

## **Post & Courier**

### **CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING** **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that Charleston County Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers, Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405 on the following:

HIST-04-21-00027: Request to designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List.

Public comments, written and oral, are invited. Submission of written public comments is encouraged and those wishing to provide written public comments for the public hearing should email comments to [CCHPC@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:CCHPC@charlestoncounty.org) by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

This Public Notice is in accordance with Section 6-29-760 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Kristen L. Salisbury  
Clerk of Council

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**DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT: HIST-04-21-00027  
CASE HISTORY**

**Historic Preservation Commission: May 18, 2021  
Public Hearing: June 8, 2021  
Planning & Public Works Committee: June 17, 2021  
First Reading: June 22, 2021  
Second Reading: July 27, 2021  
Third Reading: August 31, 2021**

**CASE INFORMATION**

Location: Phillips Community, Highway 41 vicinity, Mount Pleasant area

Parcel Identification: See attached list

Council District: 1-Sass

Property Size: See attached list

Application: Request to designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List.

Parcel Information and Area Description:

Zoning in the proposed historic district is Special Management 3 (S-3), and primarily contains single-family residences, mobile homes, undeveloped land, and a church. The area is surrounded on all sides by development in the Town of Mount Pleasant zoned either Planned Development (PD), Community Conservation (CC), or Public Institutional 2 (PI-2) containing residential and related supporting development.

Historic Significance:

In 2016, Charleston County conducted a Cultural Resources Survey Update, which included documentation and history of settlement communities in Charleston County, including the Phillips Community. Based on the information provided in the Update, the South Carolina Historic Preservation Office determined that the Phillips Community is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places based on Criteria A for its association with the African American ethnic heritage and due to its characteristics of Post-Bellum African American settlement patterns. (Source: *Charleston County Highway 41 Corridor Improvements; Phillips Community Cultural Landscape Technical Report*, 2018).

Settled along Horlbeck Creek, the Phillips Community is considered to be an example of a "South Carolina Land Commission Platted Community" where former plantations were subdivided and sold to black and white landless farmers and tradesmen between 1869 and 1890 (*Charleston County Historic Resources Survey Update*, p. 65). Settlement communities have distinct settlement patterns that are indicative of the means of land acquisition and settlement by formerly enslaved individuals and their families. Spatial arrangements of parcels of varying lot sizes are specific to individual settlement communities; however, there are three characteristics that are shared between most settlement communities: traditional burial grounds, traditional community access to nearby waterways, and a reliance on heirs' property whereby land is conveyed and held "in common" by the descendants of the original deed owner (*Survey*, p. 65). Specifically, the Phillips Community contained 25 parallelogram gridded farm lots ranging in size from 8 ½ acres to 25 acres (*Survey*, p. 65). Smaller lots were narrow and rectangular in shape oriented to the road, while the larger parcels abutted the canal (*Survey*, p. 65). This land configuration is an example of the second type of historic African American community planning in Charleston County, sharing other patterns

such as clustering of businesses, residences, and institutional buildings near primary roads; most lots have been subdivided into smaller, rectangular parcels over time; buildings with frontage along the waterway is uncommon, as are fence enclosures (*Survey*, p. 74). The boundaries of the original subdivision dated 1875 is still apparent today.

Additional information about the historic significance of the Phillips Community was provided in the application packet as detailed below.

- Several significant figures in history associated with Phillips Community:
  - Dr. John Rutledge, first doctor in Christ Church Parish
  - John Rutledge (son of Dr. Rutledge), signer of United States Constitution
  - Edward Rutledge (son of Dr. Rutledge), signer of Declaration of Independence
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  - Maj. General Abraham J. Turner, decorated military personnel and foreign war veteran
- Important aspects of the Community:
  - Most properties within the district contain the original homes, and if subdivided at all, only to grant to heirs of the original landholders.
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### **Application History**

Current/ Previous Applications: None.

### **Designation of Historic Property Requirements:**

*The Charleston County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Historic Preservation, Sec. 21-3.B states, "The historic preservation commission may nominate historic properties and/or historic districts within the unincorporated area of Charleston County for designation with written consent from the owners of such properties pursuant to this section, provided such nominations comply with the designation of historic property process and requirements contained in this section. Additionally, applications to designate historic properties within the unincorporated area of Charleston County may be submitted by the property owner(s) of the subject property(ies), site(s), building(s), structure(s), object(s), or district(s) provided such applications comply with the designation of historic property process and requirements contained in this section."*

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### **Zoning and Planning Director Review and Report regarding Approval Criteria of Sec. 21-3.H:**

**In granting a designation of historic property application, the Historic Preservation Commission shall consider one or more of the following criteria:**

- (1) *Has significant inherent character, interest, history, or value as part of the rural county or heritage of the county, state or nation;*
- (2) *Is of an event significant in history;*
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**The applicant's letter of intent states that criteria numbers 1, 3, 4, and 8 are met.**

#### **Criteria 1, 4, and 8:**

- 1. Has significant inherent character, interest, history, or value as part of the rural county or heritage of the county, state or nation;**
- 4. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, ethnic, or historic heritage of the county, state or nation; and**
- 8. Is part of or related to a square or other distinctive element of community planning.**

*Applicant Response:* "In 1875, Phillips Plantation was subdivided into 8.5 – 25 acre lots and sold to 23 Freedmen families of which two were women, Sarah Wiseman and Betty Bailey. The lots were sufficient for a home, farm and livestock. Two of the Freedmen, Sam Scott and Benjamin Bennett fought with the 128th U. S. Colored Infantry in the Civil War. They helped establish the Phillips Community. The maps of 1875 reveal that Phillips was a planned community. Today, the majority of the lands purchased by Freedmen and women of the Phillips Community remain in the possession of their heirs. Most of the land has been subdivided among the heirs to sustain family growth. There are a number of landmarks in the Phillips Community namely, an open tomb that housed human bones, milling stones from an old grits mill, and a well. There is an historical marker placed at the intersection of Joe Rouse Road and Highway 41 that references this tomb. The milling stones are located on property owned by the Habersham family. The well is located at the site where the Rutledge house once stood.

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*exclusive to female residents. There are several males in our community who still make baskets. One of whom, William Rouse, had one of his baskets featured in the second Inaugural Parade for President Barack H. Obama.*

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**Criteria 3: Is associated with a person or persons who contributed significantly to the culture and development of the county, state or nation;**

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Pursuant to Chapter 21, *Historic Preservation*, Section §21-3.H, *Approval Criteria*, of the Charleston County Code of Ordinances, (adopted July 18, 2006), the Historic Preservation Commission may recommend approval of designations of historic property requests to County Council only if the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the proposed designation meets one or more of the criteria in §21-3.H.

**Staff Recommendation:** Because the application meets one or more of the approval criteria, Staff recommends approval. Additionally, the application meets approval criteria #11, as the district has been deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in the 2016 *Charleston County Historic Resources Survey Update*.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING: May 18, 2021**

**Recommendation:** Approval, 7-0 (one absent and one recusal)

**Notifications:** 975 notification letters were sent to owners of property within the proposed historic district, within 300 feet of the boundaries of the proposed district, individuals on the Historic Preservation and Mt. Pleasant Interested Parties Lists, and the Mt. Pleasant Settlement Community Task Force on April 30, 2021. Additionally, the request was noticed in the Post & Courier on April 30, 2021.

**Public Input:** 68 letters in support (5 non-residents or owners) and 12 letters in opposition (6 of the 12 letters from residents within the proposed district boundaries) were received regarding the application. 5 people

spoke in support of the application and one person spoke in opposition.

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Public Input: A total of 21 letters in opposition (7 letters from residents within the proposed district boundaries) and 95 letters in support of the application (33 from non-residents or owners).

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# Designation of Historic District Application

## *Phillips Community, Mount Pleasant*

### *Historic Preservation*

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A. Map of the Phillips Community, circa 1875

Source: Courtesy of Mr. Richard Habersham

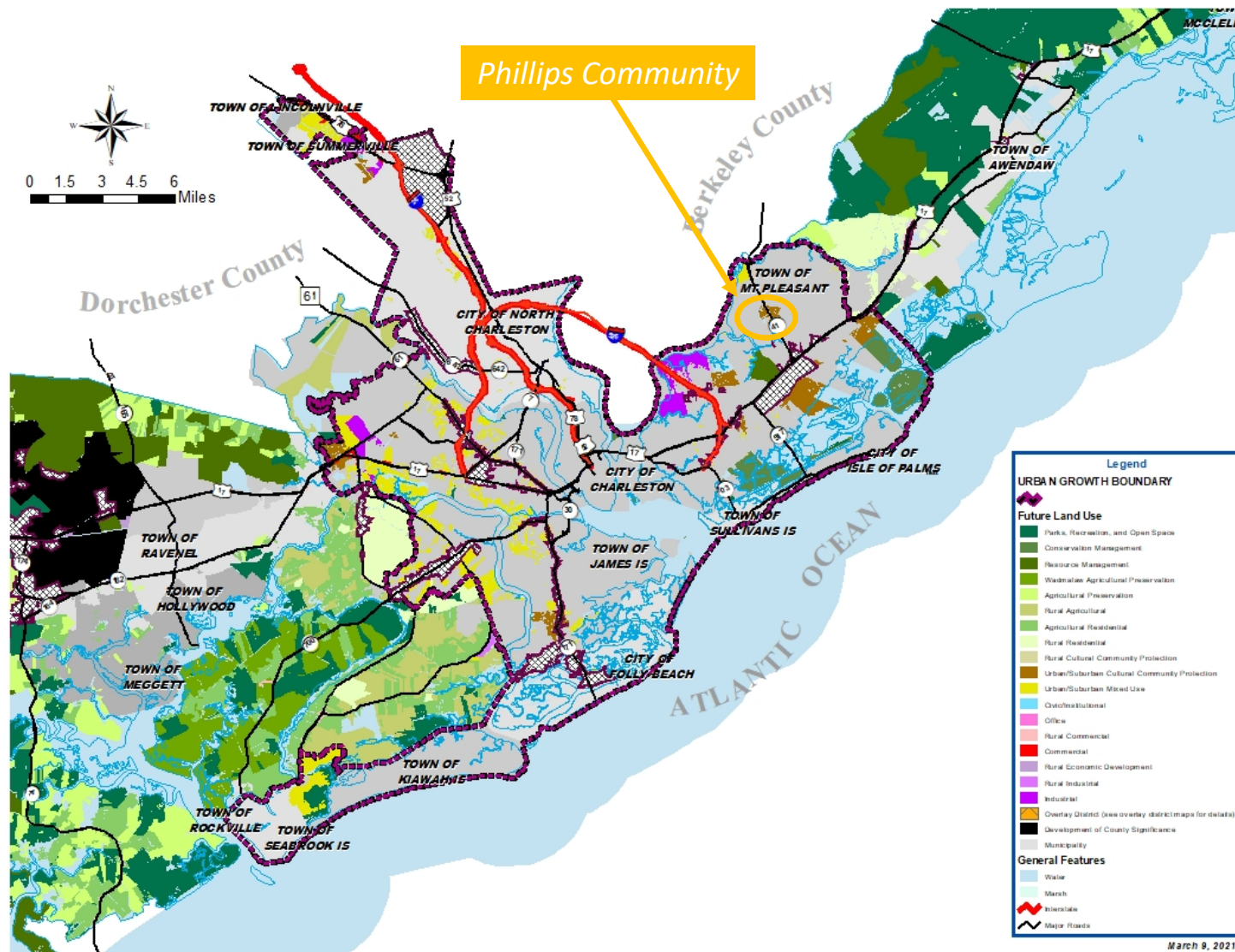
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**Parcel ID:** 259 parcels

