@andersoncountysc.org](mailto:acole@andersoncountysc.org)

**Backup**

Name: Tyler Busby

Title: Event Coordinator

Daytime phone: (864) 934-6270

24-hour phone: (864) 934-6270

Email: [tmbusby@andersoncountysc.org](mailto:tmbusby@andersoncountysc.org)

3. Designation of Maximum Occupancy:

Total Number of MEPS Shelterees: 500

Total Number of Companions: 500

Total Number of DPH Staff per shift: 82 at max capacity

Total MEPS occupancy: 1,082

4. Provision and set-up of medical and non-medical beds/cots/equivalents:

The Contractor will provide and set-up:

Total number of medical beds/cots for shelterees: 0

Total number of non-medical beds/cots for companions and DPH staff : 0

DPH will provide and set-up:

Total number of medical beds/cots for shelterees: 500

Total number of non-medical beds/cots for companions and DPH staff : 500

Source/location of medical beds/cots provided by DPH: Anderson Health Department DPH Warehouse

Source/location of non-medical beds/cots provided by DPH: Anderson Health Department & DPH Warehouse

5. Food Services:

Contractor will not provide food services for the MEPS shelterees, companions and staff.

Some special diets may be required.

6. Provision of Security:  
Contractor will provide on-site security. An hourly fee of \$50 per security staff member will be reimbursed to contractor by DPH.
7. Linen Services:  
Contractor will not provide linen services.
8. Provision of Janitorial/housekeeping services:  
The facility will provide janitorial/housekeeping services.
9. Provision of Telephone and Fax Access:  
Telephone, internet and fax access, when available, will be provided by the Contractor for DPH's use during occupation of the facility as a MEPS.
10. Provision of a Generator for Back-up Power:  
The Contractor has a back-up power generator, and agrees to provide fuel and staff to operate the generator for the area designated for use as a MEPS. The generator must be in place and operational before the shelter is opened.
11. Compliance with ADA:  
Contractor commits to compliance with Title II, Chapter 7 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, including Addenda, regarding emergency shelters. These requirements are available at:  
ADA and Emergency Shelters – ADA Home Page  
<http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap7shelterchk.htm>  
<http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap7shelterprog.htm>

### III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. Effective Dates.  
This Agreement shall be effective on 10/01/2025 or when all parties have signed, whichever is later, and the initial term will end on 09/30/2026. This Agreement is renewable for four additional one-year periods based on an annual review of criteria listed under Evaluation of Agreement and agreement by both parties. This Agreement expires on the last date of the maximum Agreement term which is 09/30/2030.
- B. TERMINATION.
  1. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice of termination to the other party.
  2. Funding for DPH's performance of services under this Agreement are payable from State and/or federal and/or other appropriations. If those funds are not appropriated or otherwise available to support DPH's performance under this Agreement, it shall terminate upon written notice to Contracting Party without any further obligation by DPH. Unavailability of funds will be determined in DPH's sole discretion. DPH has no duty to reallocate funds from other programs or funds not appropriated specifically for the purposes of this Agreement.
  3. DPH may terminate this Agreement for cause, default, or negligence on the



Contracting Party's part at any time without thirty days advance written notice. DPH may, at its option, allow the Contracting Party a reasonable time to cure the default before termination.

C. AMENDMENTS.

The Agreement may only be amended by a written Agreement executed by both parties.

D. CONFIDENTIALITY.

1. Contracting Party will comply with all confidentiality obligations under federal and state laws and DPH policies and requirements including but not limited to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§1320d-1329d-9, and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), 42 U.S.C. §§17921-17953 and related regulations (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164), as applicable. Confidential information means information known or maintained in any form, whether recorded or not, consisting of protected health information, other health information, personal information, personal identifying information, confidential business information, and any other information required by law to be treated as confidential, designated as confidential by DPH, or known or believed by Contracting Party or Contracting Party's employee or agent to be claimed as confidential or entitled to confidential treatment.
2. Contracting Party will not, unless required to perform its responsibilities under this Agreement or required by law (as determined by a court or other governmental body with authority):
  - a. access, view, use, or disclose confidential information without written authorization from DPH;
  - b. discuss confidential information obtained in the course of its relationship with DPH with any other person or in any location outside of its area of responsibility in DPH; or
  - c. make any copy of confidential information or remove or transfer this information to any location or media.
3. Contracting Party will direct any request it receives for confidential information obtained through performance of services under this Agreement, including a subpoena, litigation discovery request, court order, or Freedom of Information Act request, to the DPH Contracts Manager and DPH Office of General Counsel as soon as possible, and in every case within one business day of receipt. If Contracting Party discloses confidential information pursuant to a properly completed authorization or legal process, order or requirement, Contracting Party must document the disclosure and make the documentation and authorization available for DPH inspection and audit. If Contracting Party is a South Carolina public body subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Contracting Party may disclose information to the extent required by FOIA without a court order, but will make reasonable efforts to consult with DPH before any disclosure.

4. Contracting Party must ensure that its employees, agents, and subcontractors who may have access to DPH confidential information are aware of and comply with these confidentiality requirements. Contracting Party must ensure that any release of confidential information is limited to the minimum necessary to meet its obligations under this Agreement and applicable law. DPH may, in its discretion, require Contracting Party and Contracting Party's employees, agents and subcontractors who will have access to confidential information by virtue of Contractor's performance hereunder to sign DPH Form #321A, the DPH Contractor Confidentiality Agreement protecting information accessible to Contractor by its performance.
5. Contracting Party must immediately notify the DPH Compliance Officer at 803-898-9269; 1-888-843-3718, or at [compliance@DPH.sc.gov](mailto:compliance@DPH.sc.gov), and the DPH Contracts Manager of any unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential information received under this Agreement. Contracting Party will promptly notify DPH of any suspected or actual breach of security of an individual's personal identifying information under S.C. code Section 1-11-490 and will assist DPH in responding to the breach and fulfilling its notification obligations under applicable law, including S.C. Code Section 1-11-490.
6. Contracting Party's obligations under this provision and any other agreements concerning confidentiality shall survive termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Agreement.

E. RECORDKEEPING, AUDITS, & INSPECTIONS.

Contracting Party shall create and maintain adequate records to document all matters covered by this Agreement. Contracting Party shall retain all such records for six (6) years (three years for federal subrecipients) or other longer period required by law after termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Agreement, and make records available for inspection and copying and audit at any time DPH deems necessary. If any litigation, claim, or audit has begun but is not completed or if audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the required retention period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. Contracting Party shall allow DPH to inspect facilities and locations where activities under this Agreement are to be performed on reasonable notice. Unjustified failure to produce any records or materials required under this Agreement may result in immediate termination of this Agreement with no further obligation on the part of DPH.

Contracting Party must dispose of records containing DPH confidential information in a secure manner such as shredding or incineration once the required retention period has ended. Confidential information means information known or maintained in any form, whether recorded or not, consisting of protected health information, other health information, personal information, personal identifying information, confidential business information, and any other information required by law to be treated as confidential, designated as confidential by DPH, or known or believed by Contracting Party or Contracting Party's employee or agent to be claimed as confidential or entitled to confidential treatment.

F. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.

Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venturer of the other. Neither party

has the right or authority to control or direct the activities of the other or of the other's employees, or the right or authority to bind the other to any Agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party, unless expressly authorized in this Agreement. Neither party assumes any liability for any claims, demands, expenses, liabilities, or losses that may arise out of any acts or failures to act by the other party, its employees, or agents, in connection with the performance of services under this Agreement. Contracting Party's employees are not and shall not be considered DPH employees. Contracting Party shall not take any action or make any statement that suggests or implies that Contracting Party or its employees are employees, agents, partners, or joint venturers of DPH or have any right or authority to bind DPH to any Agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of DPH except to the extent expressly authorized in this Agreement.

Contracting Party that administer or provide DPH programs, activities, and services are required to adopt policies and procedures that ensure individuals with disabilities are provided with an equal opportunity to participate and equally effective communication when accessing any DPH-funded programs, activities and services.

G. NON-DISCRIMINATION.

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in relation to activities carried out under this contract on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, veteran' status, or any other basis prohibited by law. This includes the provision of language assistance services to individuals of limited English proficiency eligible for services provided by DPH.

H. CHOICE OF LAW.

The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules.

I. DISPUTES.

All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement and subject to the South Carolina Procurement Code, S.C. Code § 11-35-10 *et seq.*, must be resolved in accordance with Article 17 of the Procurement Code, §§ 11-35-4210 through -4430. Other claims must only be brought in the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas for Richland County or in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Columbia Division. By signing this Agreement, Contracting Party consents to exclusive jurisdiction and service of process in South Carolina and to venue pursuant to this Agreement. Contracting Party agrees that any act by DPH regarding the Agreement is not a waiver by DPH of its sovereign immunity or immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution and does not represent DPH's consent to jurisdiction of any court of agency of any other state.

J. PREVENTING AND REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE.

DPH has procedures and policies concerning the prevention and reporting of fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) in agency-funded programs, including but not limited to those funded by federal grants such as Medicaid. No agency employee, agent, or Contracting Party shall direct, participate in, approve, or tolerate any violation of federal or State laws

regarding FWA in government programs.

Federal law prohibits any person or company from knowingly submitting false or fraudulent claims or statements to a federally funded program, including false claims for payment or conspiracy to get such a claim approved or paid. The False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729-3733, and other "whistleblower" statutes include remedies for employees who are retaliated against in their employment for reporting violations of the Act or for reporting fraud, waste, abuse, or violations of law in connection with federal contracts or grants, or danger to public health or safety. Under State law, persons may be criminally prosecuted for false claims made for health care benefits, for Medicaid fraud, for insurance fraud, or for using a computer in a fraud scheme or to obtain money or services by false representations. Additional information regarding the federal and State laws prohibiting false claims and DPH's policies and procedures regarding false claims may be obtained from the DPH Contracts Manager or Bureau of Business Management.

Any employee, agent, or Contracting Party of DPH who submits a false claim in violation of federal or State laws will be reported to appropriate authorities.

If Contracting Party or Contracting Party's agents or employees have reason to suspect FWA in DPH programs, this information should be reported in confidence to DPH. A report may be made by writing to the Office of Internal Audits, DPH, 2100 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; or by calling the DPH Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline at 803-898-4869 or toll-free at 1-866-206-5202. Contracting party is required to inform Contracting party's employees of the existence of DPH's policy prohibiting FWA and the procedures for reporting FWA to the agency. Contracting party must also inform Contracting Party's employees, in writing, of their rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. §4712 concerning reporting FWA or violations of law in connection with federal contracts or grants, or danger to public health or safety, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

**K. INSURANCE.**

Contracting party will maintain sufficient insurance to protect Contracting Party from the types of claims that may arise out of or result from the Contracting Party's activities under this Agreement, including professional liability insurance covering any professional services to be performed under the Agreement, and general liability insurance, and will provide DPH with satisfactory evidence of such coverage upon request. If Contracting Party is a South Carolina governmental body, it may satisfy this requirement by maintaining insurance through the S.C. Insurance Reserve Fund as provided by South Carolina law. DPH will maintain liability coverage through the Insurance Reserve Fund as provided by South Carolina law. Neither party will provide individual coverage for the other party's employees, with each party being responsible for coverage of its employees.

**L. LICENSES.**

During the term of this Agreement, Contracting Party shall maintain its federal and state licenses, certifications, and accreditations required for the provision of services herein. Contracting Party will immediately notify DPH if a board, association, or other licensing authority takes any action to revoke or suspend the license, certification, or accreditation of Contracting Party or its employees or agents providing or performing services under this Agreement.

**M. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

Each party shall bear and be responsible solely for its own costs and expenses necessary to comply with this Agreement.

N. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.

Contracting Party shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations in the performance of this Agreement.

O. SEVERABILITY.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect.

P. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA.

