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#### Finance Committee Agenda April 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405

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1	MINUTE 1A	S FOR CONSIDERATION Minutes of March 31, 2022	- Request to Consider				
2	RESOLU 2A 2B 2C	JTIONS Holocaust Remembrance Resolution Building Safety Month Resolution Provider Appreciation Day	<ul><li>Request to Adopt</li><li>Request to Adopt</li><li>Request to Adopt</li></ul>				
3	3A 3B 3C	NT AGENDA  NAMI Lease Agreement at Perimeter Center FY2023 SCDHEC Grant Applications Traffic Signal for Carolina Commerce Pkwy & Palmetto Commerce Pkwy	<ul><li>Request to Approve</li><li>Request to Approve</li><li>Request to Approve</li></ul>				
4	PRESEN	NTATIONS					
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5	BOARDS 5A	S AND COMMISSIONS Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board	- Appointment (1)				
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0	6A	Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative Rural Greenbelt Project	- Request to Approve				
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	6D	Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park Expansion B, C and D Rural Greenbelt Project	- Request to Approve				
	6E	Peters Point RdVergot Easement Rural Greenbelt Project	- Request to Approve				
	6F	Ravenswood Rural Greenbelt Project	- Request to Approve				
	6G	ADA Walkover at 34A Beach Access Urban Greenbelt Project	- Request to Approve				
	6H	Oakville-Burden Creek Urban Greenbelt Project	- Request to Approve				
	61	Mt. Pleasant Way - Whipple Trail Urban	- Request to Approve				

**Greenbelt Project** 

#### 7 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

7A ERAP Reallocation Funds - Request to Approve

#### 8 ARPA INITIATIVES

8A Appropriation of American Rescue Plan - Request to Approve Allocation - Recovered Revenues

8B Housing Rehab - Request to Consider

#### 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

9A Personnel Matter

#### **Charleston County Council**

#### Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 15, 2022

Subject: Minutes of March 31, 2022

At the Finance Committee of April 21, 2022, the minutes of March 31, 2022, will be presented for consideration.

#### **Charleston County Council**

#### Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 15, 2022

Subject: Holocaust Remembrance Resolution

At the Finance Committee of April 21, 2022, a resolution recognizing Yom Hashoah will be presented for consideration.



## A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Proclaiming the Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust was the state sponsored systematic, persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; **and**,

**WHEREAS,** we remember with sadness the 11 million people, including six million Jews, who were victims of Hitler's 'final solution' along with those who were persecuted for their religious and political beliefs, sexual orientation, and physical disabilities; **and,** 

**WHEREAS**, we remember with admiration the resisters and rescuers known and unknown who risked and lost their lives to save others; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, we remember with respect the Survivors who escaped, were sheltered, or who were freed and who lived to contribute so much to our community and to our world; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individual societies and governments; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, we have an obligation to ensure that the memory and legacy of lives lost or forever changed in this horrific event are never forgotten; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, we remember and honor the liberators which liberated the World War II concentration camps 77 years ago; **and**,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Charleston County Council does hereby pledge today to firmly commit ourselves to **NEVER AGAIN** and to work to promote human dignity by confronting intolerance and hate whenever and wherever it occurs;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Charleston County Council, pursuant to an act of Congress (Public Law 96-388 October 7 1980) and United States Holocaust Memorial Council, does hereby proclaim the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, RESCUERS AND LIBERATORS OF THE HOLOCAUST and encourages citizens to join the community-wide Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Program on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm held downtown at the Holocaust Memorial in Marion Square. This year's theme is "turning memory to strength" and will display the importance of action through generational remembrance.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL** 

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman April 26, 2022

#### **Charleston County Council**

#### Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 15, 2022

Subject: Building Safety Month Resolution

At the Finance Committee of April 21, 2022, a resolution honoring Building Safety Month will be presented for consideration.



## A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Proclaiming May as Building Safety Month in Charleston County

**WHEREAS,** Charleston County is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings, and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, encourages us to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **Charleston County Council** does hereby proclaim the month of **May 2022** as **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** and urges all Charleston County citizens to work together to improve building safety at home and in the community and participate in Building Safety Month activities.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL** 

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman April 26, 2022

#### **Charleston County Council**

#### Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 15, 2022

Subject: Provider Appreciation Day

At the Finance Committee of April 22, 2022, a resolution honoring Provider Appreciation Day will be presented for consideration.



## A RESOLUTION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Recognizing May 6, 2022, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Charleston County

**WHEREAS**, Child Care Aware® of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, over half the children under the age of six are estimated to spend some time in a non-parental care arrangement on a weekly basis, which provides critical enrichment opportunities and nurtures development for children of all backgrounds and is a vital building block of our state economy; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic created tremendous hardship for child care providers and the families of Charleston County who depend on them, yet those providers continued to meet the needs of families while risking their health and financial stability to remain open; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Charleston County Council does hereby proclaim May 6, 2022, as **CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY** in Charleston County and urges all citizens to recognize child care providers for their important work.

(	CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL
-	Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman
	April 26, 2022

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Philip A. Sabatino Dept.: Facilities Management

**Subject:** NAMI Lease Agreement at Perimeter Center

Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Walter L. Smalls
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

#### Fiscal Impact:

No significant impact.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? N/A

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, has requested to lease one office space in Suite 500 of the Perimeter Center located at 4050 Bridgeview Drive for a five (5) year term. NAMI plans to use the office for NAMI operations and as a central location to offer support and education for area citizens. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives through support, advocacy, and education for Charleston County citizens affected by mental illness. See attached fact sheet further describing NAMI's mission and activities.

Lease terms shall include the following: rent shall be \$1.00 per year, either party shall have the right to cancel the lease agreement with 30 days' written notice to the other party, the County shall have the right to provide an alternative space within the Perimeter Center or other County building at any time and at its sole discretion, the County shall provide an office space with a desk and access to Wi-Fi, and NAMI shall be responsible for providing its own equipment including computer, printer, and telephone.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

Authorize Chairman of Council to execute a lease agreement with NAMI for a five (5) year lease term for \$1.00 per year.

Legal Department to review documents.

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: James D. Armstrong Dept.: Environment Mgmt

**Subject:** FY2023 SCDHEC Grant Applications

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

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Department	Approver	
Deputy County Administrator	James D. Armstrong	
Grants	Gail Marion	
Budget	Mack Gile	
Legal	Marc Belle	
Administrator	Bill Tuten	
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury	

#### Fiscal Impact:

No FTEs or matching funds are required

**Funding**: Was funding previously approved? N/A

If yes, please provide the following:	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item

#### Situation:

The Environmental Management Department requests Council's approval to submit the annual SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Used Oil, Waste Tire and Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant applications for FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023).

#### **Used Oil Grant**

The Used Oil Grant application request totals \$33,718.75. This grant provides funding to establish, expand or continue operation of used motor oil collection programs for do-it-yourself oil changers. This is to include programs related to the collection of used motor oil, oil filters, oil bottles and oil gas mixtures.

#### **Waste Tire Grant**

The Waste Tire Grant application request totals \$921,000. This grant provides funds for the removal of waste tires for processing and/or recycling, public education that promotes the recycling of waste tires, professional development related to waste tire recycling and other direct costs. Grant funds will be used to offset the difference between actual tire disposal expenses and anticipated revenue received from State shared tire and landfill tipping fees; and will fund allowable public education and professional development expenses for program staff.

Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant

Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant - Category #1

The General Recycling Solid Waste Grant application request totals \$15,000. This grant provides funding to purchase updated equipment for Charleston County recycling dropsite locations, specifically 8yd recycling dumpsters. These bins are very visible as they are utilized by Charleston County residents throughout the year. This grant funding will also allow the purchase of Recycle Right signage for these recycling dumpsters.

#### Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant - Category #2

The Organics Recovery and Recycling Grant application request totals \$110,000. This grant provides funding that will allow the county to start a new pilot program focused on residential food waste drop-off sites. This grant proposal request would include the purchase of educational materials and advertising, food waste hauling costs, and other startup costs such as food waste collection bins and signage at the drop-off sites. Although Charleston County has encouraged commercial food waste composting via the McGill Bees Ferry Compost Facility, there has never been an option for residential food waste drop-off. Grant funding would allow Charleston County to provide County residents the opportunity to participate by offering food waste drop-off sites in multiple locations throughout the County.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

- Approve the Environmental Management's request to apply for and accept, if awarded, the FY 2023 SCDHEC grants for Used Oil, Waste Tire and Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling.
- The total SCDHEC FY 2023 submission is \$1,079,718.75
- No FTEs or matching funds are required.

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Steve Dykes Dept.: Economic Development

Subject: Traffic Signal for Carolina Commerce Pkwy & Palmetto Commerce Pkwy

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

Department	Approver	
Deputy County Administrator	Corine Altenhein	
Budget	Mack Gile	
Legal	Marc Belle	
Administrator	Bill Tuten	
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury	

#### Fiscal Impact:

Funds are available in the Economic Development fund balance.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? N/A

If yes, please provide the following:	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item	
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#### Situation:

Carolina Park is an industrial development located on a cul-de-sac road known as Carolina Commerce Parkway which is located off of Palmetto Commerce Parkway. The park hosts 8 tenants, totaling approximately 625 employees. With pending addition of a large distribution facility anticipated in June, unregulated turning movements at the intersection of Carolina Commerce Parkway and Palmetto Commerce Parkway will increase. In addition to concerns with motorist safety, the City of North Charleston Fire Department (NCFD) currently experiences difficulty in safely responding to emergency calls from its station located at the intersection.

To address both the traffic and emergency response issues, Economic Development has collaborated with Public Works on a project to expedite installation of traffic signalization at this busy intersection. Utilizing the department's Transportation Sales Tax Indefinite Delivery Contract (TST IDC), staff negotiated a scope and fee with Stantec Consulting. Stantec has developed a project design which includes mast-arm mounted traffic signals, a pedestrian crosswalk, remedial pavement repair, and an emergency response capability with the traffic signals that can be activated on demand by NCFD. The project is slated to commence immediately after Council's approval, and temporary traffic signals will be installed pending the arrival of permanent mast arms.

The full cost estimate developed by Stantec Consulting and Public Works for this project is \$700,000. The Economic Development Department has proposed that the Economic Development Fund Balance be the funding source.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

Authorize staff to utilize \$700,000 in funding from the Economic Development Fund Balance to undertake the Carolina Commerce Parkway / Palmetto Commerce Parkway Traffic Signalization Project and move forward expeditiously to complete the project.

#### **Charleston County Council**

#### Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 13, 2022

Subject: Update from the Coroner

At the Finance Committee of April 21, 2022, Coroner Bobbi Jo O'Neal will update the committee regarding the Coroner's Office.

#### **Charleston County Council**

#### Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 7, 2022

Subject: Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board

Application for reappointment was received from Joe Bowers. Applications for appointment were received from Forrest Bowers, Joe Campbell, Meghan Kinney, Brian Stafford, and Joey Von Dohlen.

On April 5, 2022, County Council voted to appoint Joe Campbell, Meghan Kinney, and Joey Von Dohlen to the Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board, leaving one vacant seat. Since, Mr. Forrest Bowers has withdrawn his application for appointment and we received an additional application from Lasonya Blake.

The Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District was established by County Ordinance and consists of nine members comprised of seven residents of the East Cooper area and a representative from the Towns of Awendaw of McClellanville. The purpose of the Board is to advise Charleston County Council of the nature and level of fire services to be provided in the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District.