**Acreage:** 421.48 acres

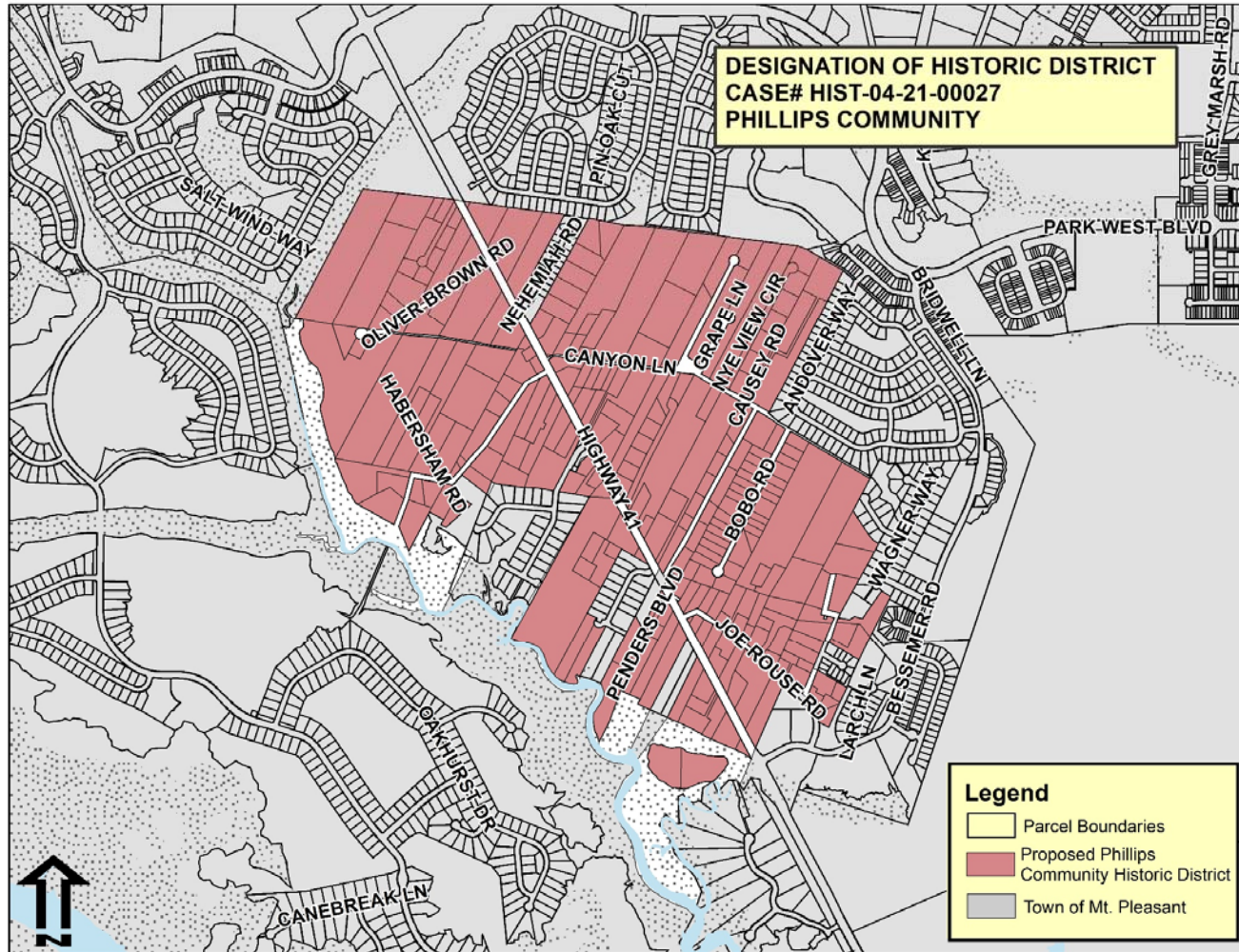
**Area:** Highway 41 vicinity, Mount Pleasant