Any attachments, addenda or other materials attached to the Agreement are specifically incorporated into and made part of this Agreement. This Agreement, with all attachments, represents the entire understanding and Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior oral and written and all contemporaneous oral negotiations, commitments, and understandings between such parties. The terms of this Agreement without those attachments take priority over any conflicting or inconsistent terms of any other document, invoice, or communication between the parties, even if attached to the Agreement.

Q. PLACE OF CONTRACTING.

This Agreement is deemed to be negotiated, made, and performed in the State of South Carolina.

R. NON-INDEMNIFICATION; LIMITATION ON TORT LIABILITY.

Any term or condition of this Agreement or any related agreements is void to the extent it: (1) requires DPH to indemnify, hold harmless, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason; or (2) would have the purpose or effect of increasing or expanding any liability of the State or its agencies or employees for any act, error, or omission subject to the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, whether characterized as tort, contract, equitable indemnification, or any other theory or claim.

S. EVALUATION: Appropriate staff of Contracting Party and DPH will meet on a regular basis to evaluate this Agreement based on the following perspectives and indicators:  
By April 1 of each year, the Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response (REPR) Section Manager or his/her designee must contact the Contractor to confirm and/or update the contact information in Section II. B. 2 of this Agreement. The REPR Section Manager or his/her designee must attach an amendment to the agreement reflecting any changes identified. The REPR representative must send the confirmed or updated information to the Contractor, DPH Contracts Manager and to the State Medical Equipment Power Shelter Coordinator.



The parties to the Memorandum of Agreement hereby agree to any and all provisions of the Agreement as stipulated here.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THE CIVIC CENTER OF ANDERSON

BY: Jerald (Jay) E. Daniels Jr.  
Jerald (Jay) E. Daniels Jr.  
State MEPS Lead

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua Hawkins  
Director, Emergency Management

DATE: 10/01/2025

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS:  
Upstate Region Office of Public Health Preparedness  
1736 Main Street South  
Greenwood, SC 29646  
(864) 209-7860

MAILING ADDRESS:  
3027 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd  
ANDERSON, SC 29625

TAX/EMPLOYER ID#: 57-6000303

TYPE OF ENTITY (check one):

- ☐ Corporation
- ☐ LLC
- ☒ Partnership
- ☐ Nonprofit organization
- ☒ Government agency or political subdivision -  
specify state if not SC:
- ☒ Other Governmental body (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Individual/sole proprietor
- ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If a corporation or LLC, or nonprofit organization:  
State of incorporation/organization:  
SC

Registered agent and address in South Carolina:

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SCDLLR or other license #  
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THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT OFFICIAL AND BINDING UNTIL SIGNED BY THE DPH CONTRACTS MANAGER.

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DPH Contracts Manager

DATE: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Anderson County**  
**Critical Facilities / Medical Equipment Power Shelter Generator**  
**Benefit-Cost Analysis Narrative**

The activities described below concern the need for a generator at the Civic Center of Anderson to support Critical Facilities operations as well as Medical Equipment Power Shelter Operations

**PART I—Critical Anderson County Facilities**

The Civic Center of Anderson serves as a staging area for public assistance and recovery efforts during and after a disaster or outbreak of severe weather. The following County functions are at risk of impact by a loss of power at the Civic Center:

**Emergency Operations:** Anderson County Emergency Management maintains a secondary EOC at the Civic Center. **FY 26 Operating Budget: \$1,544,370**

**Roads & Bridges:** County Roads & Bridges crews are essential during and after severe events. The department's main headquarters does not have generator support, so a generator at the Civic Center will allow the department's functions to continue unabated. **FY 26 Operating Budget: \$9,899,030**

**Civic Center:** Though the Civic Center would not be hosting events in the aftermath of a disaster or outbreak of severe weather, the facility and its employees provide overnight shelter space for those in need and serve as a clearinghouse for assistance/relief operations. **FY 26 Operating Budget: \$1,312,360**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Civic Center also serves as a staging area for Duke Energy and other agencies responding to disasters.**

- **RECURRENCE INTERVAL: 2.27 years**, based on historical data indicating 125 Hazardous Weather events observed over a 55-year period. These types of events are generally associated with some degree of power loss.
- **IMPACT (DAYS): 2 days**, (assumed)
- **DAMAGES PER DAY: \$34,947**, as returned by the BCA Calculator based on annual operating budgets of the described county functions

**PART II—Medical Equipment Power Shelter Operations**

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (SCDPH) and Anderson County are currently updating an existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA, copy attached) for the purpose of providing a Medical Equipment Power Shelter (MEPS) facility during natural or man-made events that displace persons with special medical needs from their homes. The MEPS facility is the Civic Center of Anderson, a public facility owned and operated by the Anderson County government and located at 3027 Martin Luther

King Jr. Blvd. in Anderson. The facility is also available for use as an emergency shelter for the general population, staging area for responders, and all practical uses as dictated by the nature of an emergency.

As defined in the existing MOA, a Special Medical Needs (SMN) individual is defined as someone who has a pre-existing medical condition resulting in medical impairments and has been able to function with the assistance of a care giver in the home. A Medical Needs individual's physical or mental conditions are such that they exceed the capabilities of an American Red Cross Shelter and are not severe enough to require hospitalization.

SMN individuals typically meet the criteria of Electricity-Dependent Populations, meaning that their well-being is dependent upon durable medical and assistive equipment (DME) and devices, including: Facility End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis; O2 Services; Home Health Services; and At-Home Hospice. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, there are 52,678 Medicare beneficiaries in South Carolina that are considered "At-Risk, Electricity Dependent" <https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov/empowermap> (see attached). As such, a working generator is necessary for a MEPS to function.

The Civic Center of Anderson is the largest MEPS facility available in the State of South Carolina in the event of an evacuation or displacement. The MOA states Civic Center's rated capacity **with a functioning generator** is 500 MEPS individuals and 500 accompanying caregivers (1,000 persons in total—each MEPS person having one person accompanying). The facility's 500 MEPS capacity represents almost 35% of the state's total 1,456-bed MEPS capacity—the second largest MEPS facility in the state has a capacity of 175. There are 48 MEPS facilities available to DHEC statewide—not counting Anderson County, these facilities have an average SMN capacity of 20. See attached table "Medical Needs Shelter Capacity in South Carolina".

Should a mere three percent of South Carolina's electricity-dependent MEPS Medicare beneficiaries become displaced (a distinct possibility during hurricane season), the state would not have enough facility space to serve them all. Therefore, it is critical that the Civic Center of Anderson, as the state's largest MEPS facility, be available for SCDPH to use in a time of need.

However, the Civic Center's functionality as a MEPS facility is dependent upon the availability of a generator capable of providing power needs for the entire facility, and **the current generator at the facility is not capable of providing the required power**. An engineer's assessment of the current emergency power distribution system concludes: "The existing facility life safety loads currently receive power from an emergency generator system. However, the existing 40KW natural gas emergency generator is not functional and the existing 100A automatic transfer switch 'ATS' is not operating per code."

The facility currently has inadequate backup generation capabilities. As described above, this facility plays a key role in the state's disaster management infrastructure and any loss of its availability would serve to compromise regional disaster management strategies. **Without the requested generator, the Civic Center's MEPS capacity is decreased from 500 to 25—a loss of 475 beds for the state's MEPS population.**

- **RECURRENCE INTERVAL: 1.4 years**, based on historical data showing the state experiencing disaster declarations 14 times in 20 years.

To determine the BCA's recurrence interval, a list of FEMA disaster declarations for the State of South Carolina was obtained from [www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations) (see attached). The 20-year period from 2004 through 2023 was examined, during which there were a total of 14 unique disaster declarations for: hurricanes; tropical storms; severe storms; tornadoes; straight-line winds; flooding; and severe ice storms. These are the types of events that tend to cause widespread, long-lasting power outages, further emphasizing the immediate need for MNS capacity at short notice.

- **IMPACT (DAYS): 3 days**, (assumed)
- **DAMAGES PER DAY: \$61,800**, based on a total of 515 hotel rooms required for MEPS beds and SCDPH staff, at a rate of \$120/day.

As stated above, without a functioning generator the Civic Center's MNS capacity has decreased from 500 to 25—a loss of 475 beds. The BCA damage calculations assume that during a disaster declaration SCDHEC (or other federal or state agency in need) would have to arrange hotel rooms for 475 SMN patients (full capacity 500 at Civic Center, less 25 persons) and 80 SCDHEC staff (full SCDHEC staffing for 500 SMN persons at the Civic Center is 84 per the MOU). A total of 515 rooms will be needed: 475 SMN evacuees and 40 SCDHEC staff (double-occupancy).

A three-night stay is presumed. A value of \$120 per room per night is used. (SOURCE: <https://www.budgetyourtrip.com/hotels/united-states-of-america/greenville-4580543>, accessed 11/24/2025). Our model does not consider price escalation of hotel rooms due to demand, although studies indicate a typical rate increase of 10 percent.

#### **TOTAL BCA RATIO: 2.55**

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

- **Regarding Land Disturbance and Fuel Tank Characteristics:** Per letter from Wes Spires of GMC (Attachment EHP 3.a.-Ground Disturbance Letter): "In reviewing the cut sheet provided by CES, the tank is a belly tank that is directly below the generator and is set on the slab. All lines associated are integral to the unit and there should not be any additional land disturbance other than the heavy-duty concrete slab that this all sits upon."
- **Project Location:** Applicants confirm the project location as: **34.538185, - 82.680325**

**House Member Appropriation Request Form**  
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Project/Event Name: Greer Public Safety Facilities

Requested Amount: \$ 20 million

Recipient Entity: City of Greer

The entity is a:      State Agency,   X   Local Government,      Non-Profit, or      Other

If **Other**, please explain: Entity

Contact: Andrew Merriman Title/Position: City Administrator

Phone Number:                      Email: amerriman@cityofgreersc.gov

Entity Website: www.cityofgreersc.gov County Location: Greenville & Spartanburg

Intended Use of the Funds: Construction and engineering costs for public safety facilities

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: \$20 million in state funding would relieve the tax burden on Greer residents in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties. Both facilities will benefit public safety departments throughout the Upstate by providing greater collaborative training opportunities and significantly lowering the cost for travel, lodging, and overtime.

Paul Wickensimer

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Paul Wickensimer

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: Mike Burns

Signature: Mike Burns

Print Name: Bill Chonley

Signature: Bill Chonley

Print Name: Dianne Mitchell

Signature: Dianne Mitchell

Neal Collins

Neal A. Collins



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**Required for Consideration:**

1. An official request letter on the requesting entity's letterhead signed by an executive officer or administrator that includes a timeline specifying the dates for start and completion of the project or program.
2. Supporting documentation including but not limited to a detailed description of the project or program, a project or program budget, and the intended use and benefit of state funds for the project or program.
3. Verification that the recipient entity and the use of funds are within the state of South Carolina.
4. The signature of a member of the S.C. House of Representatives.

Disclaimer: Only non-recurring, one-time funds will be considered; recurring expenses (e.g., salaries) are not eligible.



January 29, 2026

Members of the Greenville and Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation,

Please accept this letter as an official request from the City of Greer for a House Member Appropriation that would make our communities safer and provide tax relief for our residents.

The City of Greer requests \$20 million to support two projects that will improve public safety and emergency preparedness in the whole Upstate region. Our new \$17 million Public Safety Training Center will become a regional hub for police and fire when it opens later this year. It includes a 50-yard indoor firing range and a new fire training tower as well as seminar and simulation space all designed for collaboration.

The project has garnered support from the Greenville and Spartanburg County sheriffs, the Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association, and public safety leaders from across the state. This facility will provide significant cost savings for Upstate agencies that currently drive long distances to train and incur costs for travel, lodging, and overtime. It will offer new collaborative training opportunities and help make the Upstate more prepared to respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

The City of Greer has invested an additional \$10 million to build a suburban response facility in the Lake Cunningham and Lake Robinson area which has experienced rapid population growth. The station will have dedicated space for water rescue operations, Quick Response Vehicle medical teams, and sleeping and living quarters for 24/7 staffing.