The term for this seat expires April 2024.

One vacancy, two applications Lasonya Blake Joe Bowers Brian Stafford

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

**Subject:** Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative Rural Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

Department	Approver		
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant		
Budget	Mack Gile		
Legal	Marc Belle		
Administrator	Bill Tuten		
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury		

#### Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

Lowcountry Land Trust (LLT) and Lacuna Corporation request \$1,625,000 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase a 19.2-acre parcel located in the Town of Hollywood and fronting marsh and deep water of the Wallace River. The property serves as a gateway to the towns of Hollywood and Ravenel driving south from Charleston on US Highway 17. This historic site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the Stono Rebellion of 1739. Until recently, the property was owned by the SC Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative, itself a remarkable story of self-determination in African American history. LLT and Lacuna, in partnership with the Cooperative and others, are seeking to permanently protect the property and provide public access to the site and Wallace River via boardwalks, a small dock and non-motorized watercraft launch. The property is zoned Commercial. Lacuna was recently granted \$200,000 in funding from the State Conservation Bank and received a letter of intent from Charleston County Parks Commission Executive Director David Bennett regarding the agency's interest in becoming the ultimate owner and operator of the public park site. Due to immediate development pressures, Lacuna purchased the property from SC Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative and closed on March 24, 2022. Therefore, this is a reimbursement request.

A project summary and map are attached.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative rural greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$1,625,000 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

#### **Greenbelt Application Summary - Rural Project**

Project Name:	Sea Islands Small Farmer Cooperative	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$1,625,000
Applicant:	Lowcountry Land Trust / Lacuna Corporation	Total Acres:	19.17
Landowner:	Current – SC Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$84,767.87
Property Address:	4246 Savannah Hwy	Subcommittee Score:	70

Project Description: Lowcountry Land Trust (LLT) and Lacuna Corporation are applying for rural Greenbelt funds to purchase a 19.2-acre parcel located in the Town of Hollywood and fronting marsh and deep water of the Wallace River. The property serves as a gateway to the towns of Hollywood and Ravenel driving south from Charleston on US Highway 17. This historic site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the Stono Rebellion of 1739. Until recently (see notes below), the property was owned by the SC Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative, itself a remarkable story of self-determination in African American history. LLT and Lacuna, in partnership with the Cooperative and others, are seeking to permanently protect the property and provide public access to the site and Wallace River via boardwalks, a small dock and non-motorized watercraft launch. The property is zoned Commercial.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$1,625,000	\$200,000	\$1,825,000
Admin/Closing	\$0	\$11,500	\$11,500
Improvements	\$0	\$0	S0
Total	\$1,625,000	\$211,500	\$1,836,500

#### **Funding Information:**

- The applicant is offering 13% match consisting of a SCSCB grant and closing costs.. This represents a match of \$0.13 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- Hartnett Realty Company, Inc., completed an appraisal valuing the land at \$1,825,000 in January 2022.
- Sea Island Small Farmers Cooperative includes: Curtis Inabinett, Sr.; Charles Seabrook, Sr.; Joseph Lee Fields; Helen Fields; Madlin Linen; Rosemary Freeman; Charles Bright, Jr.; Juanita Pinckney.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

- Provides 19.17 acres of rural passive park land for outdoor recreation/passive greenspace with planned paddle craft access to the Wallace River with fishing/crabbing dock.
- Preserves an important site for historical interpretation.

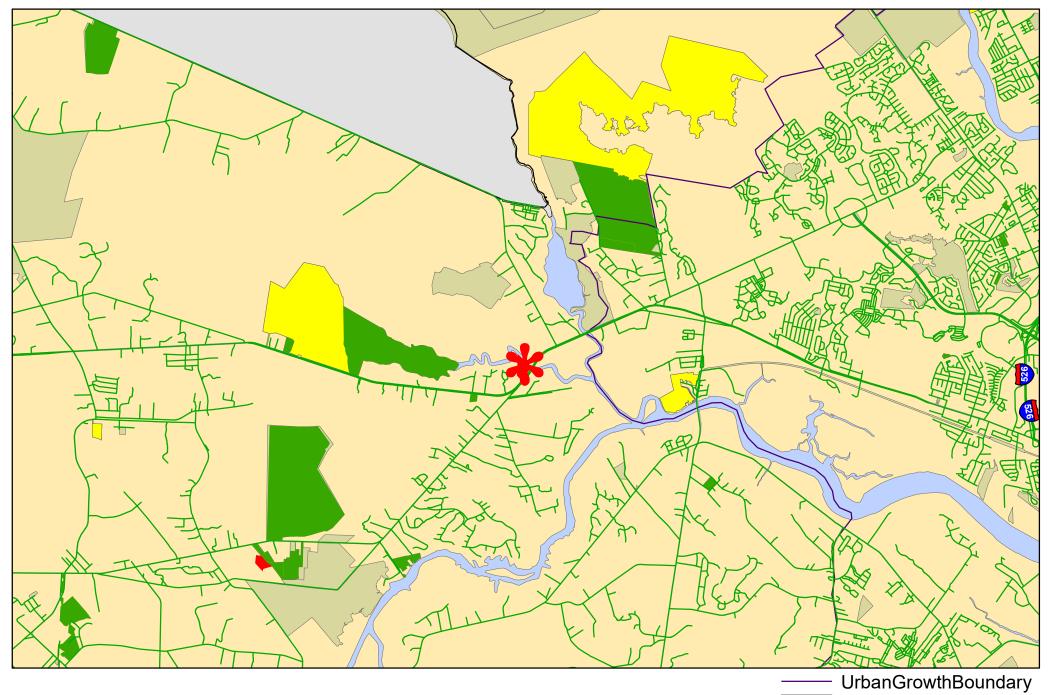
<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> The property is located on the Charleston County Blue Trail with water connectivity to Caw Caw Interpretive Center, Stono River County Park and Limehouse and Bulow Landings.

#### Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:

- Protects 6.27 acres of rural Greenbelt Lands and 12.9 acres of Lowcountry wetlands.
- Provides Passive Greenspace for public outdoor recreation with direct access to a major waterway.
- Protects Lowcountry Natural Resources such as upland forest, saltwater marsh, riparian zones, floodplains and land critical to clean water.

#### Items to Note:

- A LOI was recently submitted by CCPRC regarding its interest in becoming the ultimate owner and operator of the public park on the property.
- The applicant was awarded \$200,000 from the State Conservation Bank and brings another \$11,500 in closing costs match.
- The applicant (Lacuna) closed on 3/24/22; therefore, this is a reimbursement request.
- Lacuna is included as a co-applicant, but our application system is not set up to accept information from multiple applicants. Lacuna has provided hard copies of the relevant application pages.



FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative

UrbanGrowthBoundaryGreenbelt PropertiesOther Protected PropertyCCPRC Park Land

# **Small Farmers Cooperative**

## Hollywood, SC





**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

**Subject:** Whooping Island Scenic Buffer Rural Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

Committee: Timarios Committee	<b>24.60</b> : 7.10111 2.17, 2.022	
Department	Approver	
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant	
Budget	Mack Gile	
Legal	Marc Belle	
Administrator	Bill Tuten	
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury	

#### Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
provide the following:				
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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT) requests \$167,500 to purchase a 10-acre parcel on Whooping Island composed of coastal forest, reforested fields, and saltmarsh. The property is positioned at the gateway onto Edisto Island, right at the base of the McKinley Washington (Dawhoo) Bridge alongside the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway. Due to its prominent and highly visible location, EIOLT wishes to purchase the property to preserve the scenic character of the area by preventing the property's development. Once acquired, EIOLT will establish a small pocket park for public access for wildlife viewing and scenic enjoyment as a small greenspace. The requested minor improvement funding will allow for EIOLT to construct a small parking area and a short trail with a long boardwalk to a scenic overlook of the marshes of the Dawhoo River and the McKinley Washington Bridge. This project is one part of a multi-organization initiative to protect the viewshed of the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway and create and/or promote appropriate stopover sites for visitors and residents along its length.

A project summary and map are attached.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Whooping Island Scenic Buffer rural greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$167,500 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

#### **Greenbelt Application Summary - Rural Project**

Project Name:	Whooping Island Scenic Buffer	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$167,500
Applicant:	Edisto Island Open Land Trust	Total Acres:	10
Landowner:	Beatrice Wright, Isaiah Wright, Derrick Williams	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$16,750.00
Property Address:	0 Rosa Scott Rd., Edisto Island	Subcommittee Score:	67

**Project Description:** The Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT) is applying for funding to purchase a 10-acre parcel on Whooping Island composed of coastal forest, reforested fields, and saltmarsh. The property is positioned at the gateway onto Edisto Island, right at the base of the McKinley Washington (Dawhoo) Bridge alongside the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway. Due to its prominent and highly visible location, EIOLT wishes to purchase the property to preserve the scenic character of the area by preventing the property's development. Once acquired, EIOLT will establish a small pocket park for public access for wildlife viewing and scenic enjoyment as a small greenspace. The requested minor improvement funding will allow for EIOLT to construct a small parking area and a short trail with a long boardwalk to a scenic overlook of the marshes of the Dawhoo River and the McKinley Washington Bridge. This project is one part of a multi-organization initiative to protect the viewshed of the Edisto Island National Scenic Byway and create and/or promote appropriate stopover sites for visitors and residents along its length.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$115,000	\$0	\$115,000
Admin/Closing	7,500	\$0	\$7,500
Improvements	\$45,000	\$8,000	\$53,000
Total	\$167,500	\$8,000	\$175,500

#### **Funding Information:**

- The 5% match consists of applicant contributions toward proposed improvements. This represents a match of \$0.05 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- Jackson Appraisal Service, Inc. completed an appraisal valuing the land at \$115,000 in January 2022.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

- Provides 10 acres of rural public parkland for outdoor recreation.
- If funded, improvements will include a small parking area, trail, boardwalk, informational kiosk, interpretive signage and a scenic overlook platform at the marsh edge.

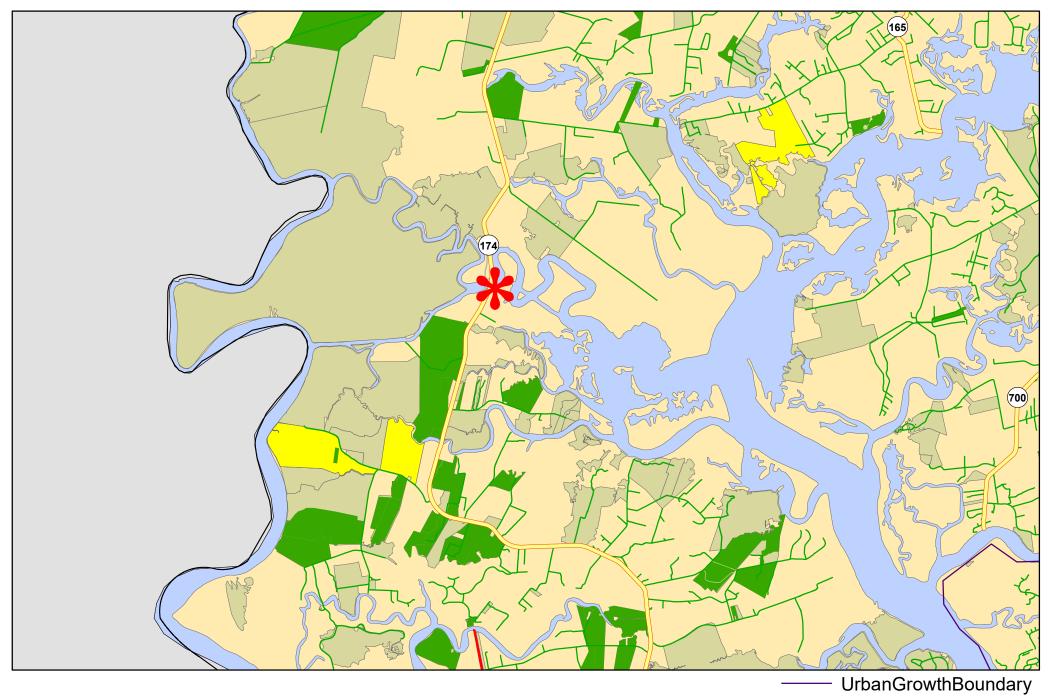
<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> Property is located across Hwy. 174 from CCPRC's Dawhoo Boat Landing and Fishing Pier.