**Request:** Request to designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List.



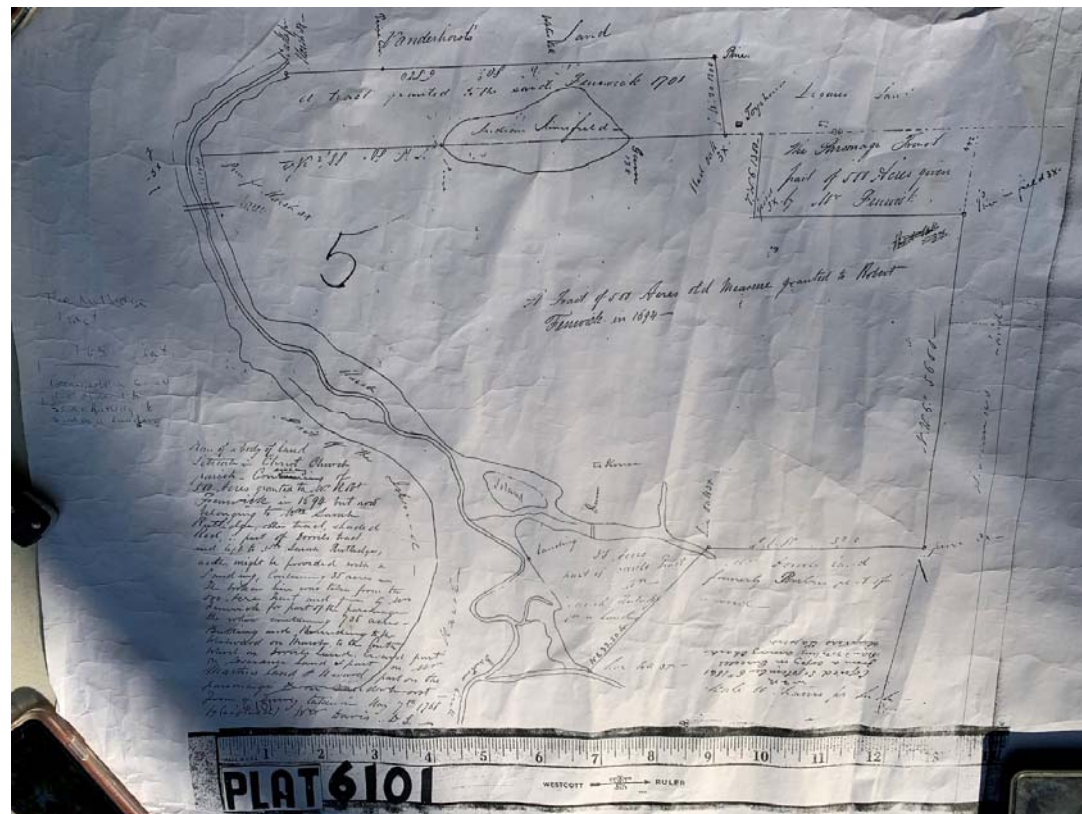


# Location Map

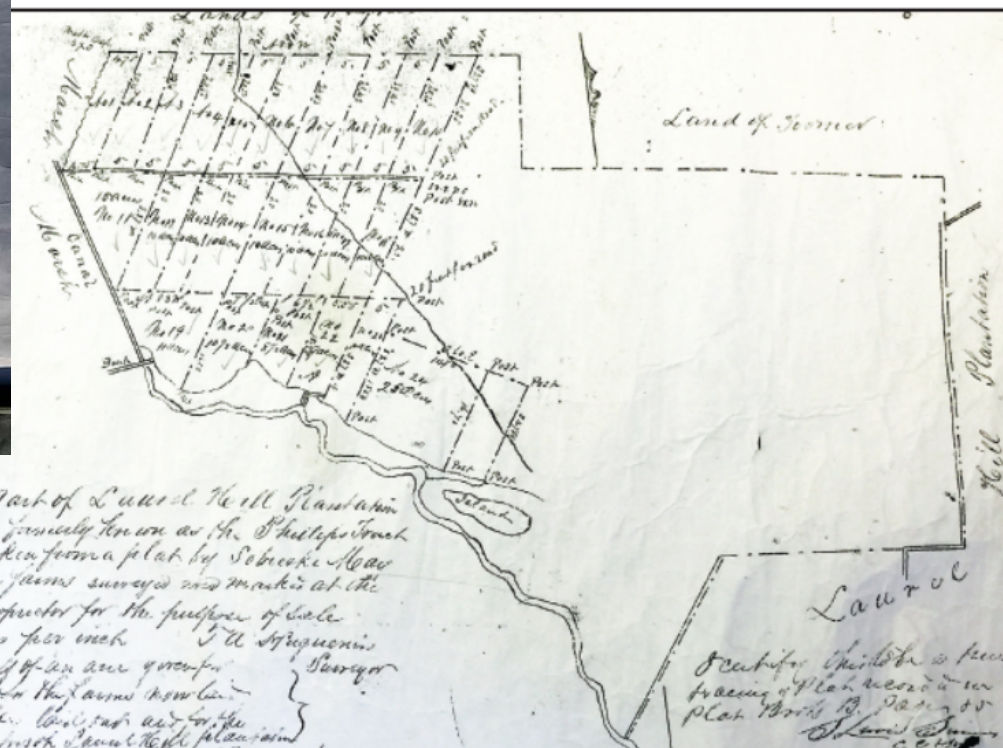




# Original Plats



Phillips Plantation Plat, 1694



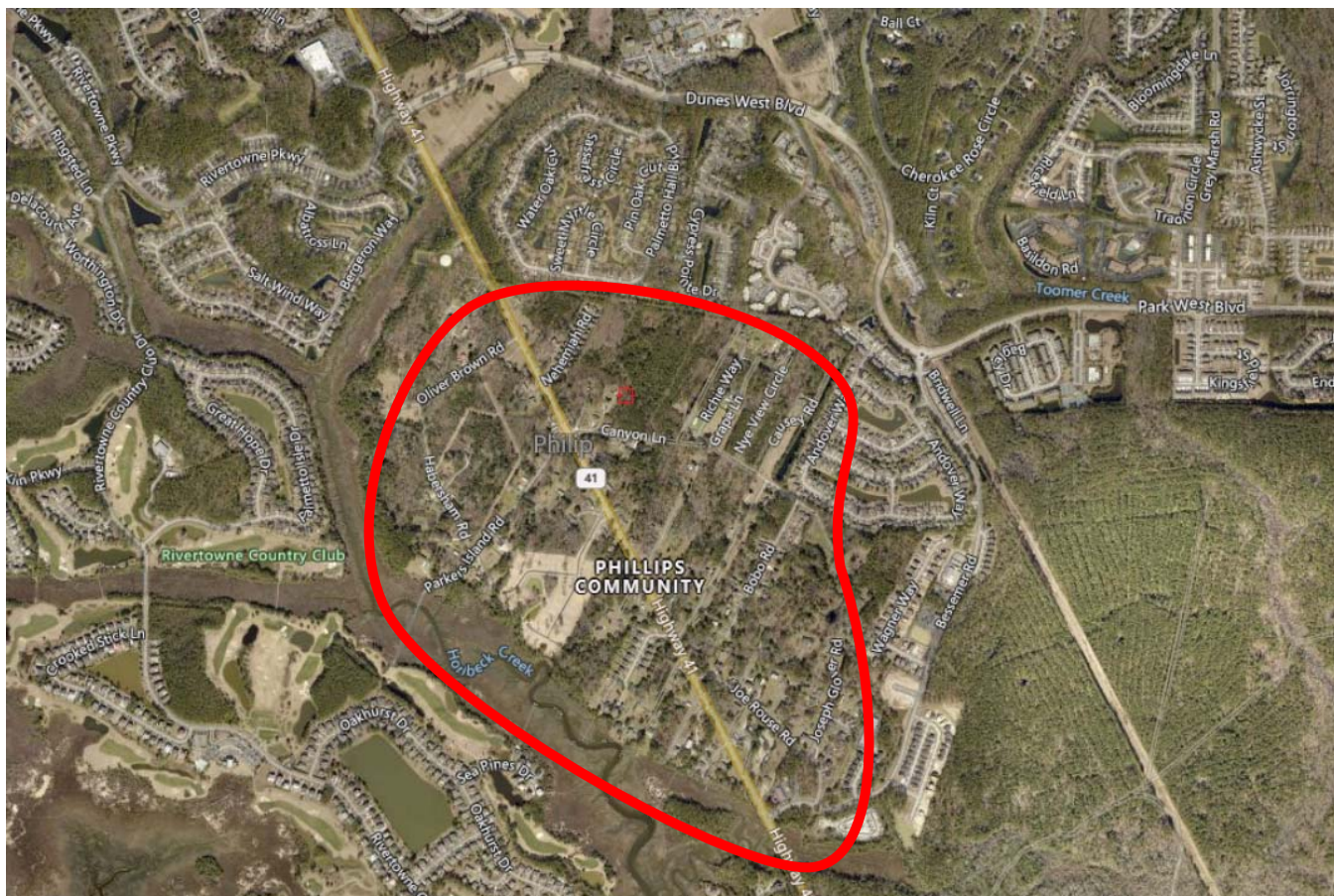
Subdivision Plat, 1875

Plat of a part of Laurel Hill Plantation  
 Church Church formerly known as the Phillips tract  
 the outlines taken from a plat by Sobieski Reed  
 1874. Twenty four farms surveyed and marked at the  
 request of the Proprietors for the purpose of sale  
 Scale 10 Chains per inch  
 John H. Reed One half of an acre given for  
 a public landing on the Laurel Hill  
 part of the plantation. One half of an acre  
 given for the public use of the plantation

Plat of the Phillips tract  
 tracing of the plantation  
 Plat Book B. Page 50  
 John H. Reed



# Aerial View



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- Originally Phillips Plantation; subdivided in 1875 into 25 lots ranging from 8 ½ acres to 25 acres and sold to formerly enslaved individuals, two of which were female.
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# Phillips Community Proposed Historic District



Single Family Home (typical)  
2858 Oliver Brown Road



Single Family Home c. 1960's (typical)  
1753 Habersham Road



# Phillips Community Proposed Historic District



First house with indoor plumbing  
1680 Hwy. 41



Second house built with blueprint  
1748 Hwy. 41



# Phillips Community Proposed Historic District



First house built with blueprint  
1672 Hwy. 41



Single Family Home c.1960's (typical)  
2920 Bennett Charles Road



# Phillips Community Proposed Historic District



Tomb  
Corner of Joe Rouse Rd. and Hwy. 41



Pentecostal Holiness Church c.1970  
2929 Bennett Charles Road





# Phillips Community Proposed Historic District



Remnants of Schoolhouse foundation  
1749 Hwy. 41

Remnants of  
Schoolhouse stairs  
1749 Hwy. 41



Schoolhouse Well  
1743 Hwy. 41





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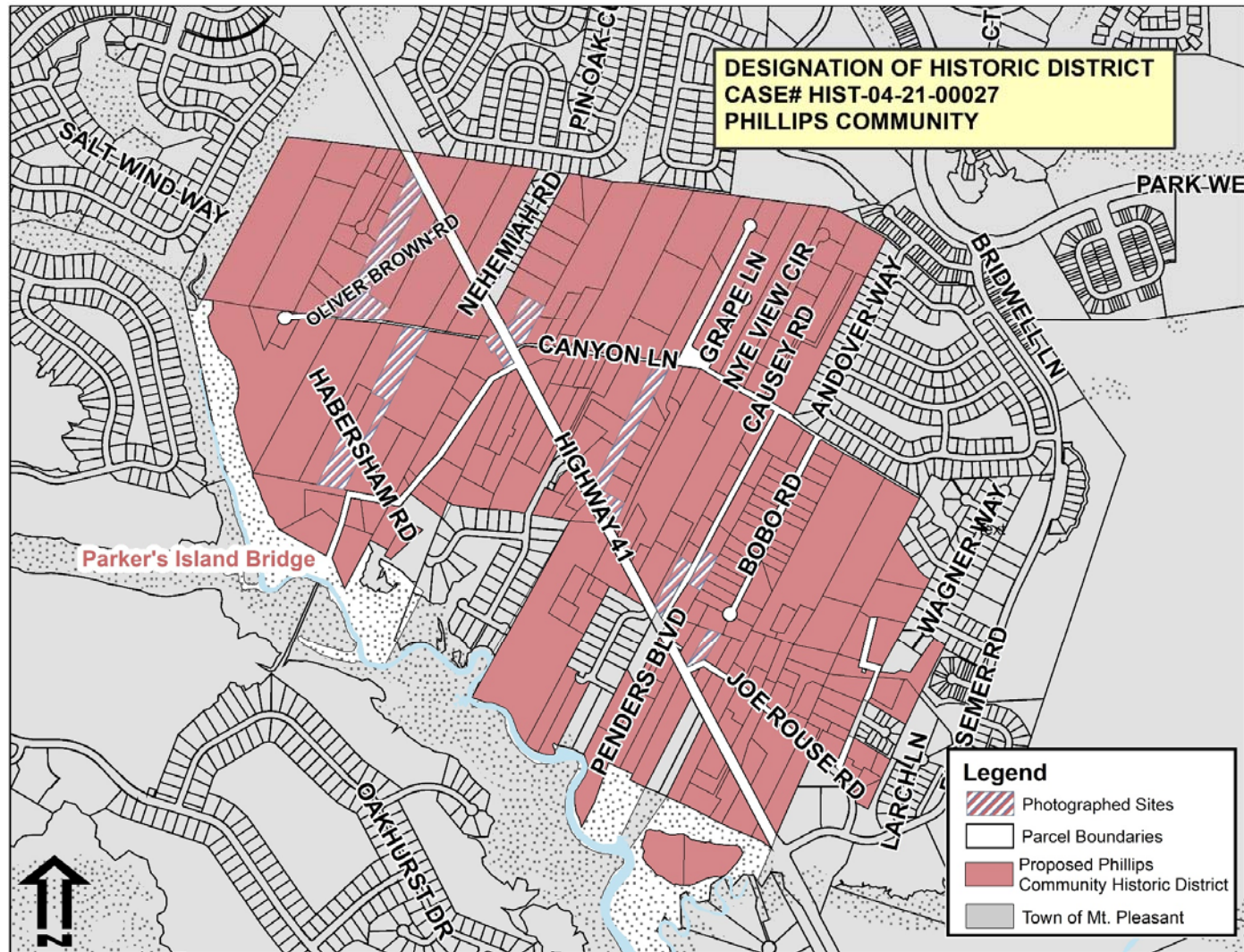
Parker's Island Bridge



Sand Grist Stone for grinding corn  
1753 Habersham Road



# Phillips Community Proposed Historic District: Map of Photographed Sites



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# Approval Criteria for Designation of Historic Districts

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## Staff Recommendation:

Because the application meets one or more of the approval criteria, Staff recommends approval. Additionally, the application meets approval criteria #11, as the district has been deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in the 2016 *Charleston County Historic Resources Survey Update*.

## Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation (5/18/21):

Approval 7-0 (one absent and one recusal)

# Notifications

## **May 18, 2021 HPC Meeting:**

- **April 30, 2021:** 975 notification letters were sent to owners of property within the proposed historic district, within 300 feet of the boundaries of the proposed district, individuals on the Historic Preservation Interested Parties List, Mt. Pleasant Interested Parties list, and members of the Mt. Pleasant Settlement Community Task Force.
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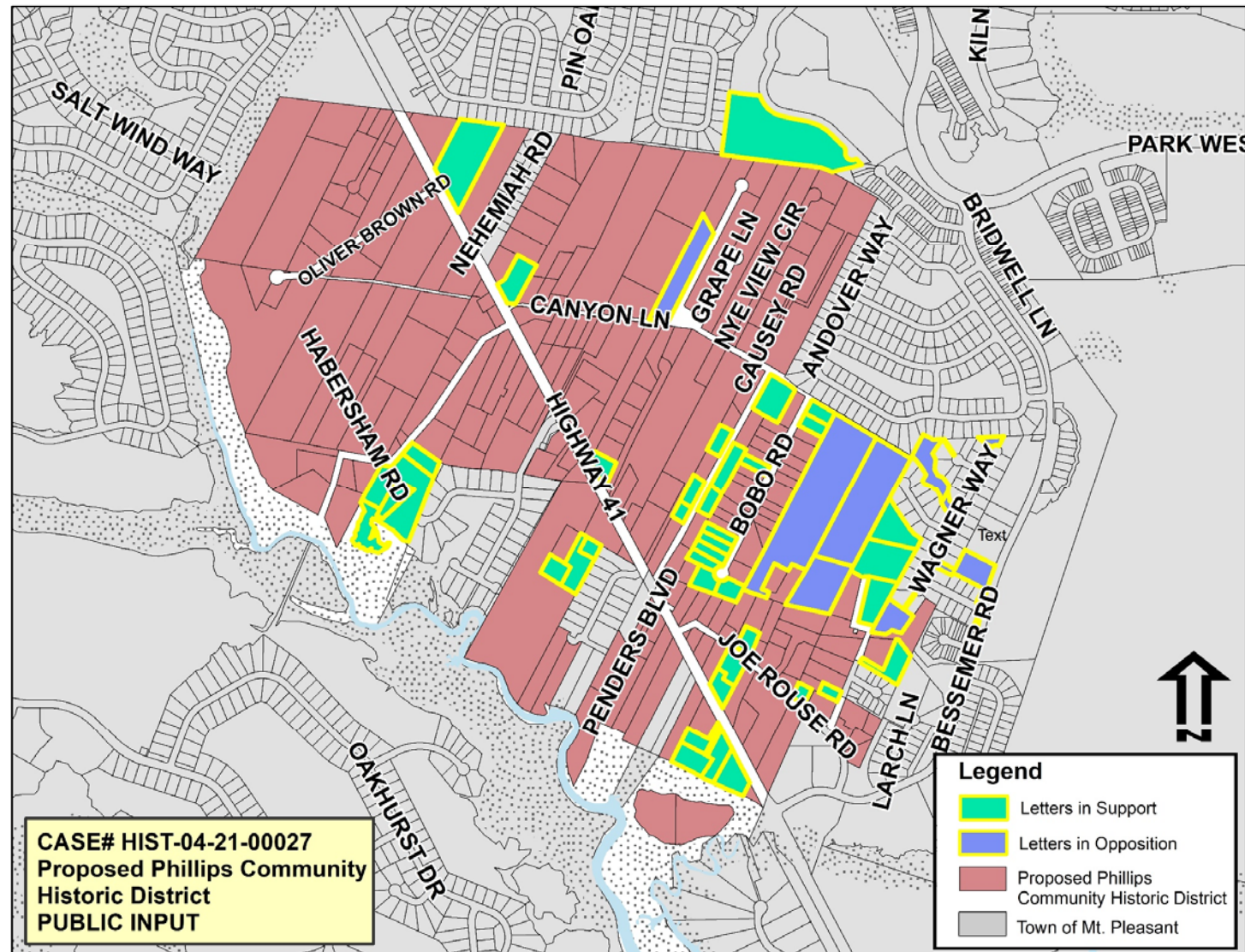
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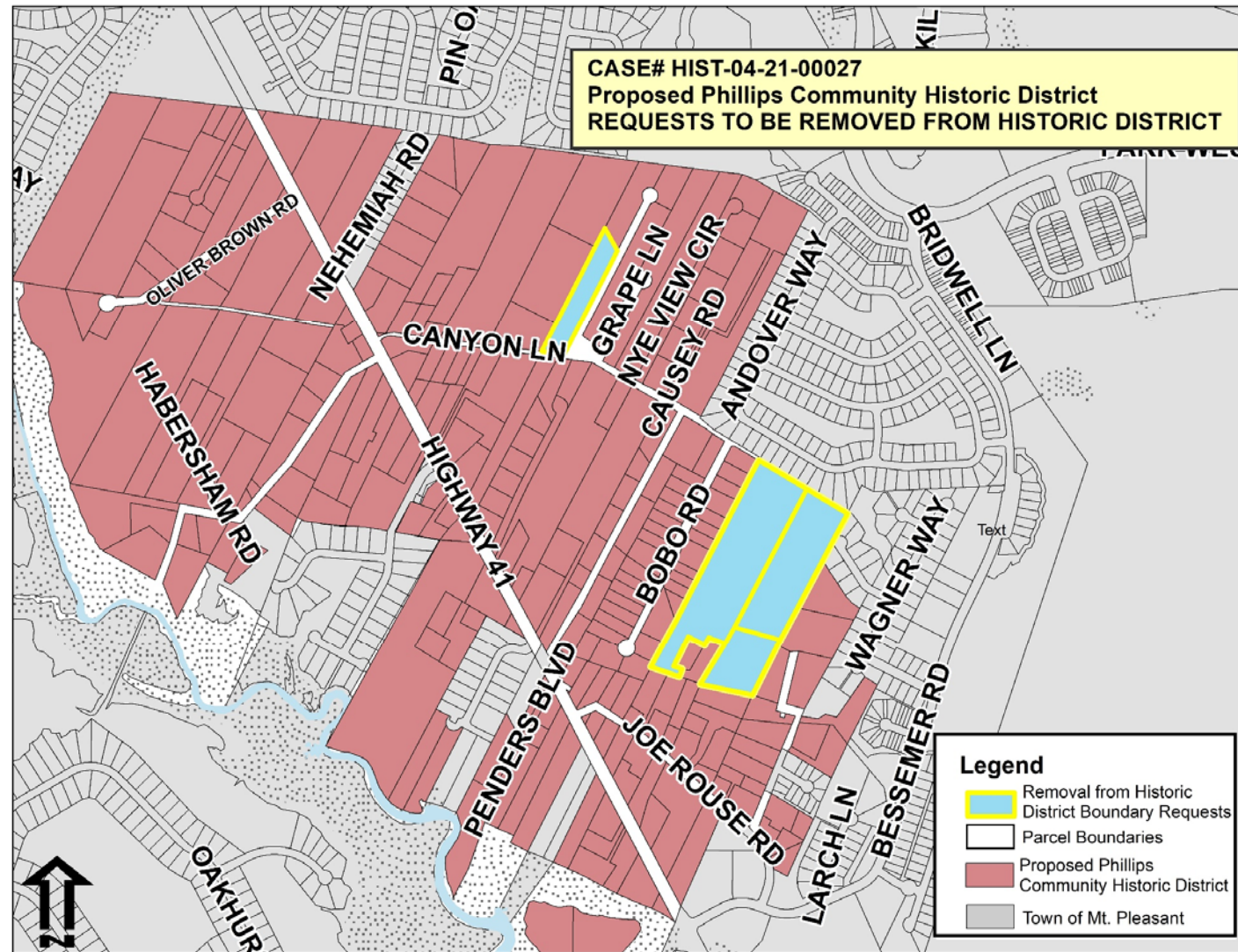


# Public Input

-95 Support Letters  
-21 Opposition Letters  
*\*Letters listing an address  
are mapped\**



# Public Input: Properties Requesting Removal from Historic District



Designation of Historic District Application:  
*Phillips Community, Mount Pleasant*

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## Designation of Historic Property or District – Application Form

**Owner Information** (In the case of applications for the Designation of a Historic District, a petition and/or written consent from 51% or more of the registered voters of the properties in the proposed Historic District is required. This may be attached separately.)

First Name:	Last Name:
Mailing Address:	
Home/Cell Phone #:	
Email Address:	


**Applicant Information** (if not being submitted by owner)

First Name: Richard	Last Name: Habersham
Mailing Address:	2938 Bennett + Charles Rd, Mt Pleasant, S.C 29466
Home/Cell Phone:	843-881-8884 843-819-4635
Email Address:	Habershamrich@ATT.NET

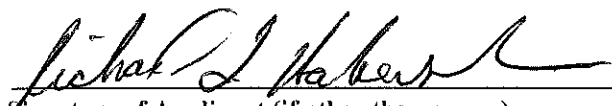
**Property Information** (if applying for the Designation of a Historic District, property details of all the properties in the district may be attached separately)

Address:	
TMS #:	Acres:
Deed:	Plat:
Zoning:	
Brief description of district property, object, site, building, structure requested to be designated historic:	

I (we) certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is the authorized representative for my (our) Designation of Historic Property or District application.

  
Signature of Owners

4/14/21  
Date

  
Signature of Applicant (if other than owner)

4/14/21  
Date

The Phillips Community  
Designation of Historic Property – Letter of Intent

*Approval Criterion 1, 4, and 8: The Phillips Community has significant inherent history and value as a part of the rural county and heritage of the county; exemplifies the cultural, ethnic, and historic heritage of the county; and is a part of a distinctive element of community planning.*

In 1875, Phillips Plantation was subdivided into 8.5 – 25 acre lots and sold to 23 Freedmen families of which two were women, Sarah Wiseman and Betty Bailey. The lots were sufficient for a home, farm and livestock. Two of the Freedmen, Sam Scott and Benjamin Bennett fought with the 128<sup>th</sup> U. S. Colored Infantry in the Civil War. They helped establish the Phillips Community. The maps of 1875 reveal that Phillips was a planned community. Today, the majority of the lands purchased by Freedmen and women of the Phillips Community remain in the possession of their heirs. Most of the land has been subdivided among the heirs to sustain family growth. There are a number of landmarks in the Phillips Community namely, an open tomb that housed human bones, milling stones from an old grits mill, and a well. There is an historical marker placed at the intersection of Joe Rouse Road and Highway 41 that references this tomb. The milling stones are located on property owned by the Habersham family. The well is located at the site where the Rutledge house once stood.

Also in the 1800s, one resident, Maybell Turner gathered Sweetgrass baskets made by other members of the community to be sold in the Charleston Market. Sweetgrass basket making remains a fine art in the Phillips Community. Some residents operate Basket Stands along Highway 17 North in Mount Pleasant, while others take their baskets to the Charleston Market to be sold. Sweetgrass basket making is not exclusive to female residents. There are several males in our community who still make baskets. One of whom, William Rouse, had one of his baskets featured in the second Inaugural Parade for President Barack H. Obama.

The descendants of the Freedmen of Phillips became nurses, doctors, teachers, accountants, therapists, attorneys, policemen and many are veterans of various branches of the military who served in foreign wars. Highway 41 is named “General Abraham J. Turner Highway.” General Turner was born and reared in the Phillips Community. He is the great-grandson of Thomas Tonneau, one of the original residents of the Phillips Community. General Turner’s mother and siblings remain residents of Phillips. Our community has a strong military history.

In the past some residents owned small businesses in the community. At different times there were store owners and a barber shop. Our community housed a Grits Mill as well as a school for students from first to sixth grade.

In the 1800s, the Freedmen formed an organization they called “The Society”. This organization governed the community. All grievances were handled by The Society. The name of this governing body has changed several times and is presently The Phillips Community Association. The Association actively keeps members of the community abreast of current events and anything that affects the community. The Phillips Community Association sponsors Family Day and other family and community oriented events. During these events, community youths and adults are recognized for their contribution to the community.