Design is complete on the new fire station, but construction has not yet begun. The strategic placement of this facility will have an economic impact on an area that's popular for aquatic activities and provide nearby agencies with equipment and support to make their citizens safer.

The City of Greer is proud to take the lead in building these projects for the betterment of our community and to improve public safety and emergency preparedness in our region. State funding to support the design and construction of these projects will allow the City of Greer to further roll back millage adopted to service the debt.

The City of Greer appreciates your support of this request.

Sincerely,

Andrew Merriman, Greer City Administrator

## **OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

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## Sheriff

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Hobart Lewis  
Greenville County Sheriff's Office

December 15, 2025

Members of the Greenville and Spartanburg County Legislative Delegations,

I have had the honor of serving as the Greenville County Sheriff since the spring of 2020. Before I took office, I worked as deputy, owned a business, and spent ten years at the Greer Police Department. As sheriff, I have publicly expressed my support for the City of Greer's investment in a state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center. I'm writing today to advocate for Greer's request for \$20 million in state funding to support this regional hub for law enforcement, fire, and emergency training and to build a new fire station in the northern part of the city.

The new Public Safety Training Center in Greer will include a 50-yard indoor firing range, a multi-story fire training tower, and dedicated classroom and simulation space. This centrally located facility will save taxpayer dollars currently spent on transportation, lodging, and overtime expenses required to travel for training. The City of Greer has already provided the funding to begin this project, but your support will help deliver this asset for first responders and the communities they serve.

I intend to utilize Greer's new indoor firing range for staff training. I'm looking forward to using the center's technology and classroom space to collaborate with partner agencies from across the region to train for critical incidents, large-scale emergency response, and natural disasters.

Intentional planning, preparation, and collaboration are vital to improving public safety. I hope you will join me in supporting the City of Greer in its effort to build a state-of-the-art facility that will help us serve and protect our communities together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hobart Lewis". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Sheriff Hobart Lewis



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**SPARTANBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**BILL RHYNE, SHERIFF**

January 29, 2026

Members of the Spartanburg and Greenville County Legislative Delegations,

I have spent my life serving my country, my state, and my community. As a law enforcement officer for the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, I have seen the power of community and collaboration. I'm writing today as Sheriff of Spartanburg County to advocate for the City of Greer's request for state funding to support a regional hub for law enforcement, fire, and emergency training.

Greer's new Public Safety Training Center is set to open in the spring and will include a 50-yard indoor firing range, a multi-story fire training tower, and dedicated classroom and simulation space. This centrally located facility will save taxpayer dollars currently spent on transportation, lodging, and overtime expenses required to travel for training.

The City of Greer has already provided the funding to begin this project, but your support will help deliver this asset for first responders and the communities they serve. Collaboration and connection are important elements of public safety, and I look forward to the opportunity to utilize the Public Safety Training Center in Greer to help make Upstate South Carolina a model for preparedness and emergency response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William J. Rhyme".

Bill Rhyme

Spartanburg County Sheriff



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Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association  
2802 N McElhaney Road Greer, SC 29651

On behalf of the Greenville County Chiefs Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Greer's request for \$20 million in state funding to support the development of the Public Safety Training Center and the new fire station. These facilities are crucial for enhancing public safety and emergency preparedness in our rapidly growing region.

The Public Safety Training Center in Greer is poised to become a regional hub for fire and police agencies throughout the Upstate. This state-of-the-art facility, which includes seminar classroom space, a new fire training tower, and an indoor firing range, has been designed with collaboration, efficiency, and readiness in mind. By providing a centralized location for training, it will significantly reduce the need for agencies in Greenville and Spartanburg counties to travel long distances for necessary training, resulting in substantial cost savings on travel, lodging, and overtime expenses.

Moreover, the new fire station in northern Greer will serve the suburban areas around Lake Cunningham and Lake Robinson, housing essential resources such as the department's water rescue apparatus and Quick Response Vehicle medical teams. This facility will play a crucial role in ensuring timely and effective emergency response in these communities.

The investment in these facilities will not only benefit the City of Greer but also have a positive impact on public safety across the entire state. The expanded collaborative emergency and disaster preparedness training opportunities will enhance the readiness and effectiveness of our public safety agencies.

The City of Greer has already demonstrated its commitment by investing \$17 million in the Public Safety Training Center and \$10 million in the new fire station. State funding would help alleviate the financial burden on local taxpayers and ensure the successful completion of these vital projects.

We urge you to consider the significant benefits that these facilities will bring to our region and to support the City of Greer's funding request. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Horton

President, Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association



# IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY FOR GREER & BEYOND

The City of Greer is committed to keeping people safe in one of the fastest-growing areas of the state. The city has invested about \$27 million in new facilities for our police and fire departments, but the impact will reach well beyond our borders providing state-of-the-art training space for partners in many other communities.



## STATEWIDE SUPPORT

Greenville and Spartanburg County sheriffs support the project

Greenville County Fire Chiefs support the project

State funding could provide tax relief in Greenville and Spartanburg counties



**Location:** 1985 Hood Road

**Total cost:** \$17 million

**Areas served:** Greer, the Upstate, with the opportunity for state-wide impact



**Location:** Groce Meadow Road

**Total cost:** \$10 million

**Areas served:** Lake Robinson, O'Neal Village, Stillwater, and all of Greer



## GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF SUPPORTS GREER'S MISSION

"I intended to utilize Greer's new indoor **firing range** for staff training. I'm looking forward to using the center's **technology** and **classroom space** to collaborate with partner agencies from across the region to train for **critical incidents, large-scale emergency response, and natural disasters**."



*Sheriff  
Hobart Lewis*

## GREER BY THE NUMBERS

**9,700+ Police Department  
training hours**

**40,000+ Fire Department  
training hours**

**Population of 50,000 in the  
City of Greer**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:



**Andy Merriman**  
Greer City Administrator  
Cell: 864.607.2886  
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**Rick Danner**  
Greer Mayor  
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## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: City of Darlington - Public Swimming Pool

Requested Amount: \$ 250,000

Recipient Entity: City of Darlington

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Gloria Bridgen Title/Position: Asst. City Manager

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Website: cityofdarlington.com County Location: Darlington

Intended Use of the Funds: Funds will be used to refurbish, upgrade and maintain general operation for public usage.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: Recreation for city & county residents. This facility has been out of use for several years. The plan is to revive and modernize the infrastructure through repairs and updates.

Robert Williams

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Robert Williams

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY MANAGER  
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CLERK & TREASURER

March 9, 2026

Honorable Robert Williams  
S.C. House of Representatives  
328C Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Subject: City of Darlington Swimming Pool

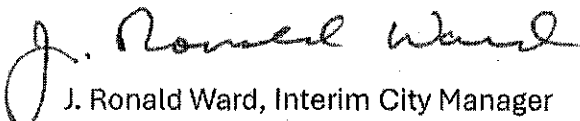
Dear Representative Williams:

South of the City of Darlington, I'm writing to request an appropriation of \$250,000 to refurbish, upgrade and revive the City's Swimming Pool, placing it back in use for the City's residents.

After careful inspection and examination, it was determined that a timeline for completion would be three to four months barring any unforeseen issues. The city could start the repairs and upgrades within 30 days of appropriation.

The city is available to answer any questions or concerns regarding this project. The city appreciates consideration of its request for funding.

Sincerely,

  
J. Ronald Ward, Interim City Manager  
City of Darlington

# **CITY OF DARLINGTON**

## **SWIMMING POOL PROJECT**

### **2026**

At your request I have inspected the city pool, and the following items will need to be addressed in order to make the facility useable:

#### **NEEDS**

Meeting with a pool operator to turn the pumps on to ensure they are functioning properly, replace if needed.

Light fixtures in the office area and bathrooms will need to be repaired/replaced.

Several Outdoor Receptacles will need to be replaced

Toilets in bathrooms will need to be repaired/replaced.

Will need to replace several of the showerheads

Stalls between toilets will need to be repaired/replaced

Shower curtains will need to be installed at shower partitions

Drinking fountain will need to be replaced with an ADA complaint fixture

The vanities under the sinks will need to be removed or replaced.

We will need to install soap and towel dispensers in the bathrooms.

The electrical/data conduit for the cameras will need to be properly supported and fastened.

The pool handrails will need to be installed.

NFPA Placard for the pump area will need to be installed

Install all pool signs required by SCDES (formerly DHEC)

New pool chairs/furniture

Overall Deep Cleaning

Landscaping

Place appropriate parking at the facility

Install matching wayfinding signage



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February 23, 2026

The Honorable Representative Robert Williams  
328C Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Williams:

The City of Hartsville, SC, is requesting funding to facilitate residential housing repair grants to residents of our community. The purpose of the program is to provide grant funding to low-to-moderate (LMI) income homeowners to repair and/or renovate their homes to mitigate health and safety hazards, as well as, blight.

We anticipate for the program to begin in January of 2027, at which time the City of Hartsville will begin accepting applications from the public for these residential housing repair grants. Upon eligibility, grants will be given in an amount up to \$10,000 per applicant. The program will continue until program funding has been completely expended, which we anticipate being a period of around five (5) years. A tentative timeline is listed below.

- January 2027: Community outreach meeting to inform the public of this program/grant opportunity
- January 2027: Open applications for residential housing repair grants
- June 2027: The first round of grants will be awarded to eligible applicants
- June 2027 – June 2032: Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will remain open during this time, until funding is completely exhausted
- June 2032: Anticipate the ending of the program, unless additional funding is secured

I greatly appreciate your consideration for funding this program. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 843-383-3015 ext. 1201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DM", with a small flourish at the end.

Daniel Moore  
City Manager  
City of Hartsville

## Residential Housing Repair Grant Program

### **Program Description**

The City of Hartsville, SC, is requesting funding to facilitate residential housing repair grants to residents of our community. The purpose of the program is to provide grant funding to low-to-moderate (LMI) income homeowners to repair and/or renovate their homes to mitigate health and safety hazards, as well as, blight.

Eligible projects include any home repair and/or renovation that removes blight (roofing repair; painting; deck/porch repair; landscaping; window repair; etc.) or mitigates health and safety hazards (floor repair; mold treatment; ADA-accessible ramps and doorways, indoor plumbing, etc.).

To be eligible for residential housing repair grants through this program, applicants must own and occupy a home located in the city limits of Hartsville, SC and be designated as LMI per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The maximum grant amount is \$10,000 per applicant. Applicants are only eligible for one (1) grant through this program. Once grants are awarded, grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement with the City of Hartsville. This agreement shall indicate that the requested project shall be completed by the grantee within one (1) year from the date of the grant agreement, unless otherwise agreed upon. Proof of performance, including payment to contractors and/or payment for supplies and materials, will be required upon the conclusion of the grant. Grant funds not expended by the grantee must be returned to the City of Hartsville. Grants must also be repaid if the property is sold in less than three (3) years from the date of the grant agreement.

The City of Hartsville anticipates that the residential housing repair grant program, if funded, will begin in January of 2026. Once the program opens, applications will be available year-round as long as funding is available.

### **Program Budget**

The goal is for the City of Hartsville to facilitate grants, up to \$10,000 each, to an estimated fifty (50) eligible applicants. The total project budget for this program is \$500,000.

### **Benefit of State Funds for the Program**

The proposed program, the facilitation of residential housing repair grants, is an excellent use of state funds, as it will not only directly benefit the grantees of the program but also greatly indirectly benefit all community members and the state of SC. By issuing grants to address healthy and safety hazards, such as mold, lead paint, etc., the risk of health issues

and accidents will be greatly reduced, thereby lowering public health costs and reducing emergency response needs. From an economic standpoint, individual and neighborhood property values will be increased by assisting homeowners in maintaining and upgrading their properties. There will be an increase in work needed for home repair projects, which creates jobs in that field and further stimulates the economy. Environmentally, many repairs/renovations funded by the proposed residential housing repair grant program may include energy-efficient upgrades such as roofing or HVAC improvements, and can reduce energy consumption, lower homeowner utility costs, and contribute to overall environmental sustainability. Overall, the proposed program offers both immediate and long-term benefits for SC residents.

## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: PDRTA Stranded Passenger Transportation Program

Requested Amount: \$ 25,000

Recipient Entity: Florence County

The entity is a:        State Agency,   X   Local Government,        Non-Profit, or        Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Kevin Yokim Title/Position: Administrator

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: Kyokim@florencecountysc.gov

Entity Website: florencecountysc.gov County Location: #22 -Pee Dee Region

Intended Use of the Funds: Funds will be used to provide transportation for stranded airline passengers from Charlotte to the Florence Regional Airport.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: This funding will support a transportation solution for stranded airline passengers, improving traveler safety, enhancing regional connectivity, and increasing utilization of the Florence Regional Airport.

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





FLORENCE COUNTY  
County Administrator

April 16, 2026

The Honorable Robert Williams  
PO Box 2442  
Hartsville, SC 29551

RE: PDRTA Stranded Passenger Transportation Program

Dear Representative Williams,

On behalf of Florence County, please accept this letter as a formal request for grant funding from the State of South Carolina in the amount of \$25,000 for the PDRTA Stranded Passenger Transportation Program. This initiative is designed to assist airline passengers who become stranded overnight at Charlotte Douglas International Airport by providing safe and reliable transportation to Florence Regional Airport.

This program will enhance traveler safety, improve regional mobility, and increase utilization of Florence Regional Airport while supporting economic activity within the Pee Dee region. Funding will be provided as a pass through to the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA), which will administer and operate the program.

We appreciate your continued support of initiatives that improve transportation access and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors in Florence County and the surrounding region. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Kevin V. Yokim, CPA, CGFO, ICMA-CM  
County Administrator  
Florence County





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Larry Kardos

### **Subject: Funding Proposal for Infrastructure (Stations and Apparatus)**

Chairman and Members of the South Carolina State Senate and House,

Clear Spring Fire and Rescue continues to experience sustained growth within our district, resulting in increased call volume and operational demand. Our current station configuration was not designed to support this level of service and no longer adequately meets the needs of our personnel or the community we serve.

To address these challenges, we are proposing targeted renovations to improve functionality, operational efficiency, and overall facility safety. These improvements are essential to ensure our firefighters can respond effectively while operating in an environment that supports their health, readiness, and long-term sustainability. Firefighter health remains a critical concern. Firefighters face an increased risk of occupational cancer due to repeated exposure to carcinogens, including diesel exhaust emissions within fire stations. Without proper mitigation, these exposures accumulate over time and pose significant long-term health risks.

This proposal reflects a responsible and transparent approach to long-term planning. As a public agency, we maintain established capital replacement plans for our facilities and equipment. However, securing funding through this request allows us to accelerate critical improvements while preserving local resources for other essential capital needs.

By leveraging this funding, we are able to advance these priority projects without delaying or deferring other necessary investments within our district. Without additional funding sources, these improvements would likely require future requests or extended timelines, impacting our ability to keep pace with community growth and operational demands.

These efforts strengthen our ability to provide reliable emergency services, protect the health of our personnel, and ensure we remain fiscally responsible stewards of public resources. This investment maximizes the value of taxpayer dollars by addressing multiple critical needs simultaneously, reducing long-term maintenance costs, and avoiding future funding gaps for other essential capital projects.

### **1.. Detailed Description of the Project**

#### **Station Renovations**

Clear Spring Fire and Rescue continues to experience sustained growth within our district, resulting in increased call volume and operational demand. Our stations were built to meet the needs of a smaller population. As our community has grown, the demand on our facilities and team have increased. These planned renovations and modernization efforts are a proactive step to ensure our stations continue to provide the highest level of service, support our team, and meet the evolving needs of our growing district.

To address these challenges, we are proposing targeted renovations to improve functionality, operational efficiency, and overall facility safety. These improvements are essential to ensure our



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firefighters can respond effectively while operating in an environment that supports their health, readiness, and long-term sustainability.

At the same time, firefighter health remains a critical concern. Firefighters face an increased risk of occupational cancer due to repeated exposure to carcinogens, including diesel exhaust emissions within fire stations. Without proper mitigation, these exposures accumulate over time and pose significant long-term health risks.

This proposal takes a comprehensive approach by not only improving our infrastructure to meet growing service demands, but also by reducing preventable health risks to our personnel. Together, these efforts strengthen our ability to provide reliable emergency services while protecting the firefighters who serve our community.

### **Station renovations include:**

- Additions to provide a clean environment for our team and equipment
  - Upgrading station infrastructure
  - Installing modern systems that will improve response times and firefighter readiness.
- **Cost: \$1,181,600**

These upgrades will ensure that our department is better equipped to handle the increasing call volume, reduce response times, and improve operational efficiency in a growing district all while reducing exposure to carcinogenic substances.

### **Long-Term Value and Impact:**

This investment ensures that our facilities are aligned with the current and future needs of our community. By improving infrastructure and working conditions, we are strengthening our ability to deliver reliable emergency services while protecting the health and safety of our personnel.

These renovations will provide both immediate and long-term benefits by:

- Supporting increased call volume within a growing district
- Improving response times and service delivery
- Enhancing operational efficiency and readiness
- Creating a healthier environment for personnel by reducing exposure to carcinogenic substances



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### Apparatus Replacement

Clear Spring Fire and Rescue is requesting funding to replace an aging frontline fire engine and to maintain the reliability and balance of our fleet.

Our current frontline apparatus has exceeded its optimal frontline service timeframe. While it has served our community well, units at this stage begin to experience increased maintenance costs, reduced reliability, and greater downtime. Continued reliance on this apparatus as a primary response unit introduces operational risk, particularly as call volume and service demands continue to grow.

Compounding this challenge is the reality of current fire apparatus manufacturing timelines. Industry-wide production lead times for new fire engines are now estimated at approximately 24 to 36 months from order to delivery. This extended timeline requires proactive planning to ensure there is no gap in service capability as frontline apparatus age out of their intended use.

In addition, our existing reserve apparatus has exceeded its practical service life and no longer provides a dependable backup unit. This creates a vulnerability within our fleet during peak demand periods, maintenance cycles, or large-scale incidents requiring multiple apparatus.

This request represents a strategic fleet transition:

- A new fire engine will serve as a frontline unit
- The current apparatus, which has exceeded its frontline service life, will transition to reserve status
- The reserve pumper will be retired from service

This approach ensures continuity of operations while responsibly managing the lifecycle of our apparatus.

### Apparatus Replacement

We are requesting funding for the purchase of a new fire engine, along with the necessary equipment to ensure it is fully operational upon delivery.

- **Total Estimated Cost (Apparatus and Equipment): \$1,300,000**

### Long-Term Value and Impact

This investment is both immediate and long-term in nature.

Due to current production timelines of 2 to 3 years, timely funding is essential to ensure that a replacement apparatus is placed into service before reliability issues significantly impact response capability.





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Once delivered, the new apparatus and equipment will serve as a frontline unit for approximately 10 years and continue in a reserve capacity, thereafter, providing a total expected service life of approximately 15 to 20 years.

An investment now:

- Addresses the gap created by extended manufacturing lead times
- Ensures uninterrupted frontline response capability
- Establishes a reliable reserve apparatus within our fleet
- Reduces long-term maintenance costs associated with aging equipment
- Eliminates an outdated unit that no longer meets operational demands

This is a forward-looking investment that ensures Clear Spring Fire and Rescue can continue to meet the needs of a growing district while "Providing Excellent Service to our Community" for years to come.

### 2. Project Budget

Here is a breakdown of the total budget for the proposed projects:

| <u>Item</u>                    | <u>Description</u>                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Cost</u>        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Station Renovations:</b>    | Expansion and renovation of fire station to accommodate growing district and the purchase and installation of an exhaust removal system at the stations to remove diesel exhaust. | \$1,181,600        |
| <b>Engine &amp; Equipment:</b> | Replacement of aging frontline apparatus and outfitting of new unit                                                                                                               | \$1,300,000        |
| <b>Total Estimated Budget:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>\$2,481,600</b> |

### 3. Project Timeline

The Clear Spring Fire and Rescue proposal aims to begin in June 2026, with an estimated six-month completion date. The timeline is contingent upon any appropriation of funds, as the project is dependent on receiving financial support to complete the project. While the overall schedule targets a conclusion of December 2026, external factors related to funding approval and vendor availability may affect specific milestones and timelines. We are committed to progressing as swiftly as possible while ensuring the project meets the required standards and objectives.



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#### 4. Verification That Recipient Entity and the Use of Funds Are Within South Carolina

Clear Spring Fire and Rescue is a legally established fire department serving the community in the suburbs of Southern Greenville County (Five Forks) within the state of South Carolina. We are committed to providing the highest level of emergency services to our residents and have consistently worked to improve our community response, personnel health, and safety standards. The initiatives outlined in this proposal will help ensure these standards are met and maintained.

All funds will be used strictly for their intended purpose, and we will adhere to all applicable state regulations regarding the use of state funds.

We hope to move forward with these projects in order to protect our personnel, ensure that we are prepared for future growth, and maintain the highest standards of service to the community. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your support.

Best regards,

Larry Kardos  
Fire Chief  
Clear Spring Fire and Rescue





## **Municipal Complex**

Continued Development of New Municipal Complex (\$1,000,000)

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### **Background & Context**

Over the last five decades, the City of Fountain Inn has utilized the same facility for most of its municipal operations. While the City has invested millions of dollars into new facilities and upgrades for some operations, it has become an immense need to address capacity and efficiency concerns in our primary municipal complex. Today, five core operations of our city are managed out of five different facilities – Administration, Fire, Police, Court, Finance/Billing – all blocks away from one another. In addition, all facilities are currently maxed out in their capacity to hold additional staff. Most notably, our Public Safety headquarters are not only crowded, but severely out of date and are a hinderance to further accreditations for both Fire and Police.

In the last decade alone, the City's population has grown over 30%. We are situated in the fastest-growing part of two counties – southern Greenville County and northern Laurens County. To keep up with the demand on our services, our facilities must grow with our community.

To better serve the public, encourage engagement with their local government, provide adequate space for our ever-growing team of public servants, and prepare for future needs – it is imperative that our community construct a new municipal center.

### **Current Conditions**

Our Police Department has seen nearly no upgrades since the 1980s, with officers on top of one another and an evidence closet bursting at the seams. Our Fire Department does not currently have ample room for training and additional beds – especially as our needs increase. Our Administrative offices, better known as City Hall, houses more staff than ever – forcing our City Council chambers to relocate to our courthouse, located four blocks away. And our Finance/Billing office underwent renovations, constructed in-house by our own employees, but is already full.

City Council has made this project a priority, even before this request for state funds. First, the City undertook the largest capital project to-date, constructing a new Public Works and Natural Gas facility to provide crews with the space they deserve and need to operate. City Council also funded improvements to current facilities that allowed City Council Chambers to move to the Courtroom. These two strategies allowed us to “buy time”, increasing capacity in the remaining existing facilities for as long as we could.

Additionally, we have also already worked with SC DOT to confirm necessary permission for a road closure that is part of this project's plan, and we are clearing an existing city-owned lot (former site of our

Public Works and Natural Gas departments) to act as a staging area for continuity of operations as a new municipal center is constructed.

Lastly, in partnership with the State of South Carolina, we are well into the design phase of this project, having completed an initial design and programming planning. We are nearing the Design Development phase which will include the City bringining in a General Contractor who, along with architects, will work on everything from finishes to cost estimates – ultimately providing us with a “maximum price” product and construction documents. At that point, this project will be shovel-ready.

### **Project Scope**

The project, with construction expected to take 18-24 months once commenced, will bring nearly all city offices under one roof – the exceptions being Public Works, Natural Gas, and Recreation who each have their own dedicated facilities. It will modernize our workplace for our 200+ employees, and most importantly give our citizens a facility they can be proud of for decades to come.

Designs are attached to this request as Exhibit A.

Funds requested for this portion of the project will help move it closer to the design finish line, helping provide our team with a clear picture of costs and design, which will give us a clear path forward for the project to begin.