#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

- Provides 3 acres of Rural Greenbelt Lands and 7 acres Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Provides lands for public outdoor recreation. Provides lands for public outdoor recreation. Protects Lowcountry Natural Resources including upland forests, saltwater marsh, riparian zones, floodplains, land critical to clean water, and grand trees.

#### Items to Note:

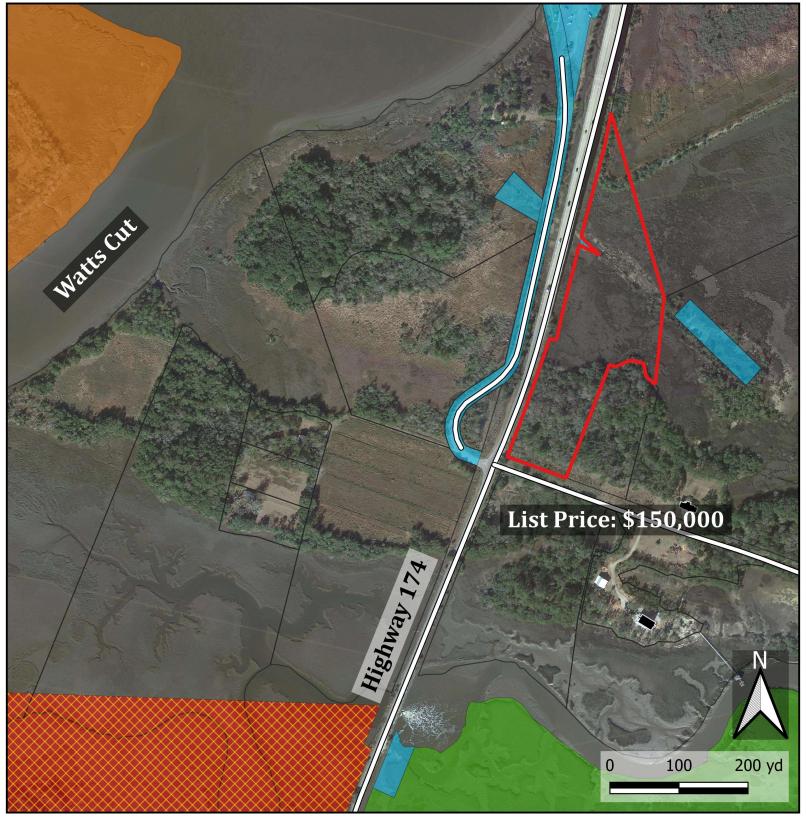
- The property was listed on the open market prior to negotiations with EIOLT. Two adjacent parcels were purchased recently and one is currently under development.
- If minor improvement requests are not approved, the primary purpose of the project will be a scenic preserve at the gateway to Edisto Island.



FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Whooping Island Scenic Buffer

Other Protected Property

CCPRC Park Land



## Whooping Island - Wright

TMS#: 065-00-00-028

Acreage: 9.95 acres (2.9ac high)

Owner: Beatrice Wright and Derrick Williams

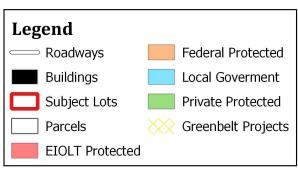
Jurisdiction: Charleston County, SC

Zoning: AGR

Address: 0 Rosa Scott Rd, Edisto Island

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**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

Subject: Stono Preserve Expansion Rural Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

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Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

#### Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 24, 2022, meeting.

The College of Charleston Foundation requests \$131,700 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase 11.17 acres located in the Town of Hollywood off Dixie Plantation Rd. The intent is to expand the footprint and provide a buffer to the existing 981-acre Stono Preserve, which College of Charleston Foundation currently owns and manages for education, conservation, and wildlife protection. The acquisition would prevent probable residential development on the current border of the Stono Preserve. The subject property is currently vacant and zoned Rural/Agriculture (RA) by the Town. If approved, the applicant will extend the existing Stono Preserve easement to the additional property at no cost to the County.

A project summary and map are attached.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Stono Preserve Expansion rural greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$131,700 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

#### **Greenbelt Application Summary - Rural Project**

Project Name:	Stono Preserve Expansion	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$131,700
Applicant:	College of Charleston Foundation	Total Acres:	11.17
Landowner:	Dixie Plantation Road LLC; and Harold E. Johnson Jr.	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$11,790.51
Property Address:	Dixie Plantation Road	Subcommittee Score:	73

<u>Project Description:</u> College of Charleston Foundation is requesting \$131,700 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase an 11.17-acre property located in the Town of Hollywood off Dixie Plantation Rd. The intent is to expand the footprint and provide a buffer to the existing 981-acre Stono Preserve, which College of Charleston Foundation currently owns and manages for education, conservation, and wildlife protection. The acquisition would prevent probable residential development on the current border of the Stono Preserve. The subject property is currently vacant and zoned Rural/Agriculture (RA) by the Town.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$127,500	\$127,500	\$255,00
Admin/Closing	\$4,200	\$6,200	\$10,400
Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$131,700	\$133,700	\$265,400

#### **Funding Information:**

- The 102% match consists of \$133,700 in College of Charleston Foundation funding toward the purchase price and closing/administrative costs. This represents a match of \$1.02 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- An appraisal will be completed as part of the due diligence process should the project be approved.
- Dixie Plantation Rd, LLC includes Teresa L. Mincey.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

- Limited public access will be extended to this property from the adjacent Stono Preserve via a natural surface trail. The public is afforded access to the Preserve a few times per year via special programs.
- Property is contiguous to previously funded GB acquisition.

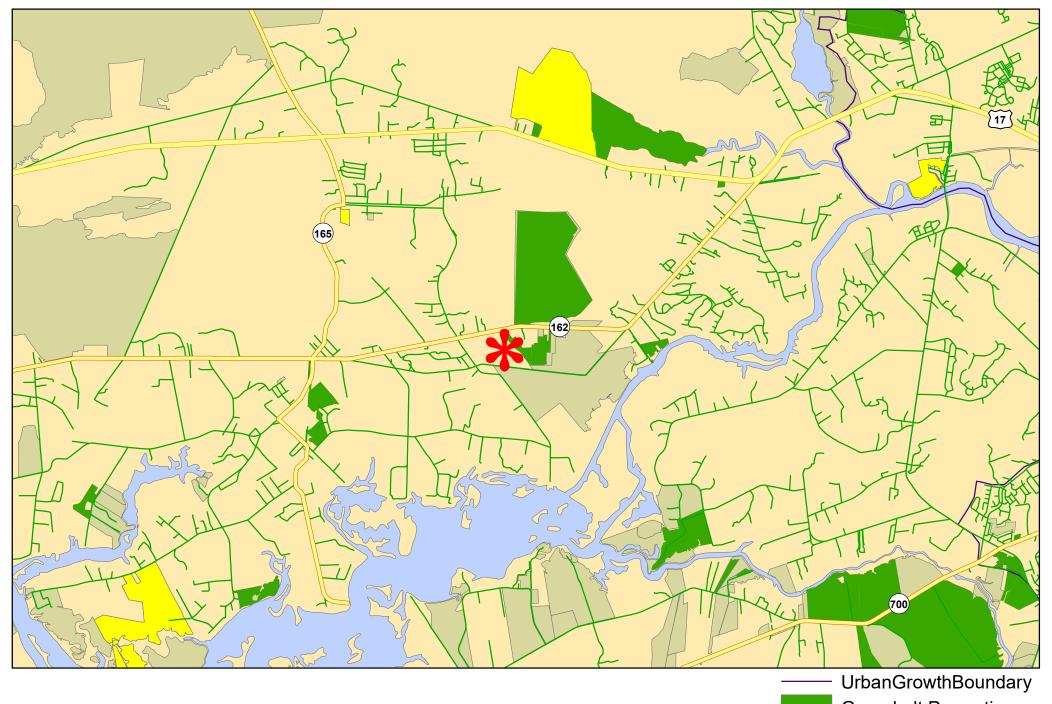
Linkage Opportunities: The property will connect to the Stono Preserve via a natural surface trail.

#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

- Provides 7.67 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 16,240 acres of Rural Greenbelt Lands.
- Provides 3.5 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 5,610 acres of Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Protects Lowcountry Natural Resources such as upland forests, forested wetlands, land critical to clean water, and grand trees and protects wildlife habitat.

#### Items to Note:

• If the Foundation is successful in acquiring the land, the existing conservation easement (held by Lowcountry Land Trust) on the Stono Preserve will be extended to this property, thus providing another layer of protection.



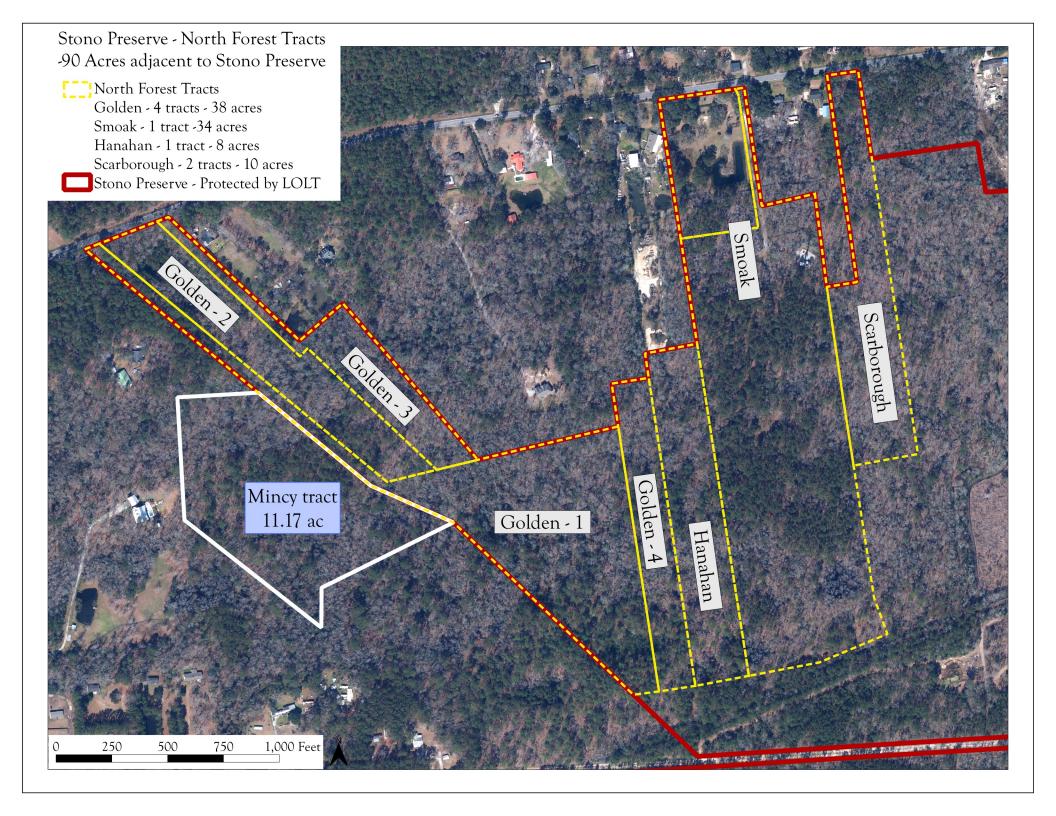
**FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Stono Preserve Expansion** 