*Approval Criteria 3: The Phillips Community is associated with persons who contributed significantly to the culture and development of our country, state and nation.*

Dr. John Rutledge, the third owner of Phillips Plantation, was the first medical doctor in Christ Church Parish. Dr. Rutledge was the father of John and Edward Rutledge. His son John Rutledge was an American Legislature who chaired the Committee that formed the South Carolina Constitution in 1776. This son also served as a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. His son Edward Rutledge was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Both sons were born on Philips Plantation.

- The Phillips Community Association

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# **Proposed Phillips Community Historic District Application**

**PUBLIC INPUT:  
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**National Trust for  
Historic Preservation**

*Save the past. Enrich the future.*

SENT VIA E-MAIL to CCHPC@charlestoncounty.org

May 12, 2021

Charleston County Historic Preservation Commission  
Zoning and Planning Department  
4045 Bridge View Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405

**Re: Letter of Support for HIST-04-21-00027: Request to Designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District**

Dear Commission Members:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation writes this letter in strong support of the designation of the historic Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List. The National Trust is a federally chartered, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1949 with a mission to protect significant places representing our diverse cultural experience by taking direct action and inspiring broad public support. In 2017, the National Trust established the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund with a mission to draw attention to the remarkable stories that evoke centuries of African American activism and achievement and to tell our nation's full history.

The Phillips Community is a place that exemplifies the full American story. Initially settled by emancipated African Americans in the 1870s, the descendants of those original settlers still live on the same land their ancestors bought as free citizens of the United States. The significance of the community is clear through its eligibility determination for the National Register of Historic Places and documentation of the cultural landscape as a Traditional Cultural Property. The National Trust recently provided a grant to the Preservation Society of Charleston to nominate the Phillips Community to the National Register as a historic district.

We agree with the staff recommendation that the application for the Phillips Community clearly meets several of the approval criteria set forth in Section 21-3.h, and, therefore, urge the Commission to vote in support of the historic designation of the Phillips Community. The County historic designation will continue to elevate the significance of the area to Charleston County and beyond and will provide necessary protections to preserve the historic character and integrity of the community.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne E. Nelson".

Anne E. Nelson

Senior Associate General Counsel

cc: Laura Cantral, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League  
Richard Habersham, Phillips Community Association  
Winslow Hastie & Cashion Drolet, Historic Charleston Foundation  
Carter C. Hudgins Ph.D., Drayton Hall Preservation Trust  
Kristopher King & Brian Turner, Preservation Society of Charleston  
Rob Nieweg and Kendra Parzen, National Trust for Historic Preservation  
M. Tracey Todd, The Middleton Place Foundation

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May 17, 2021

Charleston County Historic Preservation Commission  
Zoning and Planning Department  
4045 Bridge View Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405

RE: Coastal Community Foundation Letter of Support for HIST-04-21-00027 request to designate Phillips Community as a Historic District

To the members of the Charleston County Historic Preservation Commission:

Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina, serving all nine counties on the coast of South Carolina including Charleston County, strongly supports the designation of the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List.

The Phillips Community, a historic Black settlement community founded in 1875, is a place of rich cultural heritage where direct descendants of the settlers still live and work to protect it. Many years ago, the Phillips Community was among several predominately Black communities to be awarded grants from our Neighborhoods Energized to Win program. Among other things, the program helped provide training to community leaders so they could more effectively engage with local policymakers and advocate for their community.

Much of that advocacy work is now centered on protecting the community from external development pressures, including the recent threat of seeing the S.C. Highway 41 widened to five lanes through the center of the community. We believe a designation as a Historic District by Charleston County would support the community's efforts to preserve this special land, acknowledge its cultural heritage and prevent the people living there from being displaced.

We urge members of the Charleston County Historic Preservation Commission to support the designation. Such a move would not only benefit Phillips Community residents today but would set an important precedent for all the settlement communities in Charleston County, signaling that their heritage is a fixture of our culture and deserves to be protected.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Darrin Goss  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina

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**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Jane Kenzik <kenzik6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 08, 2021 11:21 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Re: HIST-04-21-00027

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To : Historic Commission

We fully support the designation of the Phillips Community as a Historic District.

Jane & Tom Kenzik  
[kenzik6@gmail.com](mailto:kenzik6@gmail.com)  
Kenzik Thomas Trust  
1436 Belcourt Lane  
Mount Pleasant

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**From:** Hanlin, Lynn <LHanlin@carriageprop.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 12:02 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** The Phillips Community

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I wholeheartedly support the designation of the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation list. Out of control development is threatening the loss of so many small historic communities, please act now to save the Phillips Community. Thank you



**LYNN HANLIN**, *Partner/Broker®*  
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**From:** Sally Webb <edistopaddler@gmail.com>  
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**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community

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To the Charleston County Historic Preservation Commission:

I have lived in Charleston for over 30 years. I fully support the designation of the Phillips Community in Mt. Pleasant as a historic district in the Charleston County Historic Designation list. I have read about the history of this Community and it is one that deserves recognition and preservation in the face of continued residential development surrounding that area. I encourage you to proceed with voting to approve this designation.

Thank you.

Sally Webb  
48-B Gadsden Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
[edistopaddler@gmail.com](mailto:edistopaddler@gmail.com)  
843-722-4824

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**From:** Rose Meyers <meyersnbhs@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 12:27 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Cc:** habershamrich@att.net  
**Subject:** HIST-04-21-00027

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Re: HIST-04-21-00027

Phillips Community should be designated as a Historic District because it was settled by enslaved people since 1875. The original road was along Horlbeck creek and all homes faced in that direction for many years. In the early 1950s Charleston County moved the highway to its present location and named it Route 511. Each family was given a Box number to receive their mail. The original families established farms, school, small store and a meeting house (church) on Phillip.

As an heir to one of the original landowners, Edward and Fannie Meyers, I am in favor of making this entire community a Historical district. We still own, live on and care for this property. My education began at Phillip School, a 2 classroom building with 2 teachers and continued to receive a BS degree and a Ph.D in Chemistry. I am the first person to obtain a doctorate degree from this community but we now have engineers, teachers, nurses, accountants, lab technicians, lawyers, computer scientists and many active duty and retired military personnel.

Please consider granting Phillip Community its rights to exist as a Historical District. Thank you for reading my public comments.

Sincerely,  
Rose Meyers

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**From:** SusanJoy Smellie <lgsjoy@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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The Phillips community is historic in its ongoing preservation of a community of freed blacks dating from after the Civil War. We have seen too many communities lost to what is considered by some to be progress, sometimes, even, to jealousy and ill-will (for example, the "Black Walk Street" in Tulsa). We should all honor and celebrate the rich heritage of a peaceful community passed down in families for something approaching 150 years.

Susan Joy Smellie

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jacqueline O'Connor <jacqueline.oconnor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 3:33 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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As a resident of the Rivertowne Country Club neighborhood, I think it's very important to support this designation and maintain the historical significance of this area. I know first hand the need to widen 41, however, I don't think that historic areas should be encroached upon. There are other options that would not affect this community and maintain the historic Phillips Community. Please support this designation.

Respectfully,  
Jacqueline O'Connor  
2729 Parkers Landing Rd  
Mt Pleasant, SC 29466

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**From:** lindamp@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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Council members:

I wholeheartedly support historic district designation for the Phillips community in Mount Pleasant.

Preservation of culture, place and heritage is a top priority.

Thank you for your support.

Love and Light,

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** M Walters <m.walters1910@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 8:32 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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Hello,  
I support the Phillips Community in their obtaining the Historic Designation.  
Mary Walters



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**From:** Emily Douglas <emilyd93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2021 6:35 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I support the historic designation for the Phillips community! Preservation of African American culture and homes is critical for preserving the beauty of Charleston.

Thank you

Emily Douglas, MSPAS, PAC

Instructor

Division of PA studies

Medical University of South Carolina

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**From:** becky mcferran <beckymcferran51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2021 3:58 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I live in Dunes West & support the Philips Community application for Historic Designation.

Ms. B McFerran

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**From:** Fred Palm <fredpalm1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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CCHP Members,

Please support the Phillips Community Historic District Designation

Clearly, our eyes have been trained. Not to see what others see. Some of us see hovels. Others see homes. The first take away of this decision.

The Phillips Community and the many others now at the edge of existence are about to be removed from the landscape. Now under the gun from multiple threats. The historical communities that dot our landscape need legal protection so they might endure.

Give them just as much protection we give our stately oaks. As a legal class big oaks currently enjoy better legal protection than communities like Phillips.

These historical African American communities that dot our landscape are not different in our local cultural setting than the American Indian clusters is in the context of the West. Pushed to the side through multiple factors. Adapting with the resources available.

These local lands were available by an imposed choice using black lines, replaced later by red ones. Many of these African American communities/clusters were the only places available even if they were perceived to be inferior or undesirable such as land that floods more readily.

Whether or not these places are designated as historical, they will require added flood protections. Potentially they can be sacrificed in flood policies that protect assets more and some peoples less.

Early identification and the conduct of the research needed to provide protection, now driven by the rising sea clock. Time works against their preservation.

Many places are occupied by multiple generations and extended families. Giving rise to heirs' property that is irregular in our European legal framework of ownership and asset transfer. An irregularity also found in our public administration and home buying policies that is still nettlesome.

These obvious effect of historical race-based policies found in the mere existence of Phillips can be troubling to our eyes. Some would prefer to sweep them away. Out of sight out of mind.

All factors for the restitution, remediation, repatriation and equity calculus.

At the very least permit these communities to exist with our available legal protections.

It is the least that can be done.

Its about time.

Fred Palm  
Edisto Island  
June 5, 2021

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**From:** Thomasena Stokes-Marshall <thomasenastokesmarshall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2021 2:47 PM  
**To:** CCHPC; Richard Habersham  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation  
**Attachments:** RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGHWAY 41 ALTERNATIVE 7A (25).docx

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Charleston County Council Members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments concerning the Phillips Community Historical designation and the proposed plans for widening Highway 41. I am requesting Charleston County Council to do the right thing by making the decision that would serve to protect the Phillips community and it's residents. Please don't destroy the Phillips Community.

Sincerely,  
Thomasena Stokes-Marshall



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**From:** Joseph Ort <sortsh1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2021 10:24 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I support the designation of the Phillips Community as a historic district.

Joe Ort  
3845 Fifle Street  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

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**From:** Nancy Cregg <nancycregg@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2021 11:45 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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Please protect and preserve the Phillips Historic Community. Let's do the right thing for this important historic place and people and tell the story. Don't be bullied by developers.