**The City of Fountain Inn is requesting \$1,000,000 for this phase of the project.**



# RENDERINGS | PARK ENTRY VIEWS

Retail | Police Building | Concourse Entry Sequence





# RENDERINGS | FIRE STATION



Weston Street View



# RENDERINGS

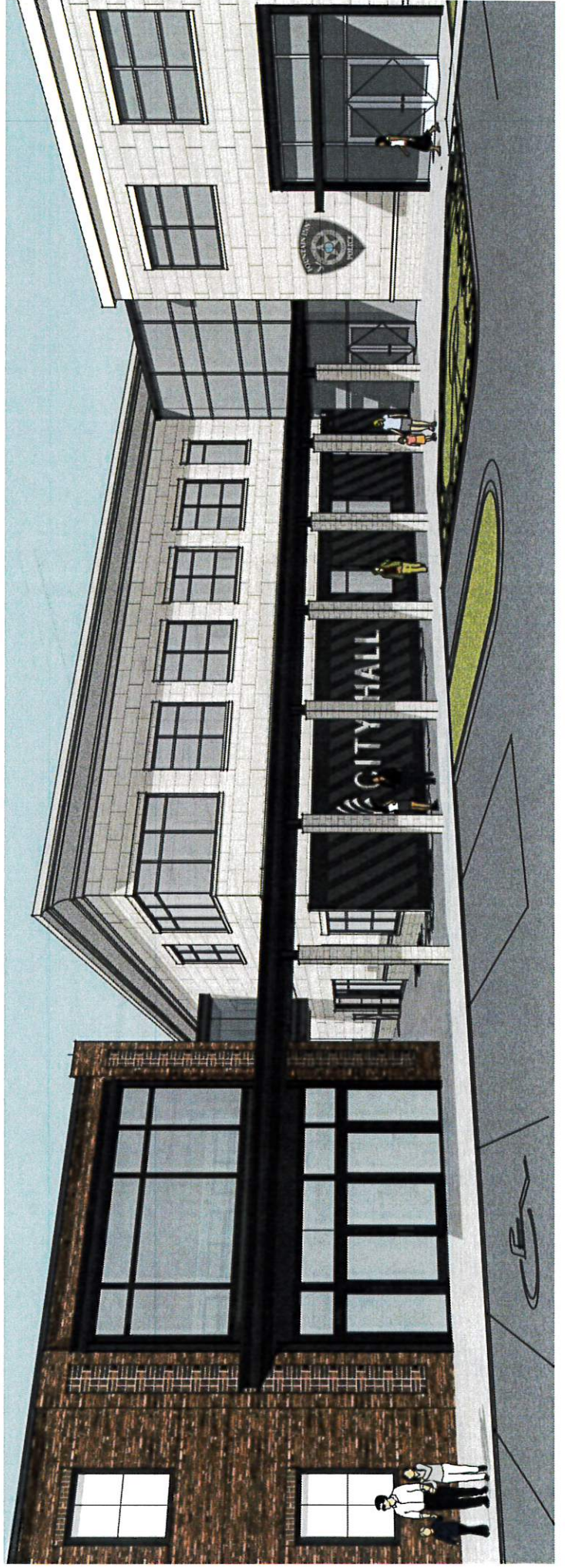
Site Views | Main Street Elevations





# RENDERINGS | WESTON STREET

Police Building | Parking Entry Views





**House Member Appropriation Request Form**

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Project/Event Name: Greenville Water Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

Requested Amount: \$ \$3,400,000.00

Recipient Entity: Greenville Water

Is the entity a: \_\_\_\_\_ state agency, \_\_\_\_\_ local government, \_\_\_\_\_ non-profit, or ☒ other?

If **other**, please explain: Greenville Water is public utility and political subdivision of the state.

Entity Contact: Jeff Boss Title/Position: Chief Executive Officer

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: jboss@greenvillewater.com

Entity Website: www.greenvillewater.com County Location: Greenville

Summary of Intended Use of the Funds: Implementation of comprehensive drone based safety and security solution to protect 30,000 acres of the Table Rock & North Saluda watersheds.

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: Please see the attached documents that provide a detailed project description, cost estimate, justification, and public benefit to the State of SC.

Representative Mark Willis



Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

**Primary House Sponsor – Signature**

Additional Sponsors:

Print Name: Mike Burns Signature: Mike B

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GreenvilleWater

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The Honorable Mark Willis  
326C Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

March 3, 2026

RE: Greenville Water Budget Request for Watershed Protection & Restoration Program

Dear Representative Willis:

This letter is to officially request state funds in support of Greenville Water's Watershed Protection and Restoration Program. The pristine Table Rock and North Saluda watersheds are one of the Upstate's largest potable water sources and are a critical element in the continued growth of the Upstate; however, they face continued dangers in the form of changing weather patterns, increased volatility and intensity of precipitation events, trespassing, and the increased risks of wildfires that could engulf residential areas, which this program will address. The importance of this program was further emphasized because of the substantial damage that Greenville Water's 30,000-acre watersheds suffered from Hurricane Helene.

As you are aware, Greenville Water (GW) provides safe, affordable, and reliable drinking water service to more than 660,000 Upstate residents and businesses. Moreover, Greenville Water serves as the emergency potable water service provider to an additional 250,000 Upstate residents and businesses. GW's management of a safe, resilient, and affordable water system has been an important component of the continued growth of the Upstate's economy.

Measuring the amount of devastation from Hurricane Helene incurred within the GW watersheds has been difficult. For example, over 190 miles of internal roads have been made unusable. Millions of cubic feet of forest have been destroyed and has subsequently become potential fuel for wildfires. GW watersheds may have suffered damages exceeding \$500 million according to FEMA and SC Emergency Management Division (SC EMD) making it larger than the total of all other public facilities damage estimates within South Carolina for Hurricane Helene.

Moreover, large swaths of the watersheds have become unsafe for GW employees to access. Also, the physical security of the facilities has been severely compromised thereby putting the Upstate's drinking water supply at risk.

The Table Rock and North Saluda watersheds serve as the foundation for the Upstate's continued success. In March 2024, prior to Hurricane Helene and as part of its proactive source water protection program, GW contracted with End to End Technologies (E2E) to conduct a detailed Watershed Site Assessment. The purpose of this assessment was to determine future communications requirements for watershed source protection, surveillance, and security in emerging use cases such as post-disaster security management. The detailed analysis was completed in the summer of 2024.

Based upon the E2E analysis, GW conducted research and competitive solicitations to ascertain if there were alternative cost-effective technologies that would accomplish the long-term surveillance and security objectives of GW. This research found that due to the watershed's size, complex escarpment topography, complicated sightlines, lack of existing communications and power infrastructure, isolated location, forest regime, and urban/wildlife interface the option presented by E2E was the only possible technical solution.

The proposed GW watershed security and surveillance program is estimated to cost approximately \$4.6 million. GW has already committed over \$1.2 million in emergency funds to conduct the communications network design, acquire the initial autonomous drone, conduct site preparation, obtain necessary FAA and FCC licenses, and training. The remaining project costs (\$3.4 million) necessary to accomplish the program's objectives are detailed in the attached E2E Project Overview.

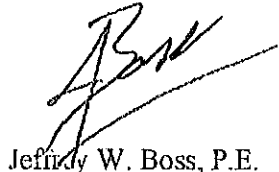
Although the program was initiated in the middle of 2024 with the E2E analysis, the program is being accelerated to adapt to the immediate needs resulting from the additional security and surveillance requirements attributable to the devastation from Hurricane Helene. The project will be completed within 24 months of funding commitments.

In addition to providing the obvious benefits of protecting the main drinking water sources for many Upstate residents and businesses, this program will safeguard a diverse array of plant and animal species, including those that are federally, and state listed as endangered, rare, sensitive, or otherwise protected species. Ultimately, this program will serve as a model for balancing environmental protection with community and economic needs, demonstrating the far-reaching benefits of comprehensive source water protection. The watersheds are also the location of numerous historically important sites and structures.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our request to maintain the most affordable, reliable, and safe water in the nation and preserving our watersheds for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations of Upstate residents and businesses.

Respectfully,

GREENVILLE WATER

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Jeffrey W. Boss, P.E.  
Chief Executive Officer



End 2 End Technologies



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Greenville Water  
406 West Broad Street  
Greenville, SC 29602

## **Project Overview**

### **Watershed Safety & Security**

March 12th, 2025

## Executive Summary

### Overview

End 2 End Technologies (E2E) in partnership with Greenville Water have embarked on a Drone Safety and Security program to safeguard over 770,000 citizens of Greenville, SC and surrounding areas. The impact of hurricane Helene revealed critical vulnerabilities in local Watershed, posing potential risks to public safety and water quality if left unaddressed. Key challenges identified included human activities such as trespassing and poaching, as well as wildlife-related issues, including hog traps, bear activity, and potential water supply contaminants.

In March 2024, E2E conducted a detailed Watershed Site Assessment to determine the specific communication network requirements needed to support effective deployment of Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) drones. In collaboration with American Robotics (AR), E2E proposed a comprehensive network solution to include **Programmable AI Piloted Autonomous Drones**. We are confident this proposed sUAS solution will effectively address immediate security and safety concerns resulting from Hurricane Helene and will also proactively support Greenville Water's future requirements for Watershed surveillance, security, and additional emerging use cases.

Additionally, this project includes upgrading the existing basic SD cameras currently being used across the watershed with advanced cameras featuring Artificial Intelligence (AI), along with remote monitoring capabilities. The camera requirements will be a key focus in ensuring optimal performance and reliability in a challenging environment. The cameras proposed are based on the requirements of Greenville Water to include Hi-Resolution imaging, robust construction to address the environmental challenges, night vision and motion detection among others.

### Project Scope

End 2 End Technologies (E2E), in partnership with Greenville Water, will implement a comprehensive drone-based safety and security solution focused on the protection of critical watershed areas. This project includes the strategic deployment of American Robotics' Optimus autonomous drones, complemented by a robust communications infrastructure to ensure reliable and secure data connectivity for drone operations.

Key project components include:

- **Drone Deployment:** Installation and commissioning of autonomous Drone-in-a-Box (sUAS) solutions, enabling continuous aerial surveillance, rapid threat detection, and environmental monitoring capabilities.
- **Communications Network:** Construction and deployment of a robust communications infrastructure, including towers and microwave backhaul links, designed specifically to meet the high-bandwidth data and connectivity demands of the drone system.
- **Camera System Upgrade:** Installing an advanced camera system with Hi-Resolution, Artificial Intelligence (AI) functionality and night vision capabilities for ongoing monitoring and surveillance.

- **Integration & Support:** Seamless integration of the drone platform with the newly established communications network, ensuring reliable data transfer for real-time monitoring and analysis to secure the Greenville Watershed areas.

#### **Project Scope Details:**

- Installation of communications infrastructure (four towers: Stovall, Corbin Mountain, N. Saluda Plant, Table Rock Shop).
- Integration of American Robotics Drone-in-a-Box (DiB) system at critical locations (N. Saluda Plant and Table Rock Shop).
- Initial deployment includes high-reliability microwave backhaul connectivity (licensed 6GHz and unlicensed 5.8GHz).
- Comprehensive closeout documentation including structural integrity, network diagrams, and testing results
- Addition of microwave equipment.
- Installation of an additional drone-in-a-box unit at Table Rock.

#### **Communications Infrastructure**

- **Tower Deployment:**
  - Stovall Site (150' Tower)
  - Corbin Mountain (100' Tower)
  - N. Saluda Plant (100' Tower)
  - Table Rock Shop (195' Tower)
- **Microwave Links for Backhaul Network:**
  - 6GHz Licensed Microwave for robust, interference-mitigated connectivity.
  - 5.8GHz Unlicensed Microwave for cost-effective, short-distance links.