Greenbelt Properties

Other Protected Property

CCPRC Park Land



**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs
Subject: Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park Expansion B, C and D Rural Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

#### Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT) requests \$160,000 to purchase 2 additional acres and be reimbursed for the time-sensitive purchase of an additional 1 acre, to expand the existing Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park (LLOMP) to a total 29 acres. The original 13.6-acre park parcel was purchased by EIOLT in 2004 without Greenbelt support. In 2014, EIOLT successfully applied to the Charleston County Greenbelt Program for the purchase of an additional 12.4 contiguous acres to expand the park (Expansion A). EIOLT has since opened the property to the public and installed trails. Acquiring the additional acreage would help preserve the scenic views and hardwood forests along a National Scenic Byway and the highly developable Little Edisto Island, buffer the existing wildlife habitat from human activities, and extend the reach of the existing publicly accessible trails. These lots are zoned AGR. If approved, EIOLT will donate the original LLOMP park acreage (13.6) to the Greenbelt Program.

A project summary and map are attached.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park Expansions B, C and D rural greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$160,000 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

#### **Greenbelt Application Summary - Rural Project**

Project Name:	Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park Expansions B, C and D	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$160,000
Applicant:	Edisto Island Open Land Trust	Total Acres:	16.6
Landowners:	Vera Campbell (023), Carrie Clarke-Roper (024, 025), and EIOLT (026)	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$9,638.55
Property Address:	3172, 3178, 3184 Highway 174, Edisto Island	Subcommittee Score:	75

<u>Project Description:</u> The Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT) is applying to purchase an additional 2 acres and be reimbursed for the time-sensitive purchase of an additional 1 acre, to expand the existing Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park (LLOMP) to a total 29 acres. The original 13.6-acre park parcel was purchased by EIOLT in 2004. In 2014, EIOLT successfully applied to the Charleston County Greenbelt Program for the purchase of an additional 12.4 contiguous acres to expand the park. EIOLT has since opened the property to the public and installed trails. Acquiring the additional acreage would help preserve the scenic views and hardwood forests along a National Scenic Byway and the highly developable Little Edisto Island, buffer the existing wildlife habitat from human activities, and extend the reach of the existing publicly accessible trails. These lots are zoned AGR. If approved, EIOLT will donate the original LLOMP acreage (13.6) to encumberment by the Greenbelt Program.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$126,000	\$95,000	\$221,000
Admin/Closing	\$14,000	\$2,500	\$16,500
Improvements	\$20,000	\$500	\$20,500
Other Improvements	\$0	\$38,000	\$38,000
Total	\$160,000	\$136,000	\$296,000

#### **Funding Information:**

- 85% match consists of an \$95,000 land donation and applicant contributions toward the purchase price, proposed improvements, and a survey. This represents a match of \$0.85 for every \$1.00 of GB funds.
- Jackson Appraisal Service, Inc. completed appraisals on the various properties in late 2021/early 2022 valuing the land at \$129,000. The value of the original park is the actual amount paid in 2004, \$85,000.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

- Provides an additional 16.6 acres of rural public parkland for outdoor recreation at LLOMP.
- The property will be absorbed into an existing passive public park where it will eventually be connected to the
  trail system. The property will otherwise remain forested and undeveloped to provide a scenic view along
  National Scenic Byway 174, wildlife habitat, and ecosystem services.

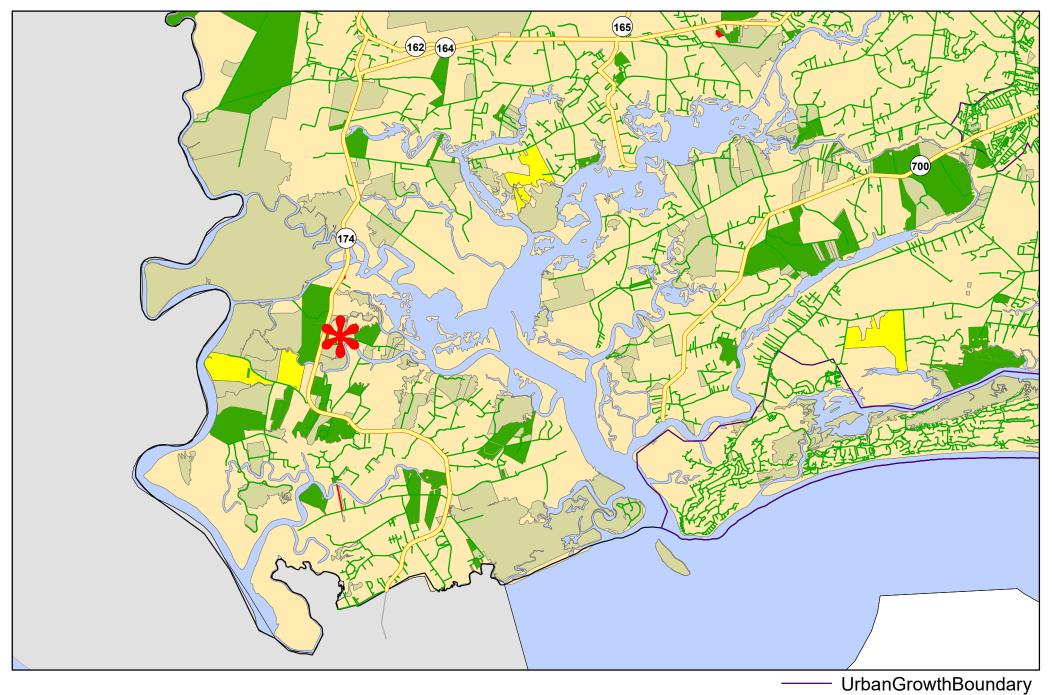
<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> In addition to being located immediately adjacent to the current park, the property is in close proximity to the privately protected Greenbelt property Sand Creek Farms and the privately protected Windsor Plantation.

#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

- Provides 5.1 acres towards Rural Greenbelt Lands and 11.5 for Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Provides lands for public outdoor recreation. Protects upland forests, saltwater marsh, riparian zones, floodplains, land critical to clean water, and grand trees.

#### Items to Note:

- The applicant will demo dilapidated structure and septic system if approved.
- \$40,000 is for reimbursement of Parcel C, 066-00-00-024. Parcel B, 066-00-00-025, and Parcel D, 066-00-00-023, are contingent upon application approval. Total acreage and land value also includes 066-00-00-026 donation.



FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park Expansion B, C and D







### LLOMP and Exp. B, C, & D

0660000023 to be purchased by EIOLT. || 0660000024 EIOLT requesting reimbursement. || 0660000025 to be purchased by EIOLT. || 0660000026 Owned by EIOLT and to be restricted as match.

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Author: Charleston County SC Date: 12/1/2021

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

Subject: Peters Point Rd.-Vergot Easement Rural Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

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Department	Approver		
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant		
Budget	Mack Gile		
Legal	Marc Belle		
Administrator	Bill Tuten		
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury		

# Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT) requests \$45,000 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase a conservation easement on 17.4 acres of land located off Peters Point Rd on Edisto Island. The parcel fronts Store Creek and consists of upland forest, salt marsh and the owner's residence. Primary land use is management for wildlife habitat. Protection of the property, which is zoned AGR, will preserve the upland forested habitat, limit residential development, and protect and promote wildlife habitat and water quality. The owner has agreed to donate \$35,000 of the easement value and accept no future subdivision of the property if the application is successful.

A project summary, map and draft easement terms are attached.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Peters Point Rd.-Vergot Easement rural greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties. Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$45,000 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

# **Greenbelt Application Summary – Rural Project**

Project Name:	Peters Point – Vergot Easement	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$45,000
Applicant:	Edisto Island Open Land Trust	Total Acres:	17.4
Landowner:	Barbara "Dede" Vergot	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$2,586.21
Property Address:	8818 Peters Point Rd.	Subcommittee Score:	53

**Project Description:** The Edisto Island Open Land Trust is requesting \$45,000 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase a conservation easement on 17.4 acres of land located off Peters Point Rd on Edisto Island. The parcel fronts Store Creek and consists of upland forest, salt marsh and the owner's residence. Primary land use is management for wildlife habitat. Protection of the property, which is zoned AGR, will preserve the upland forested habitat, limit residential development, and protect and promote wildlife habitat and water quality. The owner has agreed to no future subdivision of the property if the application is successful.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$60,000
Admin/Closing	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$45,000	\$35,000	\$80,000

#### **Funding Information:**

- The 78% match consists of the landowner donation of \$35,000 of the value of the conservation easement. This represents a match of \$0.78 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- Charleston Appraisal Service, Inc. provided a verbal preliminary estimate of the conservation easement value between \$55,000 to \$65,000. A full appraisal will be completed prior to closing.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

No public access is being offered on this conservation easement project.

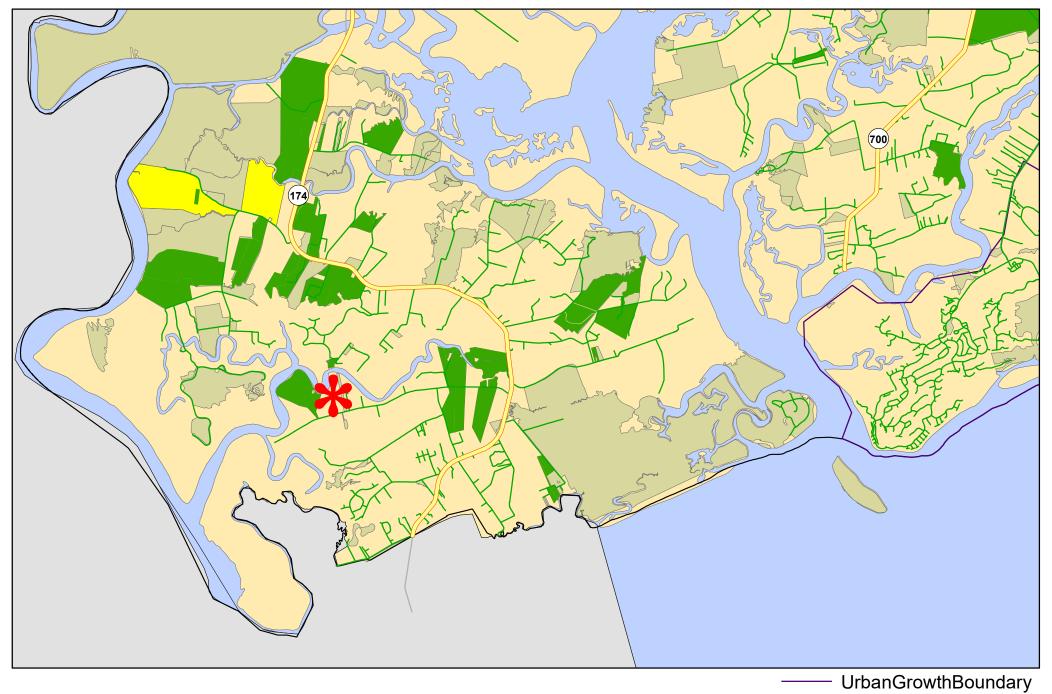
<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> The parcel is contiguous with two existing conservation easements held by EIOLT, is directly across the river from a third EIOLT easement, Middletons, which is an existing Greenbelt project, and 1500ft to the east of a fourth EIOLT easement, P. Mikell - Peters Point, which is also a completed Greenbelt project.