Nancy Cregg  
1515 Ben Sawyer Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC



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**From:** Sharon Crossley <sharoncrossley56@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** I am against the widening of Rt 41 proposal for that would destroy the historic Phillips Community.

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I am against the cultural destruction inherent in the current Rt 41 widening proposal. Vote against the current Rt 41 widening proposal.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Crossley

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**From:** Sharon Crossley <sharoncrossley56@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I support Phillips Community Historic District Designation. Please support this historic district on June 8th.  
Sincerely,  
Sharon Crossley

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**From:** swg914@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 8:02 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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To the Charleston County Council,

We stand in support of the application of the Phillips Community to be designated as Charleston County's first historic district. This is an African American settlement community begun more than a 100 years ago, that continues to contribute in significant ways to our Lowcountry history. The Community also has critical connections to Gullah culture and Gullah traditions. Please safeguard this viable and important community; Charleston needs it!

Thank you for your consideration.

---Stephanie Wilson Gentile and Michael Gentile  
54 Queen St  
917 331 8007

## Niki R. Grimball

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**From:** Naomi Krafsg <krafsg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 7:59 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community – Support of Historic Preservation Designation

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Hello CCHPC,

I am writing in support of the Phillips Community receiving their Historic Preservation Designation. I was born and raised in a nearby Settlement Community and still reside in the Charleston area. I'm also a property owner in Mount Pleasant. It is imperative that we preserve our settlement communities and honor those who came before, the present residents and the future residents of the community.

We have an opportunity here and now that may not be available later. I believe it's our duty to uphold the agreements made by our ancestors, on both sides. Enslaved people were afforded lands to prosper and live, and that is what is at stake. They/We weren't provided much, so preserving it is the very least we can do at this time.

Kind regards,

Naomi J. Krafsg

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**From:** kinikaj@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 4:21 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community

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As a Mount Pleasant native, I stand in agreement that Phillip is designated as a historical landmark/community.

Kinika Horry  
2764 Hamlin Beach Road  
Mount Pleasant, SC. 29466

-- K Horry



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**From:** Lillie Johnson <lilliejohnson@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 4:08 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Philips Community – Support of Historic Preservation Designation

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of the Phillips Community receiving their Historic Preservation Designation. I am a resident of the Hamlin Settlement Community and Chair of the Mount Pleasant Settlement Communities Task Force. It is imperative that we preserve our communities and honor those who came before of, the present residents and the future residents of the community.

*Lillie Johnson*

"We were put on this earth, not to see through one another, but to see one another through" -author unknown

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Jodi Sutley <jodi.sutley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Letter of Support - Phillips

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Good afternoon,

This email is in support of designating the Phillips Community a historic district. The community is in danger of being erased by the encroaching subdivisions. I urge you to take whatever steps necessary to preserve the Phillips Community.

Thank you.

Jodi Sutley  
Permanent Resident of Charleston County

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**From:** Connie Baldwin <scwahoo@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 2:59 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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We urge Charleston County Council to designate the culturally important Phillips Community as a historic district. If this African American community dating from the 1870s does not qualify, then what place in Charleston County will? Despite the heroic efforts of Phillips residents to protect their property and culture, the pressure of increased development threatens the very existence of their tight-knit community — a prime example being plans to widen Highway 41 through its center.

Please protect our neighbors in the Phillips Community by voting YES to support the application to become a historic district.

Kindest regards,

Constance M. Baldwin  
J. Gilbert Baldwin, Jr., MD

*1 Bishop Gadsden Way, Apartment 211  
Charleston, SC 29412  
843-270-0284*

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**From:** lily matheson <lilymatheson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I hope you designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District and bypass it in the expansion of Highway 41.

The Community is a part of our history and should be protected from the widened highway. Black communities have been pushed back and out all over the country to make way for roads and new housing developments. I saw the change in Old Town Alexandria during the 30 years I lived in Northern Virginia.

The Phillips Community has belonged and been a beloved part of Charleston's history and should be honored. We have too much development going on and should not lose the history for the hoards of people who are moving here. Why is it the African American communities that suffer from growth in our and many many other areas?

Please preserve our history and the Community's boundaries.

Sincerely,  
Lily Matheson  
Isle of Palms

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mary Beth Osusky <meobeach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 12:53 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I support this designation!

Thank you

Mary Osusky

4041 Gift Blvd Johns Island SC



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**From:** My Mother's Keeper Independent Living <mymotherskeeper1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** public-comments; CCHPC; Kristen L. Salisbury  
**Subject:** Hist-04-21-00027- Request to designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List  
**Attachments:** The Phillips Community Opposes Alternative 1, Widening Highway 41 (Final).pdf

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Good morning,

We are in agreement to designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List. Attached you will find a letter that was written September 2020 by my daughter Parris Jackson and I with some research done opposing the widening of Highway 41. This letter was sent to the Clerk of Council and whomever would listen. Please highlight the sections of this letter for your information.

1. Increased Development leading to population disparities.
2. History of Settlement Communities and proposed Development
3. Phillips Community and its Historical Impacts.

Thank you so much for your consideration. To live along side highway 41 is priceless. To sit on my front porch at the home that my mom and dad once owned is a joy. The simple things in life that I will not take for granted.

Thank you  
Jackie Jackson  
PO Box 2522  
Mt Pleasant SC 29465

## **The Phillips Community Opposes Alternative 1, Widening Highway 41**

Written by:

Parris Jackson

Jacquelyn Jackson (1609 Highway 41, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466)

September 6, 2020

We were not given this land - we worked and toiled for the Phillips community. Here is another example of an African American settlement community being held in the balance by governing municipalities. Alternative 1 will not be the answer for growth and opportunity, but instead, the disbursement and dismay of heirs, descendants of slaves in the Phillips community. Charleston County, as a whole, has a history of carelessness with settlement communities of African American people, while maintaining the beauty of communities that are not full of African American culture. The cycle must stop, now.

### **Demands of the Phillips Community**

New South Associates conducted a survey in 2016 and found the Phillips community eligible for historic preservation protection status through the National Register of Historic Places. Yet, 4 years later, we are seeing our community being held as a pawn in a scheme to overdevelop and undervalue our land, property, history, and culture. It is not uncommon for historical protection to be given to communities; Mount Pleasant, Charleston, Sullivan's Island, Summerville, and McClellanville, already have preservation protections, which also enable them to compete for preservation grants. In fact, Mount Pleasant created a local historic district to aid in facilitating the process - overseen by the Old Village Historic Commission.

Old Village, a community in Mount Pleasant, SC, was registered as a National Historic District in 1979, which enables the area to promote its beautification, conservation, and education within the community. Seen as a commercial hub by many, Old Village supported the community through its work with mills and commercial fishing. What is notably different between Old Village and the Phillips community is their historical statuses and population of African Americans. To be clear, the Phillips community has an immense African American population in the settlement with no

historical protections. According to the Town of Mount Pleasant's website, "the purpose of this historical district is to protect, preserve, and enhance the architecture of Old Village and to encourage harmonious growth and development. Other goals include promoting the use and preservation of the historic district for the education and welfare of town residents, while also, encouraging civic pride." The Phillips Community, which, Highway 41 passes through, demands to have the same historical protection status as its neighboring communities.

### **Increased Development Leading to Population Disparities**

Preservation is not the same goal given to the Phillips community - the goal is to destroy, dismantle and disperse a plethora of history and culture brought by sweet grass baskets, the Gullah Geechie dialect, and those within the settlement. Charleston has a history of displacing communities full of African Americans and others who are underrepresented - the Phillips community will not be destroyed by the Alternative 1 road proposal in Highway 41. Grant the Phillips community historical preservation protection status, just as you have given surrounding communities and neighborhoods that lack the strong African American population within their communities.

In 1790, the first Census of Population was organized and 75 percent of the Mount Pleasant population was composed of African Americans; more recent data depicts a smaller population of 7.2 percent. The difference has come about, not because African Americans in these settlement communities, like Phillips, have left for a better quality of life, as some Charleston County Chairmen have expressed, but simply because they have been taxed out. The quality of life declined, as communities were annexed and subject to different regulations, taxes, and zoning requirements or the development of residential neighborhoods for financial gain.

Our rights to a simple quality of life are being threatened by figures who are already included in historically preserved communities; by developers who aim to divide acres of land, passed down from generation to generation, into parcels for overdeveloped communities.

## **History of Settlement Communities and Proposed Developments**

Alternative 1 isn't the first proposed source of contention for settlement communities. In 1999, residents of Seven-Mile objected to the construction of a proposed new U.S. Highway 17 access road from U.S. 17 to Hamlin. This followed the 1998 objections of Six-Mile residents to plans to widen Rifle Range Road into three lanes. Six-Mile and Seven Mile are historically African American communities. Water's Edge subdivision residents opposed the alignment of U.S. 17 and its impact on the wetlands near the subdivision. Sweetgrass subdivision residents also have expressed concern about the widening of the U.S. 17 access road.

Consistently, settlement communities that house a strong population of African Americans have been viewed as cheaper options for highways and construction in general. A price cannot be set on our quality of life or land compared to other communities. Charleston County depicts to African Americans that our land is cheap and meaningless, when in fact, it is among the highest quality.

## **Current plans for Systematic Inequality**

The current plans for Alternative 1, have a goal to tax out current residents from their home, destroying the historical and cultural value of the settlement community, and systematically displace people of the African diaspora. Repeatedly, we have been told that the widening of the road will not have long-term implications; however, we all know this is a lie. First, there is the widening of the road, followed by rezoning, regulations, buyouts of property, development of suburban areas, and the addition of commercial buildings leading to a realignment in district lines, council seats and representation.

This can be supported by the Snowden Community's fight to simply receive water and sewage services. While the community in itself did not have to fight against a disruption in land, by way of road widening, they did have to fight to not annex their settlement community. Annexing into Mount Pleasant would subject them to the concerns mentioned above. Overdevelopment in the downtown area of Charleston led to mass displacement of people in African American communities; most moved further out into areas like Summerville and Goose Creek, leading to bigger issues in

representation. In the past, instead of there being 6 council seats represented by African Americans, there were only 5 due to a drop in census and redistricting.

### **Phillips Community and Its Historical Impact**

We demand that we be respected. If communities like, Old Village can be respected and represented, the Phillips community can, too. This is not a one or the other situation. Alternative 1 for widening the road in the Phillips community will not stand. I remember my father, Alonzo H. Rouse, had a petition signed by members of the Phillips Community for streetlights that are now present. There is a road named after him, Alonzo Rouse Lane and my mother Virginia Rouse Road. Joe Rouse Road is named after my grandfather, Joseph Rouse. Alternative 1 aims to destroy these accomplishments and many more established by members of the community.