#### **Drone System Details (Optimus sUAS)**

- **Autonomous Drone-in-a-Box System:** Automated Optimus 1EX by American Robotics, FAA-certified for BVLOS operations.
- **Payload Capabilities:**
  - LiDAR for precise terrain mapping and structural assessments.
  - Electro-Optical (EO) and Infrared (IR) cameras for comprehensive day/night surveillance.
  - Real-time data streaming and automated battery/payload management.

#### **Fixed Remote Cameras Sites for Security and Monitoring**

- Detections of humans and animals
- Alarming of detections
- These solutions aim to provide comprehensive and reliable monitoring solutions for the designated surveillance areas including:
- Withstand extreme environmental & vandalism
- High and low temperatures, and high winds



- Solar and battery powered to provide remote power supply for camera and communications equipment

### **Budget Details**

#### **Communication Infrastructure**

| Item                         | Description | Price              |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Stovall Tower (150')         |             | \$288,400          |
| Corbin Mountain Tower (100') |             | \$267,700          |
| N. Saluda Plant Tower (100') |             | \$239,600          |
| Table Rock Shop Tower (195') |             | \$294,500          |
| <b>Total</b>                 |             | <b>\$1,090,200</b> |

#### **Drone System Details**

| Item                         | Description | Price              |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Optimus Drone-in-a-Box       |             | \$1,122,000        |
| Kestrel cUAS & DAA S/W       |             | \$195,000          |
| FAA Compliance Consulting    |             | \$300,000          |
| Installation & Commissioning |             | \$100,000          |
| <b>Total</b>                 |             | <b>\$1,717,000</b> |

#### **Camera Pricing Details**

| Camera Types                             | Description                                                             | Quantity | Price             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Motion Detection, Fixed Bullet Cellular  | 2MP WDR Network Bullet Camera                                           | 14       | \$407,000         |
| Motion Detection, Fixed Bullet Microwave | 2MP WDR Network Bullet Camera                                           | 7        | \$19,500          |
| Live Feed, Multi-Sensor Microwave        | 8MP Panorama dual sensor                                                | 11       | \$37,700          |
| Live Feed, Fixed Bullet Microwave        | 2MP WDR Network Bullet Camera, utilizing existing power                 | 2        | \$3,800           |
| Accessories                              | For Each Camera                                                         | 34       | \$12,000          |
| DVS Cloud Service                        | 30 Days of data storage and access for each camera, 5-Year Service Plan | 34       | \$66,000          |
| <b>Total</b>                             |                                                                         |          | <b>\$ 544,800</b> |

**Note:** Pricing excludes taxes, duties, tariffs, freight, and special site conditions.

#### **Summary**

The Watershed Safety & Security Program is a critical, proactive investment designed to protect Greenville's essential water resources and enhance the safety and quality of life for over 770,000 residents. By partnering with End 2 End Technologies and

American Robotics, Greenville Water is implementing a robust solution that combines state-of-the-art autonomous drone surveillance with a resilient and reliable communications infrastructure. This comprehensive approach addresses both immediate vulnerabilities exposed by recent events, such as Hurricane Helene, and positions Greenville Water to proactively tackle future environmental and security risks.

Through the successful implementation of this initiative, Greenville Water reaffirms its commitment to environmental stewardship, public safety, and community resilience, solidifying its position as a regional leader prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow.