#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

- Provides 10.3 acres toward protection of Rural Greenbelt Lands.
- Provides 7.1 acres toward protection of Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Protects Lowcountry Natural Resources including upland forests, saltwater marsh, riparian zones, floodplains, land critical to clean water, and grand trees. Protects wildlife habitat.

#### Items to Note:

• Draft terms of the conservation easement include: No subdivision of parcel; No docks or bulkheads; 100 ft. waterfront buffer; 150 ft. buffer on Peters Point Rd.; limitation to one residence and guest house within 2-acre envelope on Store Creek; 9,000 sq. ft. impervious surface limit; no paving of roads; 0.5 acres of ponds permitted; mining/industrial/commercial uses prohibited; and protection of live oaks, bald cypress and magnolia trees DBH > 10 inches.



FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Peters Point Rd. Vergot Easement

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Other Protected Property
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# **Charleston County SC**

Parcel ID: 0250000013

Owner1: VERGOT BARBARA D

**Prop St Number: 8818** 

Prop St Name: PETERS POINT

Prop Type: RD Acreage: 10.66

Class Code: 101 - RESID-SFR

Plat Book Page: J-67 Deed Book Page: K358-174 Jurisdiction: COUNTY OF

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Author: Charleston County SC Date: 7/20/2017

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# 12/3/2021 - DRAFT Summary Conservation Easement Terms for Peters Point Road - Vergot Easement - TMS #025-00-013

#### **Purpose of easement:**

- To protect the property in its natural, scenic and open space condition.
- To allow uses compatible with the conservation of the protected property.

## **Grantee Rights:**

- Visual access
- Annual monitoring visits with ample notification.
- Maintaining the conservation value of the property by stewardship.
- Prevention of all residential, commercial or industrial uses not specifically permitted in the recorded easement deed.

# **Prohibited Use Summary:**

- 1. No subdivision of the parcel.
- 2. No commercial uses, except for traditional uses related to farming, timbering or home businesses.
- 3. Only one Primary Residence with Guest House and outbuildings permitted.
- 4. No new structures within the 100ft setback and vegetative buffer along Store Creek nor within the 150ft setback and vegetative buffer along Peters Point Road.
- 5. No docks or bulkheads, rip-rap permitted.
- 6. No industrial uses, activities or industrial structures.
- 7. No underground tanks, except for septic and propane tanks for residence.
- 8. No dumping or burning, except for prescribed burns and yard debris generated on site.
- 9. No mining or removal of soils from property.
- 10. No damage to topography or hydrology.
- 11. No introduction of invasive, nuisance or exotic species.
- 12. No damage to live oaks, bald cypress and magnolia with a DBH > 10 inches.
- 13. No paving of roads or driveways with non-permeable surfaces.
- 14. No commercial hunting or fishing, except seasonal hunting leases.

#### **Reserved Rights:**

- 1. All activities not expressly prohibited in the recorded easement document.
- 2. One Primary House, one secondary guest house and ancillary structures (including kilns and privacy fences) are allowed excepting no building height greater than 35 feet and all residential structures must be within the 2 acre building envelope along Store Creek.
- 3. Agricultural structures for permitted uses.
- 4. Total impervious surface for the property = nmt 9,000 sq. ft
- 5. The right to maintain, renovate, and replace existing and permitted structures, provided any additions to existing structures must be beyond the 100ft setback along Store Creek.
- 6. Creation of new permeable driveways to allowable structures.
- 7. Agriculture, no feedlots or factory farming.
- 8. Silviculture allowed as per an approved Forest Management Plan.
- 9. Equestrian activities permitted.
- 10. The right to participate in voluntary carbon markets.
- 11. Recreation that is not commercial.
- 12. Routine landscaping and land management; habitat restoration.
- 13. Posting small property signs (2-4) that do not impede views.
- 14. Wildlife management activities.
- 15. Temporary structures, such as small campers and tents.
- 16. Wildlife observation structures.
- 17. Ponds may be constructed, surface area in the aggregate shall be no more than 0.5 acre.
- 18. Water, wells, information services, or utilities for permitted uses.
- 19. Archaeological digs by professionals.

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

**Subject:** Ravenswood Rural Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

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Department	Approver	
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant	
Budget	Mack Gile	
Legal	Marc Belle	
Administrator	Bill Tuten	
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury	

# Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund this request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

The Lowcountry Land Trust requests \$1,540,000 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase a conversation easement on 711.9 acres off Chisolm Road, Johns Island, which fronts the Stono River. The land has always been managed for traditional land uses such as agriculture and recreation. Five parcels make up this property, which is zoned AGR and AG-8. It is one of the few remaining large tracts of land on Johns Island. Protection of this property would be a landmark accomplishment for conservation in the Lowcountry. If approved, the owner has agreed to donate \$1,217,000 of the conservation easement value as part of the applicant match. The balance of the applicant match consists of a recent State Conservation Bank award of \$625,000.

A project summary, map and draft easement terms are attached.

# **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Ravenswood rural greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$1,540,000 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

# **Greenbelt Application Summary - Rural Project**

Project Name:	Ravenswood	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$1,540,000
Applicant:	Lowcountry Land Trust, Inc.	Total Acres:	711.9
Landowner:	Ravenswood Partners Limited Partnership	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$2,163.23
Property Address:	4709 Chisolm Road, Johns Island	Subcommittee Score:	75

<u>Project Description:</u> The Lowcountry Land Trust is requesting \$1,540,000 in rural Greenbelt funds to purchase a conversation easement on 711.9 acres off Chisolm Road, Johns Island. The land has always been managed for traditional land uses such as agriculture and recreation. Five parcels make up this property, which is zoned AGR and AG-8. It is one of the few remaining large tracts of land on Johns Island. Protection of this property would be a landmark accomplishment for conservation in the Lowcountry.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$1,500,000	\$1,842,000	\$3,342,000
Admin/Closing	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,540,000	\$1,842,000	\$3,382,000

#### **Funding Information:**

- The 120% match consists of the landowner donation of \$1,217,000 of the conservation easement value and a \$625,000 award from the State Conservation Bank. This represents a match of \$1.20 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- A preliminary appraisal was completed in January of 2021 and will be updated prior to closing.
- The landowner Ravenswood Partners Limited Partnership includes:
  - -Tom O'Neal and Faye Minshew, co-Trustees of two trusts (Trust A and Trust B)
  - -Trusts' current primary beneficiaries: Faye Minshew (Trust A & B); Lisa Minshew (Trust B)
  - -English Hanahan Maull (as an individual)

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

- The relatively natural landscape of Ravenswood provides critical ecosystem services like flood mitigation and improved water quality.
- Although private, the property has been opened to members of the community for various occasions
  as well as hosting scouting campouts, civic group meetings, youth hunting days, and equestrian events
  for both adults and children.
- Ravenswood presents an opportunity to preserve a significant viewshed for the benefit of the public. The property has approximately 1.7miles of road frontage along Chisolm Road. Ravenswood is also situated along the Stono River and a tributary of Church Creek. Its marsh frontage includes approximately 7,800 feet on Johns Island and approximately 8,500feet on its hammock islands, for a total of approximately 3.1 miles.

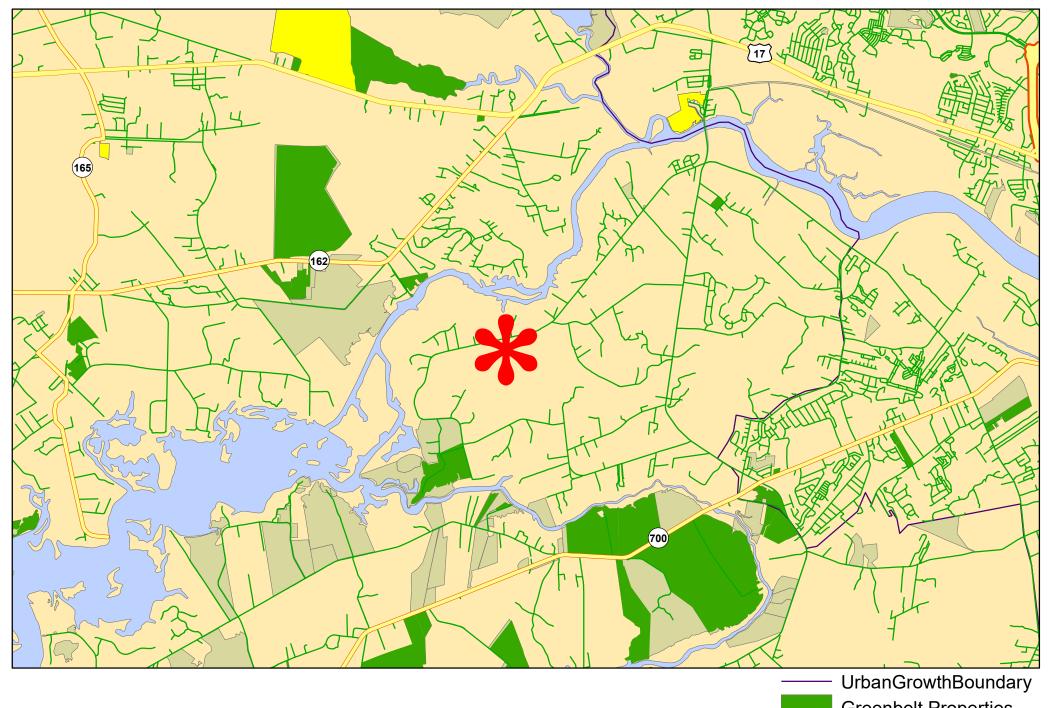
<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> Ravenswood is situated along the Stono River and a tributary of Church Creek. Its marsh frontage totals approximately 3.1 miles. The property is located on the blue trail known as the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail and is less than a half mile upriver from the Town of Hollywood's Wide Awake Park Greenbelt property.

## **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

- Provides 631.2 acres of Rural Greenbelt Lands and 80.7 acres of Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Protects Lowcountry Natural Resources and Infrastructure such as upland forests, forested wetlands, saltwater marsh, riparian zones, floodplains, land critical to clean water and grand trees. Protects wildlife habitat.