The Phillips Community is a rich part of our history and is priceless. We will not allow our community to be displaced. When the existing 2 lanes of Highway 41 were constructed, they came straight through our properties. Our property was physically divided, once, and Charleston County is making plans to take away from the Phillips community, again.

The Phillips Community, surrounding Highway 41, will no longer shoulder the burden of surrounding subdivisions for their convenience. We watched as families were forced out of the Four Mile Community located along Highway 17, where there is now a Lowes, hotels, restaurants and big box stores. We will not let that happen to Highway 41, the Phillips Community.

Land that was once viewed as inhabitable, obsolete, bare, and unwanted is owned by the descendants of slaves and heirs. Full of rich culture, language, food, art and sweet grass baskets, the Phillips community is demanding that you take a stand with us against this scheme to, once again, take away what was rightfully earned by our community.



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**From:** Maryann Ewing <beechhillstudios@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 11:55 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Re: Phillips Community

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Dear CCHPC,

The "Historic District" designation for the Phillips Community will show the world that Charleston SC is ready to work on righting the wrongs of the past.

It is also an announcement to the nation that it is time to grow into our Declaration of Independence and truly be :

" We the People".

Showing the Phillips community that Charleston, South Carolina honors them and their heritage will set the stage for better race relations.

The vote on this designation is incredibly important and know that the nation is invested in the outcome.

I urge you to do the right thing by voting for the "Historic District" designation.

Sincerely,  
Maryann Ewing  
(Former Charleston County resident)  
Lebanon, Oregon

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Sincerely yours,  
Maryann Ewing ASID  
Beech Hill Studios, LLC  
[503-867-5534](tel:503-867-5534)



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**From:** Catherine Jenrette <cathybennjen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 10:24 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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We support the Phillips Community's becoming a designated historic district. We feel this action is appropriate and important because it is an extant example of an early Freed African-American community which was born out of a need to provide hope and security for their future. We live today in an era in which reparations are being actively discussed for the descendants of these Freed American-Americans. We personally do not have a model to effect that, but protecting the heritage of this important community by this designation could at least be a start.

Sincerely,  
Cathy and Buddy Jenrette

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Judith Arendall <judith.arendall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 10:07 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Protect Phillips Community

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There is one thing that I know is true and that is we must always put those places of historical value above that of suburban growth.

The worth and value of protecting the home of current living people, but also the home of the first African American settlement is tremendous to that of real estate.

How can you value African American history below suburban growth when we have plentiful of it already? The city of Charleston had already experience gentrification and of numerous communities of displaced Black Charlestonians. Do not disgrace our community further by believing suburban growth is more important that preserving Charleston history, but Black Charleston history.

DO THE RIGHT THING! PROTECT OUR HISTORY! PROTECT BLACK HISTORY!

PRESERVE.

Thank you,  
Judith Arendall

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**From:** Nakia Wigfall <nkwigfall@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 9:10 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Public Hearing HIST-04-21-00027

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Dear County Council:

I am a long time resident of Mount Pleasant, Charleston SC (born and raise). Each year thousands of people come to our city and spend millions of dollars to see it's natural beauty and walk among our historic places.

I am requesting that the Phillips Community be designated as an Historic District on the Charleston County Historic Designation List. This preservation will allow the residents and tourist to see our beautiful natural historic landscapes and wildlife. If this community is not preserved, it will affect the safety, among other things, of our children and natural environment.

:)Nakia Wigfall



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**From:** Catherine Coughlin <catherine.coughlin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 5:53 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community deserves historic area status

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Hi, good morning,

I live in neighboring Dunes West and would not have moved if I'd understood that the development threatened the homes and property of the Phillips Community. I care that you look after this community, hold them together, allow them protections of every type for their land. It's the least we can do. Catherine Coughlin, Mt. Pleasant

**From: William A. Myers**  
**To: Charleston Historical Preservation**  
**C/O Niki R. Grimball**

I, William A. Myers, was born February 12, 1942. I am a lifelong member of the Phillip Community; except for (20) twenty years and (3) months; I spent in the Military and then return home to the Phillips Community.

I now reside at 1790 Highway 41, before that it was Route 2 Box 174; and before Highway 41 it was Highway 511.

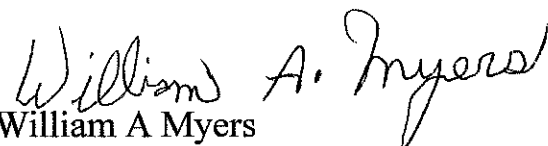
Before joining the Military, I farmed with my dad. While traveling North side of Highway 41 you would pass by rice fields, because it was some of the lower land in the community, and the higher land would grow vegetables like beans, peas, etc. The cash crop of the Community was soft shell pecans that were sold to pay taxes.

In 1973 I decided to make Charleston my home again. So I return and have been there ever since. The Myers family has 19 acres in the Phillips Community.

I am a descendent of Edward and Fannie Myers; who purchase the land in 1878 and we are still here.

I agree that the Phillips Community should become part of the Charleston County Historic Preservation District.

Thank You;

  
William A Myers

1790 Highway 41, Mt. Pleasant SC 29466

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Thank You,

Signature

*Ricardo Smith*

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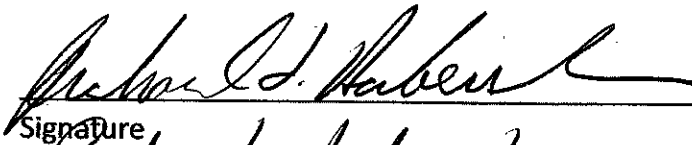
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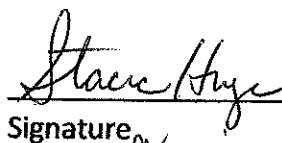
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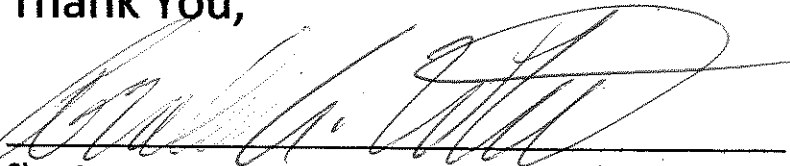
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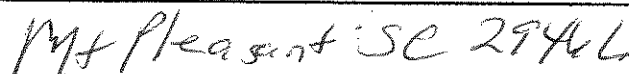
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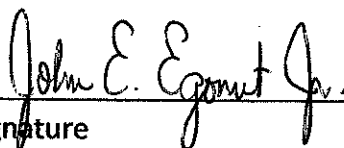
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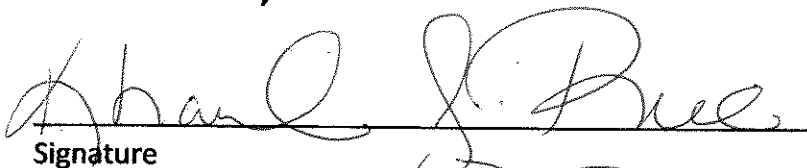
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Thank You,

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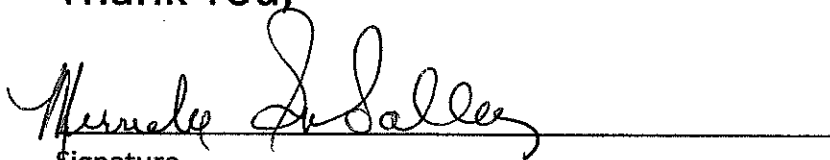
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Thank You,

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Roslyn G Cromedy

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Address

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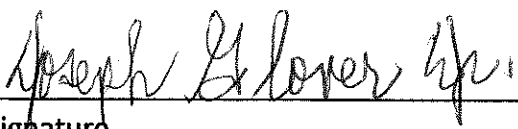
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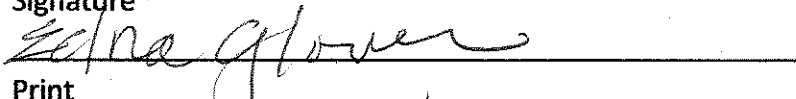
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Signature



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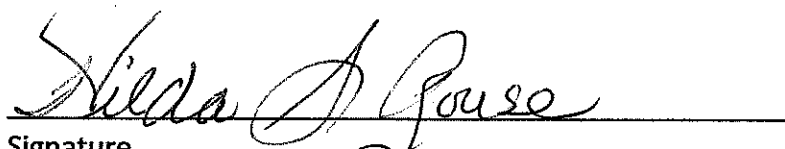
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Hilda S. Rouse

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Thank You,

Willie Mae Rouse

Signature

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2841 Parkers Island Rd

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Henry Ford

Signature

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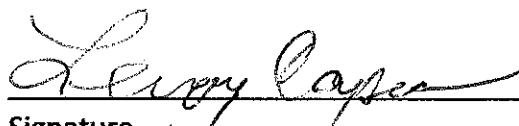
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Thank You,

*Beatrice C. Coleman*

Signature

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Address

*29466*

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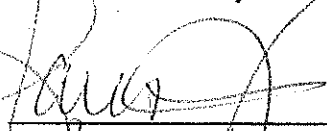
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Signature

Karen Jenkins

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1748 Highway 41

Address

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Thank You,

Signature

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Address

Angela R Edwards  
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2915 Bobo Rd  
Mt Pleasant SC

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Signature

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Address

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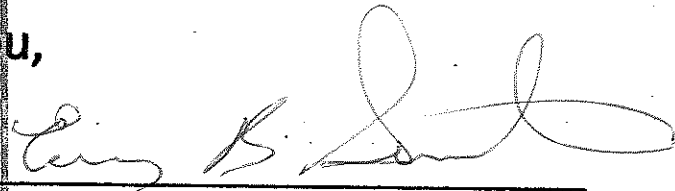
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Thank You,

Signature



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Address

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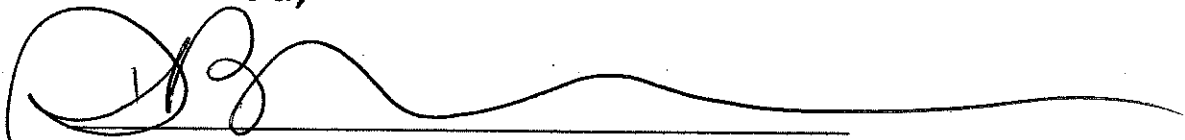
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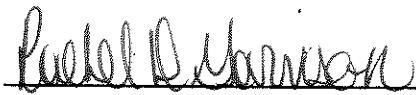
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Steven Bennett

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Thank You,

Carrie W. Bennett

Signature

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Address

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Thank You,

*Ellen Campbell-Dove*

Signature

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Thank You,

Zeb Dave JR

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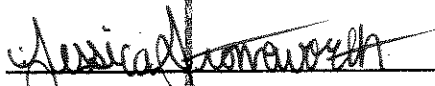
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Jessica Stoneworth