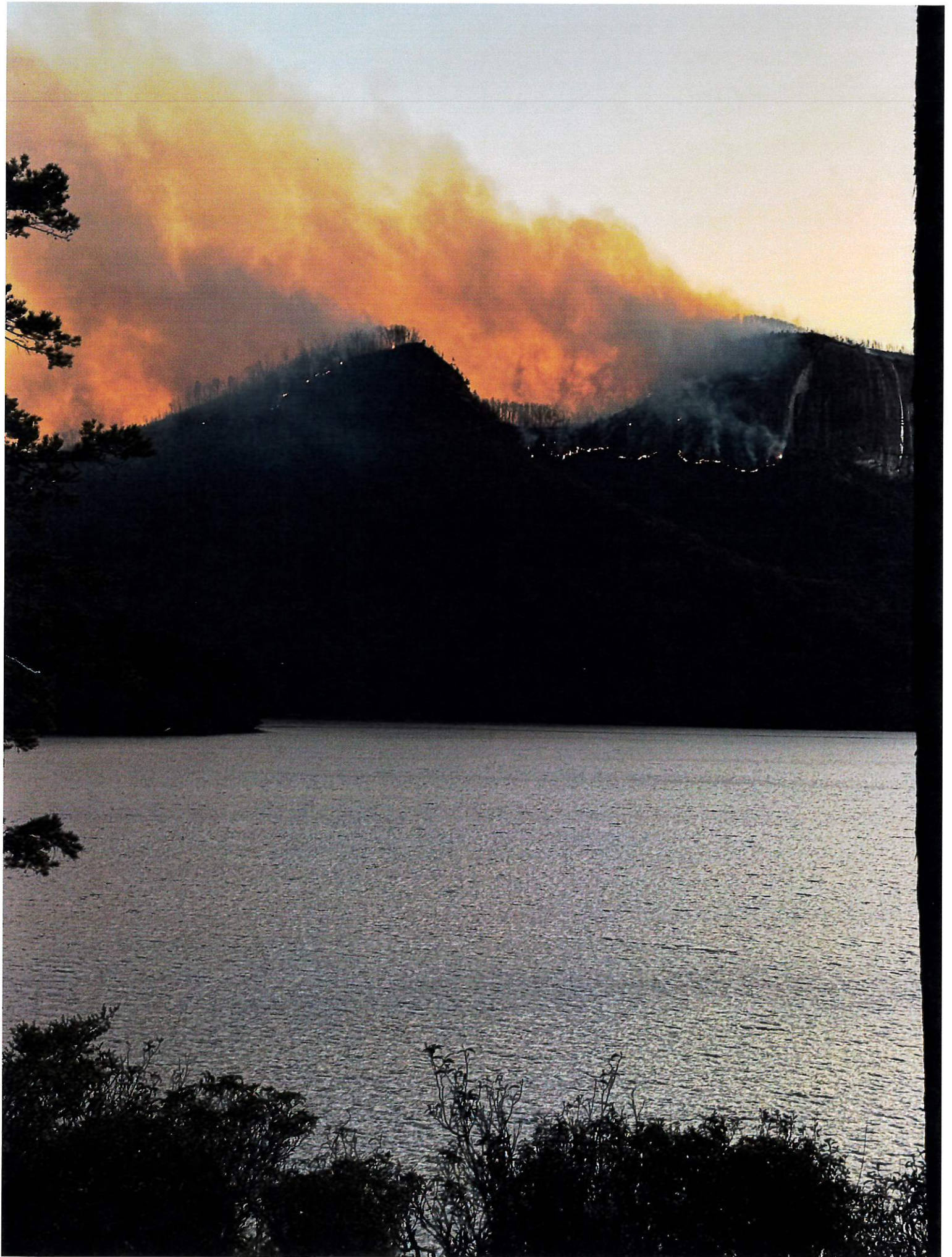




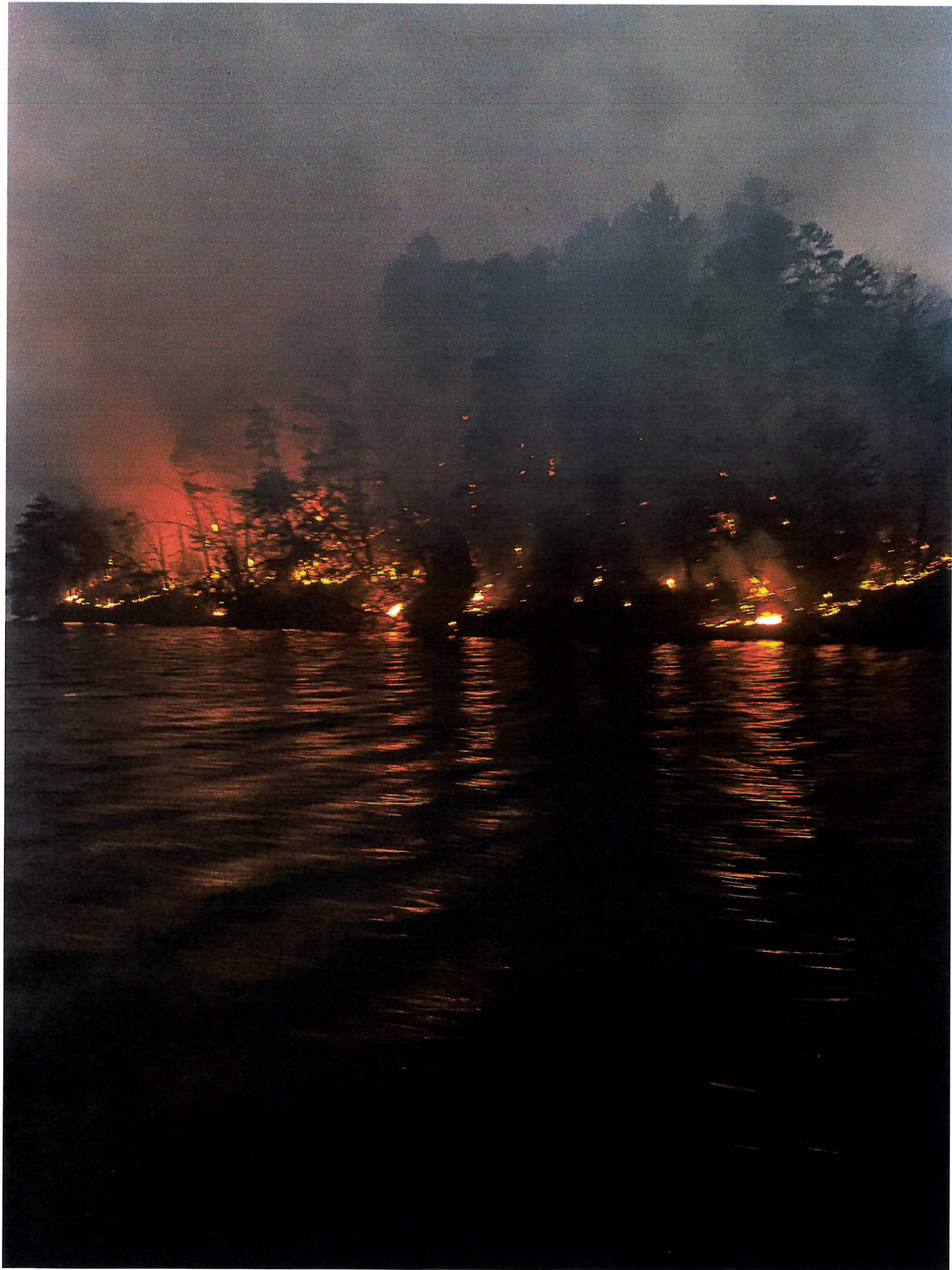




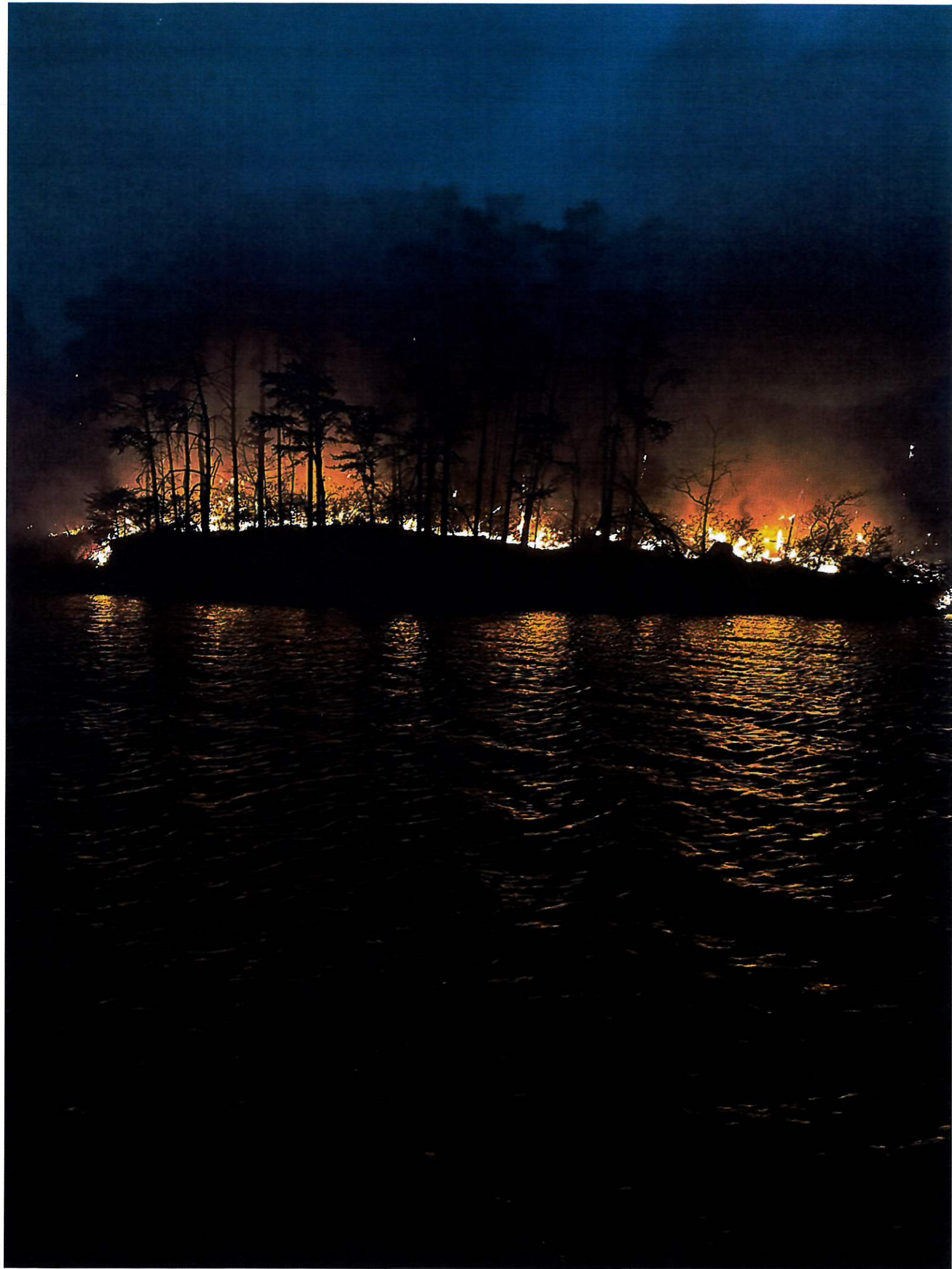














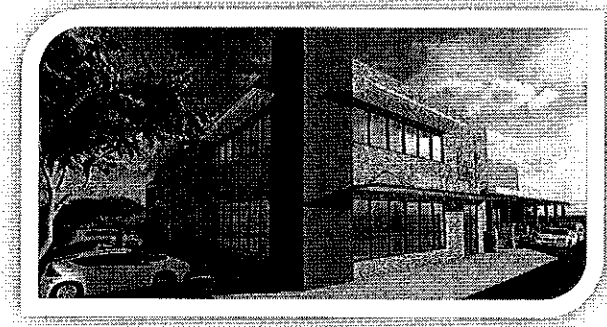
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Dear Members of the House,

On behalf of Mission Lexington, I am writing to formally request financial assistance in support of our new facility project, designed to expand our capacity to serve the growing needs of Lexington County residents.

Mission Lexington is currently in the fundraising phase of this capital project. To date, we have successfully raised **\$4 million** toward the development of our new building. To proceed with construction, an additional **\$3.9 million** is required.



Our anticipated timeline is as follows:

- **2025 – 2027:** Active fundraising phase
- **By December 2026:** Completion of capital fundraising percentage to begin construction
- **Second Quarter 2027:** Projected groundbreaking and start of construction
- **Fourth Quarter 2028:** Estimated Completion (subject to final funding and construction timelines)

This new facility is critical to meeting the increasing demand for services in our community. Each year, Mission Lexington provides essential support to more than **25,000 individuals**, including approximately **10,000 children**, through food assistance, clothing, financial support, and other stabilization services, meeting over **69,000 needs**. Our current facility is operating beyond capacity, limiting our ability to respond to the continued growth in need across Lexington County.

The proposed expansion will allow us to:

- Increase access to food and basic needs
- Improve operational efficiency and service delivery
- Expand outreach to underserved populations
- Create space for collaborative partnerships and supportive programming

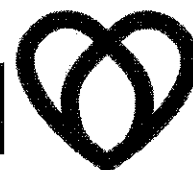
We are committed to responsible stewardship and have taken significant steps to ensure this project is financially sustainable before breaking ground. State partnership in this effort would play a pivotal role in accelerating our ability to meet urgent and growing community needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued commitment to strengthening communities across South Carolina. We would be honored to provide additional details or host a visit to further discuss the impact of this project.

Sincerely,

*Amy H. Reeves*

**Amy H. Reeves**  
Chief Executive Director  
Mission Lexington  
216 Harmon St.  
Lexington, SC 29072



# House Member Appropriation Fund Request

**Applicant:** Mission Lexington

**Project:** New Construction of 30,000 Square Foot Community Service Facility

**Location:** 1426 North Lake Drive, Lexington, SC 29072

## I. Detailed Description of the Project

Mission Lexington is requesting \$3,000,000 from the South Carolina House Member Appropriation Fund to support construction of a new 30,000 square foot facility that will expand and centralize critical human services for residents across Lexington County, including the growing communities of Irmo and Chapin.

This new facility will replace Mission Lexington's current space, which no longer meets the demand for services due to rapid population growth and increased economic pressure on working individuals, seniors, veterans, and families throughout the county.

The new 30,000 square foot building will allow for new and expanded services in:

- Client intake and case management services
- Dedicated children's space
- Emergency financial assistance
- Food pantry and food distribution operations
- Clothing and essential household goods distribution
- Medical equipment support
- Crisis support services
- Volunteer operations and training space
- Administrative offices
- Warehouse and logistics space
- Community meeting and partnership space

By expanding our space and services, Mission Lexington will increase operational efficiency, improve dignity and accessibility for clients, and significantly expand capacity to meet critical needs.

The facility will be centrally located to better serve the entire county, reducing transportation barriers and ensuring residents in western and northern portions of the county have improved access to services.

## **II. Project Budget**

**Total Capital Project Budget: \$9,500,000**

**Funds Raised to Date: \$4,000,000**

**Additional Funds Needed to Begin Construction: \$3,900,000**

**Amount Requested from the State of South Carolina: \$3,000,000**

The remaining balance will be raised through private philanthropy, corporate gifts, foundations, and community fundraising efforts.

### **Budget Overview (Summary)**

- Site development
- Architectural and engineering services
- Construction costs (30,000 sq. ft. facility)
- Infrastructure and utilities
- Warehouse build-out and equipment
- Expansion of programs

The \$3,000,000 state appropriation will be used specifically for construction costs, including structural build-out, infrastructure, and core facility development necessary to bring the building to operational capacity.

## **III. Intended Use and Benefit of State Funds**

The state funds requested will directly support the physical construction of the new facility, enabling Mission Lexington to:

1. Expand service capacity to meet growing demand in Lexington County
2. Increase food distribution and essential item access
3. Provide more private and dignified client intake and crisis counseling spaces.
4. Create a dedicated child-friendly space allowing parents to share their stories openly while ensuring children are cared for in a safe, healthy environment, shielded from crisis situations
5. Improve logistical efficiency through expanded warehouse space
6. Strengthen partnerships with first responders, hospitals, and public service partners
7. Reduce strain on publicly funded systems by providing early intervention and stabilization services



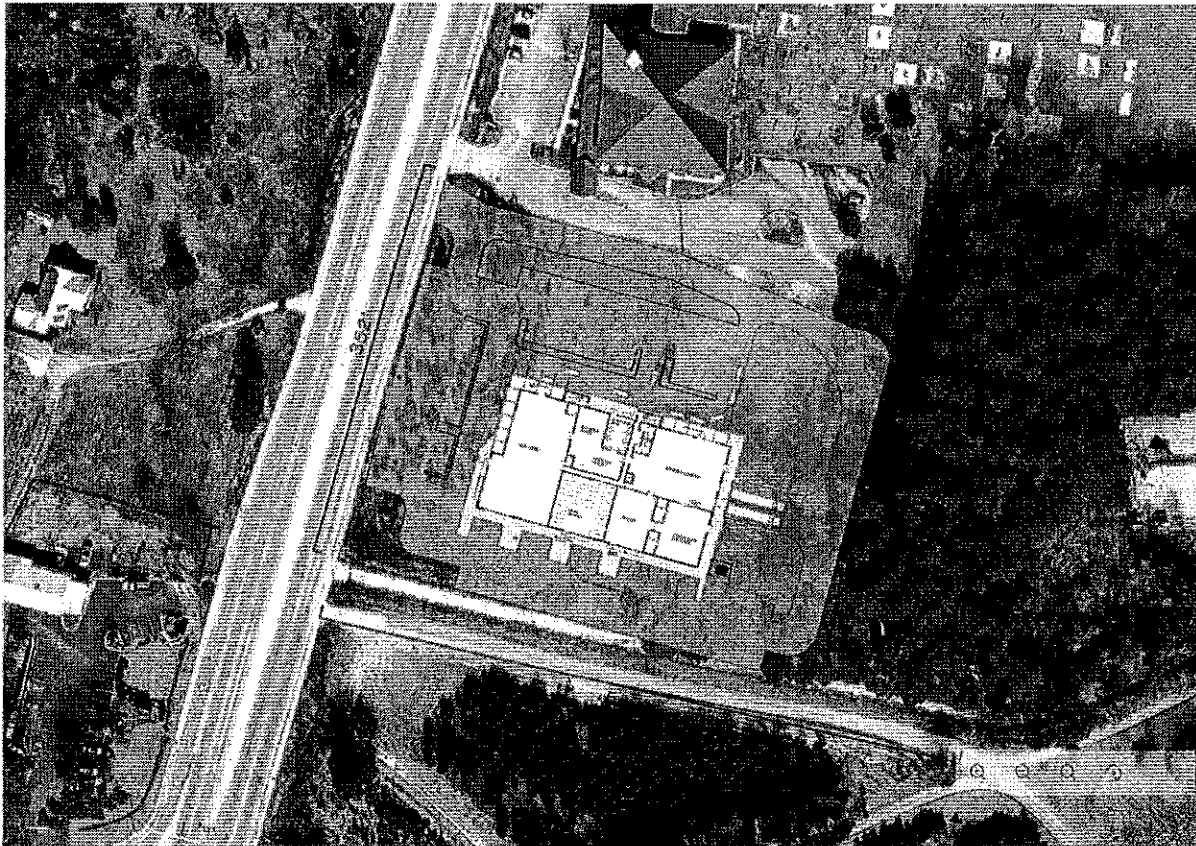
As Lexington County continues to experience significant population growth, the demand for food assistance, rental and utility support, and basic needs continue to increase. This project represents a long-term infrastructure investment that will support the health, stability, and economic security of county residents for decades.

State investment in this project will:

- Accelerate construction timelines
- Allow the organization to begin serving at increased capacity sooner
- Provide a lasting community asset that benefits residents across the county

Mission Lexington has already demonstrated strong community support through \$4 million raised to date. A \$3 million state investment will provide the critical support needed to move this project forward and ensure that vulnerable residents have access to services that prevent crisis, reduce hardship, and promote long-term stability for South Carolinians.

## **Initial Rendering of Mission Lexington's New Home**





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Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
PO Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: FEB 21 2019

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES  
216 HARMON ST  
LEXINGTON, SC 29072

Employer ID number:  
57-0813858  
Person to contact / ID number:  
J. CHRISTMAS  
ID# 05-35578  
Contact telephone number:  
1-877-829-5500  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N required:  
Yes

Dear Applicant:

In your letter dated May 17, 2018, you requested reclassification of your foundation status as a public charity.