#### **Items to Note:**

- An update of the draft CE terms was provided to Greenbelt after the application was submitted to accurately reflect the correct number of parcels it will cover, which is 5.
- Draft terms of the conservation easement include:
  - Subdivision of up to 5 tracts to be held by no more than 5 separate owners.
  - Impervious Surfaces limited NTE 80,000 SF.
  - 5 residential structures permitted.
  - New permeable roads allowed; maintenance on existing roads allowed.
  - Ponds limited to 60 acres.
  - There docks on Stono River and Tributaries allowed. No limit on docks on interior ponds.
  - 200 ft buffer on Chisolm Rd.
  - Special Hammock Island Conservation Area.
  - Timber harvesting permitted under Forest Management Plan.



**FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project** Ravenswood



**Greenbelt Properties** 

Other Protected Property

CCPRC Park Land





# 2021 Aerial: Ravenswood

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Draft Terms of Conservation Easement - Ravenswood Ravenswood Partners, LP 2-Mar-22					
Internal Status Project: FOR CC GREENBELT PROGRAM AND SC CONSERVATION BANK APPLICATION PURPOSES  Legal Acreage:					
Tax Acreage:	(Source: Charleston County)	TMS: 2210000008, 2220000090, 2220000022, 2220000075, 2220000018 (a portion of)			
GIS Acreage:	GIS Acreage: ~711.87				
Funding Being Sought**	Charleston County Green	belt Program and South Carolina Conservation Bank			

Conservation Values		
Open space for sustainable agriculture	and/or forestry use	
Relatively natural habitat and biologica	l diversity	
Preservation or enhancement of downst	ream water quality	
Scenic views of the protected property	from Stono River and Chisol	
Reserved Rights	# or Condition	Additional Info.
Subdivision	5 Subdivided Tracts	Property is currently comprised of five (5) tax parcels; subdivision is to be limited to the reconfiguration/division of the property into a maximum of five (5) subdivided tracts to be held by no more than five (5) separate owners.
Impervious Surface	~1/4%	Not to exceed 80,000 square feet
Residential Structures	5 Reserved	Five (5) residential structures are permitted; subject to impervious surface limitations.
Non-Residential Structures	Limited by Impervious	Impervious surface limitations apply as stated above
Agriculture	Permitted	Equine and agricultural activities permitted; Feed Lots prohibited
Forest Management	Notice	Subject to SC Best Management Practices/FMP and notice
Significant Trees	24 inch	Live Oaks - notice and approval required for removal
New Roads	Allowed	Allowed for permitted uses only, permeable materials only
Existing Roads	Maintenance	Maintenance activities allowed, pursuant to applicable standard practices
Impoundments, reservoirs	Notice	Subject to reserved rights & applicable permitting; landowner responsible for permits
Ponds	60 acres	Commercial use of minerals prohibited (IRS Code); does not include drainage ditches
Docks	Subject to Permit	Three (3) docks may be allowed to originate from the Protected Property to provide access to the Stono River or one of its tributaries and may be located within the Hammock Islands Conservation Area. Additional docks providing access to interior ponds/impoundments are permitted.

Prohibitions/Restrictions	Metric or Detail	Additional Info.
Chisolm Road Buffer	200 feet	Forest Management of the Chisolm Road Buffer permitted provides there shall be no clearcutting without Approval (except in case of fire management or mitigation pursuant to state BMPs); new structures prohibited (other than existing structures, mailboxes, fencing, gates, utility and service lines). Note future plan for board fence along road.
Hammock Islands Conservation Area	~14.6 acres	No structures, impervious surface, or clearcutting - with the exception of covered structure (subject to permitting) on island that has access to power.
Agricultural Areas	Permitted	Feed lots prohibited
Forested Areas	Working Forest	Timber harvesting subject to SC Best Management Practices/FMP; notice required.
Surface Minerals	No commercial use	Prohibition required by IRS Code

<b>Landowner Obligations</b>	Other Details				
Title Commitment & Policy	May be required by Funding Entities for Purchased Easements.				
Phase 1 Environmental Report	May be required by Funding	Entities for Purchase	d Easements.		
Qualified Appraisal	Required by IRS for Tax Purp	ooses.			
Legal Review of All Documents	Substantiation of an easemen	t gift, if any, is the so	le responsibility of	the landowne	er.
Mortgage Subordination Agreement	Landowner must obtain from	bank or lien holder	orior to closing, if a	pplicable.	
Other Liens/title matters	Landowner must have clear to	itle or subordinate an	y other liens prior	to closing.	

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

Subject: ADA Walkover at 34A Beach Access Urban Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

	<b>24.6</b> : 7.p.:: 2.1, 2.022
Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

# Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

The City of Isle of Palms requests \$120,000 in Urban Greenbelt funding for a minor improvement-only project to create a new ADA compliant beach walkover at the existing 34A Beach Access. Residents have expressed concerns that the current inventory of beach access paths on the Isle of Palms insufficiently serves individuals with disabilities. The accesses are generally soft sand paths or constructed boardwalks with stairs or a significant ramp to cross the primary dune, all of which can be challenging for the mobility impaired. The 34A Beach Access is unique and may be one of the City's few opportunities to construct a pervious path and boardwalk that would provide ADA compliant access for people with mobility challenges.

Prior to submitting its current application, the City withdrew a similar and previously approved project for 42nd Avenue Beach Access due to site challenges. The new site was determined to be more suitable. Beach communities are the only entities currently eligible to apply for minor improvement-only projects.

A map and project summary are attached.

# **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the ADA Walkover at 34A Beach Access urban greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$120,000 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

# <u>Greenbelt Application Summary – IOP Urban Minor Improvement Only Project</u>

Project Name:	ADA Walkover & at 34A Beach Access	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$120,000
Applicant:	City of Isle of Palms	Total Acres:	0.16
Landowner:	City of Isle of Palms	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	n/a
Property Address:	34A Beach Access on Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms	Subcommittee Score:	51

Project Description: The City of Isle of Palms intends to create a new ADA compliant beach access walkover at the existing 34A Beach Access. On September 28th, 2021, City Council voted unanimously to authorize the City to seek Greenbelt funds to assist in the construction of this project. Residents have expressed concerns that the current inventory of beach access paths on the Isle of Palms insufficiently serves individuals with disabilities. The accesses are generally soft sand paths or constructed boardwalks with stairs or a significant ramp to get over the primary dune, all of which can be challenging for people in wheelchairs or otherwise mobility impaired. The beach access at 34A Beach Access is unique and may be one of the City's few opportunities to construct a relatively pervious sidewalk and boardwalk that would provide ADA compliant access for people with physical challenges. The public has requested that the Isle of Palms provide better access to the beach to those people whose mobility is impaired, and the City is hopeful that this project will achieve that objective.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$0	\$0	\$0
Admin/Closing	\$0	\$3,800	\$3,800
Minor Improvements	\$120,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
Other Improvements	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
Other	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Total	\$120,000	\$47,300	\$167,300

#### **Funding Information:**

- The 39% match consists of the City of Isle of Palms contribution toward the minor improvements, ADA parking space improvements, ESA 1, property survey, and landscape design fees. This represents a match of \$0.39 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- No appraisal is necessary, as this is a funding request for minor improvements only.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

• The public beach walkover will have full public access to the beach. Its use will not be restricted by controlled access or any other restrictions. The pervious sidewalk and boardwalk will be ADA compliant and provide handicap accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges.

<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> The proposed project supports the Greenbelt Program's vision by connecting Charleston County residents to the Atlantic Ocean and the public beach. The adjacent road provides parking and designated handicap parking spaces to facilitate access to the water and the public beach.

#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

• Provides enhanced public waterway access, which is a hallmark of the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan.

#### Items to Note:

• The City's ownership of the subject land/right of way will need clarification so that the appropriate Greenbelt deed restrictions can be placed on it.

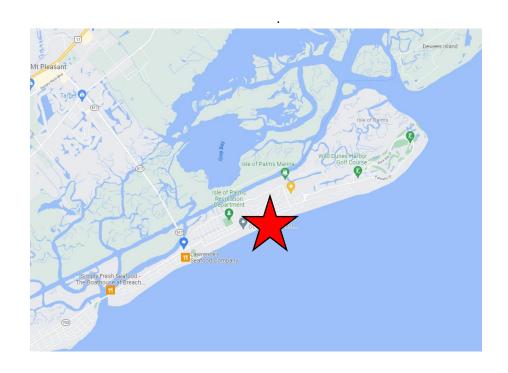


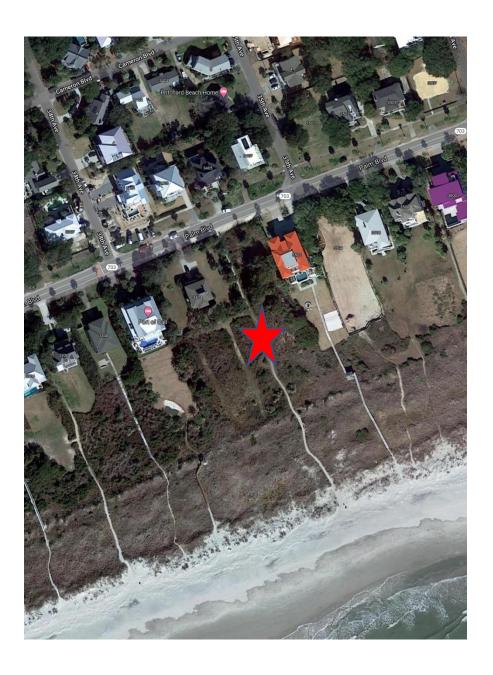
FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project ADA Walkover at 34A Beach Access





# Area Map – 34A Beach Access Path, Isle of Palms, SC





**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

**Subject:** Oakville-Burden Creek Urban Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

	<b>24.6</b> : 7.p.:: 2.1, 2.022
Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

# Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please provide the following:	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item	
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#### Situation:

In accordance with Charleston County Ordinance #1424 as amended, the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) shall review all greenbelt project applications and make funding recommendations to County Council. The GAB considered the following project at its March 16, 2022, meeting.

Lowcountry Land Trust requests \$514,870 in Urban Greenbelt funds to purchase a conservation easement covering 94.1 acres located on John's Island next to the John's Island Airport and headwaters of Burden Creek. The protection would provide critical green infrastructure to protect against flooding, prevent incompatible development by solidifying protection of the rural edge of the Urban Growth Boundary (property is just inside the UGB), enhance water quality and protect wildlife habitat, help preserve and enhance the cultural heritage of rural traditional communities, and secure public safety by providing clear flight patterns for the adjacent airport.

83.13 acres are located in the City of Charleston and 10.98 acres are located in the Unincorporated County. The GAB voted to recommend approval with the condition that all funding come from the City of Charleston's allocation. City Council will consider a resolution supporting this condition at its April 12 meeting. The landowner is donating \$3,914,870 of the conservation easement value and the applicant has also secured a \$500,000 contribution from the State Conservation Bank. All future subdivision and residential structures would be prohibited per the easement terms.

A map, project summary and draft easement terms are attached.

