



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Charleston County Receives Outstanding Planning Award**

*Comprehensive Plan Update Award will be presented at Nov. 23 County Council meeting*

[Charleston County Government](#) has been awarded the 2010 Outstanding Planning Award for Large Jurisdictions by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The award will be presented to [Charleston County Council](#) during a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, by E. Tyson Smith, Esq., American Institute of Certified Planners, Director-at-Large of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association.

[Dan Pennick, Charleston County Zoning & Planning Director](#) originally received the award during the association's annual fall conference in Pawley's Island.

"This is a great achievement for Charleston County and for our planning program," Pennick said.

The award was given to the County for its "[Comprehensive Plan Update – Guiding the Future for a Lasting Lowcountry](#)." Adopted by Charleston County Council in November 2008, the 10-year update of the Comprehensive Plan is the future vision for preservation and development in Charleston County.

The Plan establishes strategies for the County to pursue in order to maintain and enhance its high quality and unique landscapes with a focus on strategies that county government can achieve.

"This award is well deserved for the many hours and hard work the citizens of Charleston County and the Charleston County Zoning & Planning staff put into the Comprehensive Plan Update," said [Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.](#)

#### Facts about the Comprehensive Plan Update – Guiding the Future for a Lasting Lowcountry:

- The update is the result of a 14-month process that involved extensive public participation and coordination with adjacent jurisdictions.
- A total of 725 people attended the public workshops held by the County to share their ideas for how the Comprehensive Plan should guide key decisions for the future of Charleston County.
- The Plan includes achievable strategies and innovative implementation tools to preserve rural areas, link fiscal policies to land use and transportation planning, formalize inter-jurisdictional coordination, and promote sustainable development.

The South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association conducts a professional, peer-review awards program every two years. The chapter awards program recognizes outstanding efforts and achievements that advance the art and science of planning in South Carolina. Each of the plans, projects and individuals recognized demonstrate a contribution to the improvement of the quality of life for South Carolinians.

The Nov. 23 Council meeting will take place at the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building (4045 Bridge View Drive; N. Charleston, SC 29405) and is open to the public.

The Comprehensive Plan Update is available on Charleston County's Web site: [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org) (click on the Comprehensive Plan Update link located in the "Program

Information” section at the bottom of the home page). Reports summarizing the workshop process and the public input received at each workshop are also available on the County’s Web site.

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