Our records indicate you are classified as a church. You claim you're erroneously classified as a church and are requesting correction of your current foundation status.

Based on the information you provided, we determined you meet the requirements for classification as a public charity described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and updated our records.

Because your tax-exempt status wasn't under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

This letter could help resolve questions on your foundation status. Keep it for your records.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Internal Revenue Service  
District Director

Department of the Treasury

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ATLANTA, GA 30301

Date: NOV 14 1989

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
POST OFFICE BOX 382  
LEXINGTON, SC 29072

Employer Identification Number:  
57-0813856  
Contact Person:  
JERRY FINKLIN  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(404) 331-0168

Accounting Period Ending:  
12-31  
Form 990 Required:  
No  
Addendum Applies:  
Yes

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. This does not apply, however, if you make or have made a timely election under section 3121(w) of the Code to be exempt from such tax. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or

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she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. See Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, which sets forth guidelines regarding the deductibility, as charitable contributions, of payments made by taxpayers for admission to or other participation in fundraising activities for charity.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$10 a day is charged when a return is filed later, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

This determination is based on evidence that your funds are dedicated to the purposes listed in section 501(c)(3) of the Code. To assure your continued exemption, you should maintain records to show that funds are



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expended only for those purposes. If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records should show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), there should be evidence that the funds will remain dedicated to the required purposes and that they will be used for those purposes by the recipient.

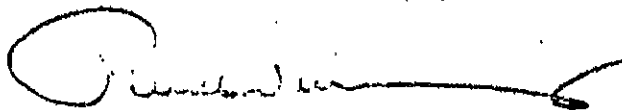
If distributions are made to individuals, case histories regarding the recipients should be kept showing names, addresses, purposes of awards, manner of selection, relationship (if any) to members, officers, trustees or donors of funds to you, so that any and all distributions made to individuals can be substantiated upon request by the Internal Revenue Service. (Revenue Ruling 56-304, C.B. 1956-2, page 306.)

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Williams  
District Director

# Mission Lexington

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November 2, 2021

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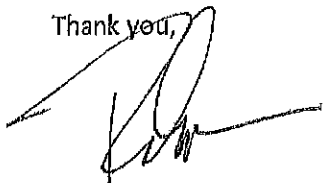
To Whom It may Concern:

This letter serves as notice of our organizations official name change with the IRS. Formerly known as Lexington Interfaith Community Services, we are now named "Mission Lexington." Our EIN # is: 57-0813856

You will find our updated Articles of Incorporation attached with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-359-4192.

Thank you,



Robin Bowers  
Executive Director  
Mission Lexington  
FAX: 803-957-3414  
[Robin@missionlexingtonsc.org](mailto:Robin@missionlexingtonsc.org)



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SECRETARY OF STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 33-31-1005 of the 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended, the applicant delivers to the Secretary of State these articles of amendment:

1. The name of the nonprofit corporation is (must match name on record with Secretary of State):

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Date Incorporated (must match date on record with Secretary of State): 01/22/1981

3. On 05/08/2018 (date the amendment was decided upon), the following amendment was adopted:

Amended Entity Name: Mission Lexington  
Amended Additional Info: The name of the organization will be amended from Lexington Interfaith Community Services to Mission Lexington.

4. ☒ By checking this paragraph #4 the applicant represents that (a) approval of the amendment by the members was not required, (b) the amendment was approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors or the incorporators. (Do not check this paragraph #4 if member vote was required or if the required vote of directors or incorporators was not obtained.

5. If the approval of the members was required to adopt the amendment(s), provide the following information:

Complete one of the following as appropriate:

| Designation<br>(classes of<br>membership) | Number of<br>Memberships<br>Outstanding | Number of<br>Votes Entitled<br>to be Cast by<br>each Class | Number of Votes<br>of Each Class<br>Voting | Number of<br>Votes Cast*<br>For -AND- Against | Total Number<br>of undisputed<br>votes cast for<br>approval |
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6. ☐ By checking this paragraph #6 the applicant represents that approval of the amendment by some person or persons other than the members, the board, or the incorporators is required pursuant to Section 33-31-1030 of the 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended, and that the approval was obtained. (Do not mark paragraph #6 if either of these statements is not true.)

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
AS TAKEN FROM AND COMPARED WITH THE  
ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE

Apr 26 2021  
REFERENCE ID: 766058

*Mark Hammond*  
SECRETARY OF STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Name of Corporation

7. If the amendment provides for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of memberships, provisions for implementing the amendment must be set forth here if provisions are not contained in the amendment itself.

8. ☐ If this corporation is converting from either a public benefit or religious corporation into a mutual benefit corporation, mark this paragraph #8 which certifies that a notice, including a copy of the proposed amendment, was delivered to the South Carolina Attorney General at least twenty days before the consummation of the amendment.

Date: 04/26/2021

Name of Corporation:

LEXINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Robin Bowers

(Signature of Officer)

Robin Bowers

(Print Name)

Executive Director

(Position of Officer)





Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
PO Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

MISSION LEXINGTON  
216 HARMON ST  
LEXINGTON, SC 29072

Date: August 11, 2022  
Employer ID number: 57-0813856  
Form 990 required: 990, YES  
Person to contact: Name: Ms. Zwlick  
ID number: 0195586

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your request dated November 02, 2021, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in June 2019, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period.

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at [www.irs.gov/forms-pubs](http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs) or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Stephen A. Martin*

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Wooten

**House Member Appropriation Request Form**

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Project/Event Name: Lexington Sheriff's Dept

Requested Amount: \$ 400,000

Recipient Entity: Lex Sheriff's Office

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Lee Marshall Title/Position: Sheriff

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Website: \_\_\_\_\_ County Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use of the Funds: Body Camera maint purchase

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

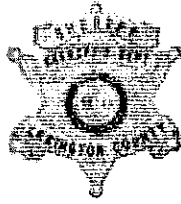
Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: Chris Wooten Signature: AW

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Office of the Sheriff  
LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Bryan "Jay" Koon

May 5, 2026

The Honorable Chris Wooten  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
PO Box 11867  
Columbia, SC 29211-1867

Re: Request for financial assistance

Dear Representative Wooten:

The Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSD) requests your assistance in securing funding in the amount of **\$404,995.57** to enable the department to continue its body-worn camera (BWC) program. As you know, since its inception, our BWC program has played an integral role in LCSD's efforts to support policy compliance, enhance transparency, and provide the most professional law enforcement services possible to our citizens.

The 2026-27 fiscal year represents year three of LCSD's current contract with Axon, our vendor for body-worn camera and related programs. Because Axon's software and video storage operate entirely through a cloud-based subscription, the department must renew its annual service agreement to maintain access to storage and digital evidence tools. The \$404,995.57 renewal cost cited above provides for the licensing, cameras, ancillary equipment maintenance, warranties, and cloud storage required to keep the system functioning and compliant for the 234 Class I officers and reserve deputies currently assigned cameras.

Thank you for your time and consideration concerning this request. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. Koon".

Sheriff Bryan "Jay" Koon  
Lexington County Sheriff Department



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## Facilities and Maintenance

March 31, 2026

Subject: CCSD Request For Funding

Dear Mr. Yow,

As previously discussed, our school district is working to improve accessibility at our athletic facilities and bring our primary routes of travel into ADA compliance. Based on a site review of our high schools (football, baseball, and softball venues at each campus), we have identified a preliminary quantity needed for hard-surface ADA improvements. This would include ADA parking surfaces, ramps, and accessible concrete routes to stadium seating, restrooms, concessions, ticket booths, etc.

Our districtwide preliminary quantities (hardscape only) are:

- Concrete flatwork/hard-surface: **135,000 sf**
- Assumed typical thickness: **4" - 6"**
- Equivalent concrete volume: **2,500 cubic yards**

**Budgetary Planning Estimate:** Based on what we are seeing for concrete flatwork and similar work, the base concrete installation for this project should be in the range of **\$1M-\$1.2M**. We would need to factor in and budget for misc. demolition, base prep, forming, grading, mobilization/phasing across multiple campuses, and contingency, thus putting us approximately **\$1.5M-\$1.8M**. (Please note that these values will be refined with a final design and a unit-price bid when it's time to proceed with any work)

We appreciate any assistance you can provide in helping us facilitate these improvements for our students and community. Please let me know if you need further information or have any questions.

Respectfully,

**Jeriot Burr**

Director of Facilities and Maintenance, CCSD

## Richard Yow

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**From:** Burr, Jeriot G <jgburr@chesterfieldschools.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 9, 2026 6:28 PM  
**To:** Richard Yow  
**Cc:** Ballenger, Chris; King, Omoro  
**Subject:** Chesterfield County Schools - Districtwide ADA Athletic Improvements

You don't often get email from jgburr@chesterfieldschools.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good Evening Mr. Yow,

As discussed in our meeting before the Christmas break, our school district is working to improve accessibility at our athletic facilities and bring our primary routes of travel into ADA compliance. Based on a site review of our high schools (football, baseball, and softball venues at each campus), we have identified a preliminary quantity needed for hard-surface ADA improvements. This would include ADA parking surfaces, ramps, and accessible concrete routes to stadium seating, restrooms, concessions, ticket booths, etc.

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Respectfully,

**Jeriot Burr**  
Director of Facilities | Maintenance

☎ 843-517-2900

✉ [jgburr@chesterfieldschools.org](mailto:jgburr@chesterfieldschools.org)

📍 Chesterfield County School District  
103 Wexford Street  
Ruby, SC 29741



## House Member Appropriation Request Form

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Project/Event Name: Mt Croghan Emergency Shelter

Requested Amount: \$ 131,000.00

Recipient Entity: Town of Mt Croghan

The entity is a: ☐ State Agency, ☒ Local Government, ☐ Non-Profit, or ☐ Other

If **Other**, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Contact: Kevin Briggs Title/Position: Mayor

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: MEJohnson@shrc.net

Entity Website: \_\_\_\_\_ County Location: Chester Field

Intended Use of the Funds: Emergency Shelter

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: this would provide a safe place  
for the residents of the Area

Richard You

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

[Signature]

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

### Additional House Sponsors

Print Name: Mitchell Signature: Cook T. Mitchell

Print Name: LUCK Signature: [Signature]

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

January 3, 2026

Dear Honorable Representative Yow,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to seek your support in securing funding for an important project in the Town of Mt. Croghan.

A few years ago, the Town purchased a 50 x 80 (4,000 sq. ft.) metal shelter with the intention of providing a valuable recreational space for our residents. However, due to financial constraints, we have been unable to complete the project. As you may know, Mt. Croghan does not impose town taxes, which limits our ability to generate additional funds for improvements and new recreational opportunities.

To complete this project, we are in need of financial assistance to cover the costs of grading, a concrete pad, erection of the steel shelter, and additional necessary infrastructure. The estimated costs are as follows:

- **Concrete** – \$36,000
- **Grading** – \$4,800
- **Erection of Shelter** – \$38,000
- **Tin** – \$4,500
- **Painting** – \$4,500
- **Bathroom** – \$20,000
- **Electrical** – \$23,200

We believe that this shelter will be a tremendous asset to our community, providing a safe and functional space for gatherings, events, and recreational activities. We would deeply appreciate any assistance you can provide in helping us obtain the necessary funds to complete this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Griggs*

Kevin Griggs  
Mayor, Town of Mt. Croghan



***TOWN OF MT. CROGHAN***  
***55 Burch Street***  
***P.O. Box 3***  
***Mt. Croghan, SC 29727***

Mayor  
Kevin Griggs

Councilmembers  
Joel Self (Mayor Pro-Tem)  
Norma Adams  
Donna Self  
Jennifer Burch-Webster

Lisa Johnson, Town Clerk

Reply to: PO Box 3  
Mt. Croghan, SC 29727  
(843) 921-3964

Town Hall (843) 634-3810  
[mejohanson@shc.net](mailto:mejohanson@shc.net)  
[www.mtcroghan.com](http://www.mtcroghan.com)