# **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Oakville-Burden Creek urban greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$514,870 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

# **Greenbelt Application Summary – Charleston and Urban Unincorporated Project**

Project Name:	Oakville – Burden Creek	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$514,870
Applicant:	Lowcountry Land Trust	Total Acres:	94.1
Landowner:	Charleston County Aviation Authority	Greenbelt Cost Per Acre:	\$5,471.52
Property Address:	Oakville Plantation Rd., Johns Island	Subcommittee Score:	72

<u>Project Description:</u> Lowcountry Land Trust requests \$514,870 in Urban Greenbelt funds to purchase a conservation easement located on John's Island next to the John's Island Airport and headwaters of Burden Creek that will provide critical green infrastructure to protect against flooding, prevent incompatible development by solidifying protection of the rural edge of the Urban Growth Boundary (property is just inside the UGB), enhance water quality and protect wildlife habitat, help preserve and enhance the cultural heritage of rural traditional communities, and secure public safety by providing clear flight patterns for the adjacent airport.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$500,000	\$4,400,000	\$4,900,000
Admin/Closing	\$14,870	\$14,870	\$29,740
Minor Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$514,870	\$4,414,870	\$4,929,740

#### **Funding Information:**

- 857% match consists of: the landowner's donation of a \$3,900,000 portion of the easement value; \$500,000 from the SC Conservation Bank; and the applicant will provide \$14,870 for the closing and administrative costs associated with the purchase. This represents a match of \$8.57 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- A preliminary appraisal was completed in August of 2021 by Hartnett Realty Company valuing the conservation easement at \$4,900,000.
- Charleston City Council will meet April 12 to consider a resolution to allow its allocation to fund the full amount of the GB request. Roughly 12% of the property is located in the Urban Unincorporated area and 88% is located in the City of Charleston.

<u>Public Access, Use & Benefit:</u> No public access was guaranteed by the applicant. Public benefits include protection of natural resources that will mitigate flooding, purify air and water, facilitate of groundwater recharge and mitigate greenhouse gasses.

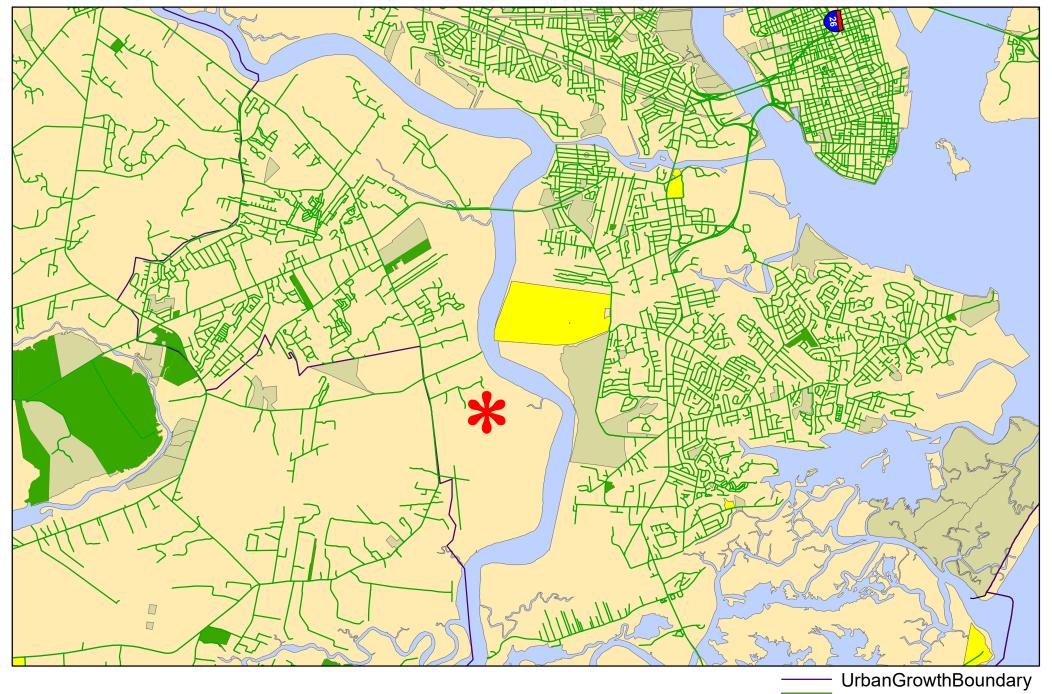
<u>Linkage Opportunities:</u> There is a collaborative effort underway to create a greenbelt of protected properties in the vicinity of the Plow Ground Road corridor stretching from Bohicket Creek to the Stono River. The Oakville/Burden Creek tract is a cornerstone property in this effort, as it will contribute to the possibility of connecting existing unprotected greenspace and properties previously protected by conservation easements and deed restrictions along River Road and Plow Ground Road, which are also connected to the neighboring Burden Creek community, Charleston Collegiate School and the adjacent job center of the Johns Island Airport.

#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

- Provides 77.35 acres of Urban Lands.
- Provides 16.75 acres of Lowcountry Wetlands.
- Protects Lowcountry Natural Resources and Infrastructure such as upland forests, forested wetlands, saltwater marsh, riparian zones, floodplains, land critical to clean water and grand trees. Protects wildlife habitat

#### **Items to Note:**

- Approx. 10 acres (317-00-00-007) are in unincorporated Charleston County and zoned R4. Approx. 84.1 acres (317-00-00-011) are in City of Charleston and zoned Light Industrial.
- Draft terms of the conservation easement:
  - Prohibited: subdivision, residential structures, non-residential structures (outdoor recreation-oriented structures excepted), extraction of surface minerals for commercial use.
  - Limited: 300' Stono River buffer; 100' wetland buffer; ponds up to 3 acres; 43,560 SF impervious surfaces.
  - Allowed: agriculture, 1 new road for airport operations, maintenance of existing roads, 1 inland dock and 1 Stono river dock; timber harvesting subject to forest management plan.



FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Oakville/Burden Creek







# 2020 Aerial: Oakville

Created by Lowcountry Land Trust for presentation purposes. Refer to conservation easement, legal description(s), and plat(s) for full terms. Boundary from modified 2020 Charleston County Parcel and 1991 Plat Book CC Page 047 data. ESRI World Imagery 2020 shown.



# Draft Terms of Conservation Easement - Oakville Burden Creek Tract (TMS #'s 3170000007 & 3170000011) Charleston Aviation Authority 24-Jan-22 Internal Status Project: Acreage: Funding Being Sought\*\* FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY GREENBELT APPLICATION PURPOSES approx. 94.1 acres Charleston County Greenbelt Funds: \$500,000 + transaction costs

Conservation Values		
Open space for agriculture and/or f		
Relatively natural habitat and biolog		
Preservation or enhancement of do		
Scenic views of the protected prope	erty from the Stono River	
Reserved Rights	# or Condition	Additional Info.
Subdivision	0	No subdivision, unless necessary to accomplish a use permitted in CE
Impervious Surface	43,560 SF	~1% of highland
Residential Structures	0	
Non-Residential Structures	0	exception: only for passive outdoor recreation-oriented structures
Agriculture	permitted	Feed lots prohibited
Forest Management	Notice & Review	Subject to Forest Mgmt. Plan and Notice. Clearcut permitted if nec. to buffer airport
Significant Trees	24 inch	Live oaks - notice and approval required for removal
New Roads	1 Allowed	Allowed for access to neighboring airport parcel to the south to support operations
Existing Roads	Maintenance	Maintenance activities allowed; upgrade if necessary for operations noted above
Impoundments, reservoirs, ponds	Notice	Subject to reserved rights & applicable permitting
Construction of Ponds/Lakes	up to 3 acres	for recreational purposes only
Docks	2 permitted	1 for inland area, 1 at eastern edge of property near Stono River, if feasible
Exclusions**	Salt marsh excluded	Parcels consist of 137.05 deeded acres; conservation easement to cover highland only

Prohibitions/Restrictions	Metric or Detail	Additional Info.
		Thinning/mgmt. may occur; clearcut allowed if nec. for
Stono River Buffer	300 ft.	operations; no structures
		Thinning/mgmt. may occur; clearcut allowed if nec. for
Wetland Buffers	100 ft.	operations; no structures
		Timber harvesting subject to Forest Mgmt. Plan; Notice
Forested Areas	Working Forest	required
Surface Minerals	No commercial use	

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Eric Davis Dept.: Greenbelt Programs

Subject: Mt. Pleasant Way - Whipple Trail Urban Greenbelt Project

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

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Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

# Fiscal Impact:

There are sufficient funds in the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax to fund the request.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? NO

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

The Town of Mount Pleasant requests \$734,430 in Urban Greenbelt funding to purchase right of way along Whipple Road, between Mathis Ferry Road and Longpoint Road, for a 6,300-foot segment of the Mount Pleasant Way. The Mt. Pleasant Way is an initiative to install over 20 miles of interconnected multiuse path throughout the Town, with an additional 15 miles of secondary, greenway, and quiet street routes. The project would improve existing sidewalk to multiuse standards, utilizing existing right of way whenever possible. Where necessary the Town will acquire strips of land along the frontage of adjoining properties, or acquire an easement, if the property owner prefers.

The framework of the Greenbelt Plan is based on a popular national concept known as "Hubs and Spokes." Under this concept, residential, commercial, and business landscapes are linked to parks, preserves and open space via greenway corridors (spokes). The Mount Pleasant Way project applications received in this cycle represent the first Greenbelt funding requests for corridor projects, and if approved, will advance the Greenbelt Plan goal of 200 miles of corridors throughout the County.

A map and project summary are attached.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

As recommended by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, approve funding for the Mt. Pleasant Way - Whipple Trail greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and the appropriate parties.

Authorize the County Administrator to require the execution and delivery of proper agreements and instruments to implement the conditions of the approval of the grants funds, and to effectuate the goals of the Greenbelt Program ordinances and policies.

Authorize the use of up to \$734,430 to be funded from the Greenbelt portion of County Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

# Greenbelt Application Summary - Mt. Pleasant Urban Corridor Project

Project Name:	Mount Pleasant Way – Whipple Trail	Total Greenbelt Funds Requested:	\$734,430
Applicant:	Town of Mount Pleasant	Corridor Length:	6,300 feet
Landowner:	Multiple – See Attachment in App	Greenbelt Cost Per LF:	\$116.58
Property Address:	Whipple Rd.	Subcommittee Score:	57

<u>Project Description:</u> The Town of Mount Pleasant is requesting \$734,430 to purchase right of way along Whipple Rd. for a 6,300 – foot segment of the Mount Pleasant Way, which proposes to install over 20 miles of interconnected multiuse path throughout the Town with an additional 15 miles of secondary, greenway, and quiet street routes. The Town intends to construct a paved 10' wide multiuse path, utilizing existing right of way to the greatest extent possible. Where necessary they will purchase a strip of ROW along the frontage of adjoining properties, or acquire an easement, if the property owner prefers.

Project Budget	Greenbelt Funds Requested	Match	Total
Land	\$636,830	\$342,300	\$979,130
Admin/Closing	\$97,600	\$0	\$97,600
Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$734,430	\$342,300	\$1,076,730

#### **Funding Information:**

- The 47% match consists of the Town of Mount Pleasant's donation of ROW it already owns along the route. This represents a match of \$0.47 for every \$1.00 of Greenbelt funds.
- Appraisals were not provided with the application but will be conducted prior to closing.

#### Public Access, Use & Benefit:

The Whipple Trail project will create a safe connection for bikes and pedestrians between local neighborhoods, as well as the Mount Pleasant Tennis Complex and Lucy Beckham High School.

#### Linkage Opportunities:

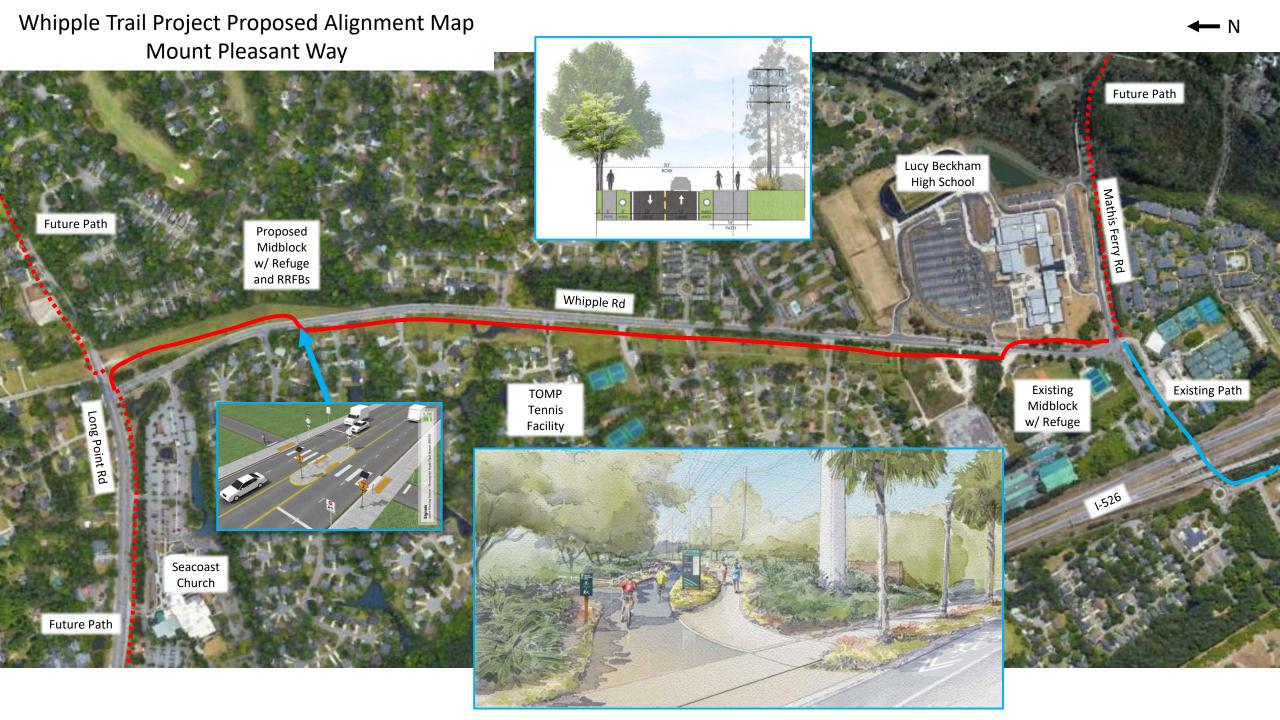
This project provides direct access to at least 7 neighborhoods, as well as the Mount Pleasant Tennis Complex and Lucy Beckham High School. In close proximity to this project lie Belle Hall Elementary, James B Edwards Elementary, RL Jones Recreation Center, Belle Hall Shopping Center, Live to Play Sports Complex, Town of Mount Pleasant Senior Center, and Palmetto Islands County Park. In addition, this project will include parklets and potentially a community garden to facilitate passive use of the area, in addition to its value as part of an alternative transportation network.

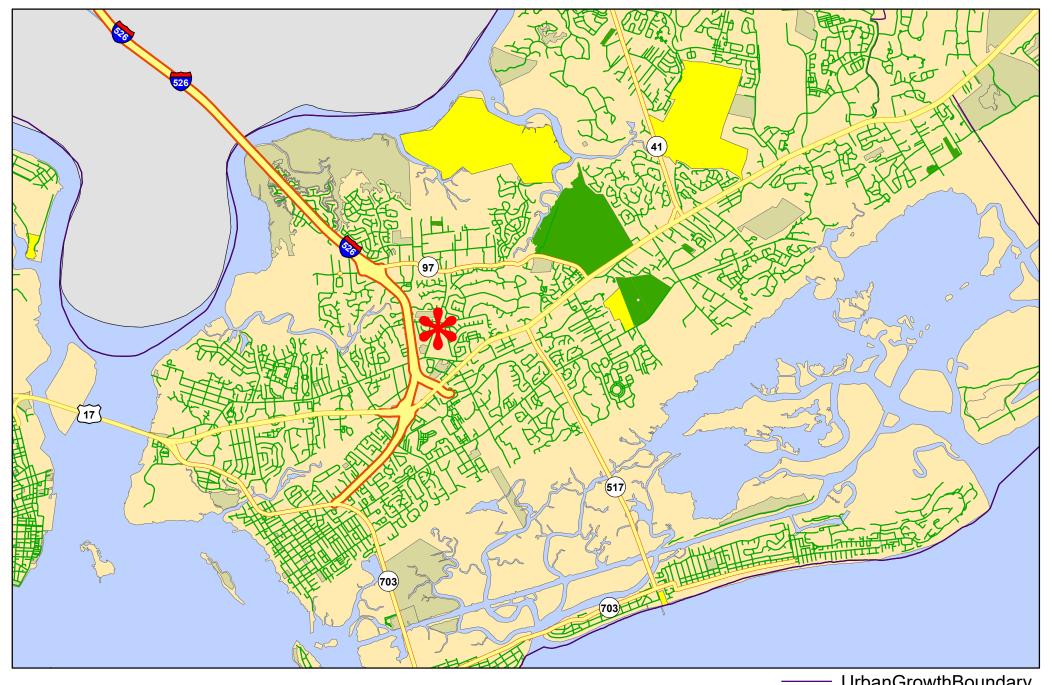
#### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:**

The framework of the Greenbelt Plan is based on a popular national concept known as "Hubs and Spokes." Under this concept, residential, commercial, and business landscapes are linked to parks, preserves and open space via greenway corridors (spokes). This means access to outdoors for recreation, non-automobile transportation, and participation in activities that can improve health, fitness, and quality of life.

#### **Items to Note:**

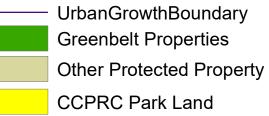
If approved, this would be the second GB corridor project. The Scanlonville to Wingo Way portion of the Mt. Pleasant Way was approved last cycle.





FY 22 Winter Greenbelt Project Mt. Pleasant Way Whipple Trail





**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Jean Sullivan Dept.: Community Services

**Subject:** ERAP Reallocation Funds

**Request**: Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Committee Date: April 21, 2022

Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	Christine O. Durant
Grants	Gail Marion
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

#### **Fiscal Impact**:

No match required.

**Funding**: Was funding previously approved? N/A

If yes, please provide the following:	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item

#### Situation

The U.S. Department of the Treasury provided \$12,441,902.30 in Round 1, \$9,844,964 in Round 2 and to Charleston County for an Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the County received a reallocation of \$10,000,000 in Round 1 funding through the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the State of South Carolina voluntarily returned the \$10,000,000 to Treasury for Charleston County. The County also received an additional \$287,829.68 in Round 1 funding via the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Through the end of March, 2022, Charleston County has paid or obligated approximately 90% of the total funding received from the U.S. Treasury. So far, over 3,300 renter households have been assisted with rent/utility payments and over 650 landlords have been assisted.

Charleston County's Community Development Department resumed the acceptance of Emergency Rental Assistance Program applications on March 1, 2022. After the re-opening of the application, the Community Development Department noticed that the rate at which applications were being received had increased, which could potentially be explained by the impacts of inflation or increased awareness of the program. The Department has determined that additional funds will be required to meet the increased need.

U.S. Treasury is currently assessing Grantees that have that have obligated insufficient funds to allow a reallocation to allow a reallocation process. The reallocation process will allow Grantees

with demonstrated needs to request a disbursement of reallocated funds. Through the success of Charleston County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Charleston County is in a position to request reallocated Round 1 funds. The Community Development Department requests Council approval to apply and accept up to an additional \$10 million, which will assist an estimated 1,000 renter households at the full amount. These funds would come from an additional voluntary reauthorization from The State of South Carolina, South Carolina Housing. The ERA 1 funds must be obligated by September 30,2022 and Treasury may extend the deadline for obligating any reallocated funds received to December 31, 2022. U.S. Treasury allows 10% of the funding to be spent on program management.

#### **Department Head Recommendation:**

- County Council approves the request for additional Treasury funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
- County Council approves future requests and acceptance of Emergency Rental Assistance reallocation funds by the Community Development Department under discretion of the County Administrator.

**To:** Bill Tuten, County Administrator

From: Carla Ritter Dept.: Finance

**Subject:** Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Allocation - Recovered Revenues

**Request:** Request to Approve

Committee: Finance Date: April 21, 2022

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#### Fiscal Impact:

Funds are available through the American Rescue Plan Allocation

Funding: Was funding previously approved? N/A

If yes, please	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
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#### Situation:

County Council set the priorities for the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan Allocation (ARPA) at the July 29, 2021, meeting. One of those priorities was "Making Charleston County Whole." This priority referred to the use of the portion of the ARPA funds to replace revenues lost because of the pandemic. There are three restrictions placed on these Recovered Revenues:

- 1. Cannot be used to pay off debt
- 2. Cannot be placed in a reserve account
- 3. Cannot be used for a settlement

The ARPA lost revenue calculation resulted in \$30 million of total ARPA funds that can be classified as Recovered Revenues. County Council has appropriated \$21,865,179 in ARPA recovered revenues over the past year (see attachment A).

Staff is proposing additional allocations of Recovered Revenues as follows:

\$4,000,000
\$1,050,000
\$ 250,000
\$ 765,000

# Records Center

Fire Suppression System Replacement	\$ 250,000
Public Works Projects	
Lost Bridge Replacement	\$ 200,000
Capris Island Drainage	\$ 200,000
Forest Lake Blvd Drainage	\$ 300,000
Fleet Utilization Study	\$ 300,000

The total appropriation requested for these recommendations is \$7,315,000.

**Department Head Recommendation**: Appropriate ARPA Recovered Revenues totaling \$7,315,000 as recommended.

Use of Funds	Approval Date	Appropriation
Unfunded FY 22 Projects		
Facilities-PSB Envelope		1,375,000
Facilities-Detention Center Envelope		1,600,000
Facilities-COB		950,000
Fleet-Vehicles and Equipment		1,675,000
PW-Phillips Drainage		750,000
PW-Steam Boat Landing		1,650,000
Total Unfunded FY 22 Projects	8/25/2021	8,000,000
Housing Stability		
Charleston County Housing Authority	12/7/2021	2,484,884
Women's and Children Homeless Shelter		1,015,116
Total Housing Stability	8/25/2021	3,500,000
One-time COLA-FY 22	8/25/2021	3,500,000
COVID Response		
Poll Worker COVID Supplement		94,000
Facilities		350,000
Emergency Management		56,000
Total COVID Response	8/25/2021	500,000
Reporting Dashboard	8/25/2021	75,000
Charleston County Tax System	3/1/2022	5,000,000
PW-Lake Dotter Flow Project	4/5/2022	1,290,179
Total Appropriated Recovered Revenues		21,865,179

# **Charleston County Council**

## Memorandum

To: Members of the Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 20, 2022

Subject: Housing Rehab

At the request of Councilmember Darby, he would like to discuss housing rehab and make a request to consider of the Finance Committee.

# **Charleston County Council**

## Memorandum

To: Members of Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: April 15, 2022

Subject: Personnel Matter

At the Finance Committee meeting of April 21, 2022, there is a need for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.