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Thank You,

Karla Stoneworth

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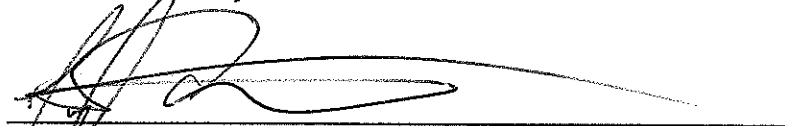
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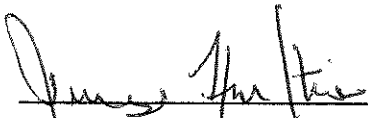
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Signature

James Moultrie

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Sandra Moutrie

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Elizabeth Coaxam

Signature

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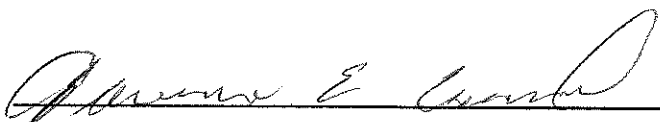
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Signature

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Thank You,

Mazie C. Brown

Signature

MAZIE C. BROWN

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Address

SC 29466



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Signature

Katie Rivers

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Address

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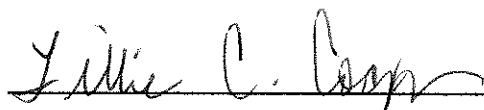
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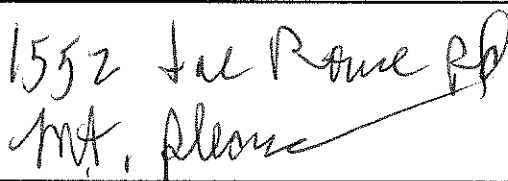


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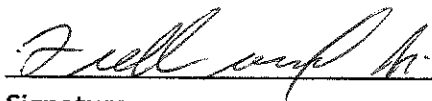
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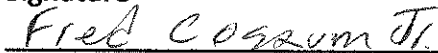
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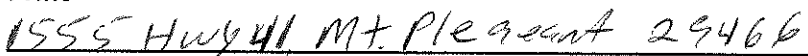
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John D. Lee  
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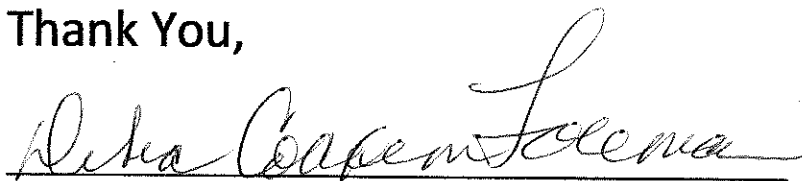
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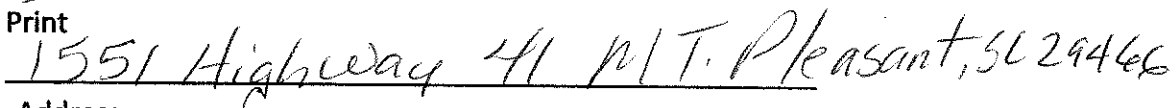
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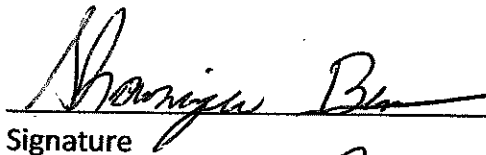
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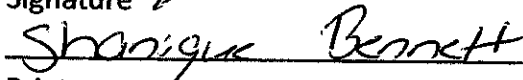
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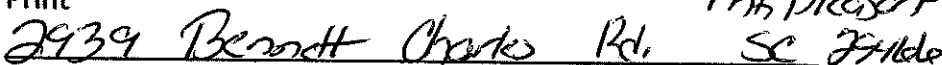
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Emma J. Rouse

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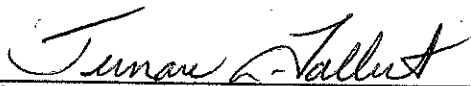
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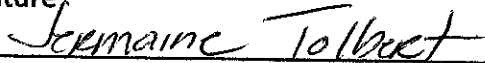
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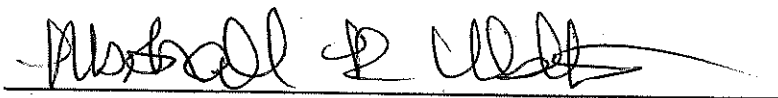
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Thank You,

Barbara Widdicombe

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# **Proposed Phillips Community Historic District Application**

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## Niki R. Grimball

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**From:** Jean Santillo <jeansantillo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Historic Preservation letter

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To whom this may concern,

We live in Park West and are vehemently opposed to the road expansion through our community. We made a huge effort to vote against it last year and now here we are trying to change the rules of the vote! This is beyond our comprehension., Rigged, and I guess our lives don't matter. Rt 41 is the hurricane evacuation route and has always been, therefore for everyone's safety, this is the road that should be expanded. Most of the so called historic homes on Rt 41 have huge back yard properties and the frontage looks like crap including the condition of these homes. Since the time they were passed down through slavery, obviously none of the inheretors decided to invest anything into the maintainance of these homes. Some are literally falling down. Their properties are already on a major thoroughfare where it is not safe for a child to ride a bicycle, yet you want to put a highway through Park West where lots of kids are at play. This may be a dealbreaker for our homeownership here in Park West. Go ahead, revote and revote until you get your way. This is wrong and reminds me of all things reducing civil rights. Why don't we give back all the land we stole when this country was founded? We can't go back but must move ahead in what makes sense. Rt 41 makes sense for maximizing he ability to get out of here in the event of a hurricane!!!!!!

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Kevin Pietramala <kpietramala@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community as an Historic District

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I'm writing regarding designating the Phillips Community as an Historic District (reference HIST-04-21-00027). From what I understand making the Phillips community a historic district may decrease the values of the properties there and make it difficult for homeowners to do renovations on their property. I'm against it. I also have noticed a lot of properties up for sale in the Phillips community.

Regards,  
Kevin

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Regards, Kevin

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Cynthia M <cmorton30@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 10:57 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Hist 04-21-00027/ Phillips Community

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Comment to Phillips Community- Historic District  
Hist -04-21-00027

Roads are planned and designed not as stagnant fixed lines, but instead as flexible areas that are expandable as necessary to accommodate modern day usage and needs, including daily commuting. Roads (especially in the lowcountry) are also an important means of access for emergency services and for emergency evacuation.

Highway 17 and the Cooper River Bridge have seen significant changes and expansion that deviate dramatically from their original plans. Both Highway 17 and the Cooper River Bridge satisfy many of the criteria in Section 21-3.H – including have significant inherent character as part of Charleston County, are associated by birth or residence with persons who contributed to South Carolina and the nation, exemplify the cultural and historic heritage of Charleston County, and are part of local community planning. The two prior bridges and the current bridge crossing the Cooper River are unquestionably a distinct element of community planning – but the two prior bridges were replaced to satisfy modern safety and use needs.

The Historic Preservation Committee should consider the long-term impact of granting a Historic District Designation to the Phillips Community for a portion of Highway 41, especially considering that Highway 41 is an integral part of local, state, and national commerce. Highway 41, including the portion in the Phillips Community, needs to be able to adapt and respond to the pressures and requirements of the entire community it was designed to serve – as that region has evolved over the past 150 years and will continue to change in the future.

Cynthia Morton

Sent from my iPhone



**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** CAROL SPITZNAS <caspitznas@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips community

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There is not a single historical structure in the community. You might as well designate an empty field historic. This is an attempt to force even more traffic through Dunes West. The major traffic is coming from Clements Ferry Road. Four lanes across the bridge heading down 41. They even cut down a 300 year old oak tree to make way for the 4 lanes. As Berkeley county builds more houses, condos and apartments, the traffic will get worse. Now major school traffic goes through Dunes West every morning creating a major traffic jam. Many of those is Dunes West use an alternate route bypassing some of 41. Stop blaming Dunes West for the traffic. There is no legitimate reason to designate the Phillips community as a historic district.

Carol  
Sent from my iPad

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Darren Weathers <darren.weathers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 6:14 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** HIST-04-21-00027 Phillips Community

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This is totally stupid....Why does anyone think that the Phillips Community is Historic? There is nothing historic about it. The 1 1/2 miles stretch is nothing but a bunch of trashy unkept trailers. Its a disgrace to Mount Pleasant. The town should just condemn it. I'm sure the state will pay fair market value which is a lot more than its worth as it sits. We all know the real agenda here and its not right. why did the people at Phillips not start pushing for a Historic District before now??? Got to be controversial...Right? Highway 41 has ALWAYS been just that "a highway" and its always been where it is. Those people hopefully knew that when they bought the trailer they live in. Mount Pleasant needs Hwy 41 widened and the sooner the better. This is a straight stretch of road which makes widening it quicker and more cost effective. There's a lot to be said for the safety benefits of a straight road versus one with curves. the sight lines a better. Redirecting Hwy 41 through Dunes West / Park West is as stupid as making Phillips a historic district. The cost would be 3 times the cost of keeping it where it is now. For the sake of everyone, with the exception of just a few people, PLEASE KEEP HWY 41 WHERE IT IS AND WIDEN IT. PHILLIPS IS NOT HISTORIC !!!

Thanks  
Darren

## Niki R. Grimball

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**From:** David Morton <dmorton30@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 11:59 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community

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Seeking Historic District status for today's Phillip's Community bordering SC Highway 41 and the widening and improving of Hwy. 41 to meet the changing needs of the broader region are not mutually exclusive and do not represent an either/or choice.

Observations relating to Phillip's Community's intent to seek Historic District status:

- The fact that the former Phillips Plantation was divided into smaller parcels and made available to Freedmen is an important fact and part of the region's history.
- The dividing up of the original plantation acreage into smaller parcels appears to be more practical than planned. There were no additional roads, markets or other features that would qualify this division as a planned community. It appears to have simply been raw land from the former plantation that was made available.
- Although the Rutledges figured importantly in history, the original plantation and structures no longer exist and therefore the importance of their association with today's community's historic designation is minimal.
- Since much of the property in Phillips Community is heirs property do the heirs have to all agree on seeking historic district status as it will potentially impact the ability to modify, build on sell, maintain property in a historic district?

Observations relating to the improvement and widening of Highway 41:

- Since approximately 1846 when James Gregorie received approval to have a road cut through Phillips Plantation to provide access to his ferry at Cainhoy there has been a road on the plantation and later the same land in the 1875 time period which eventually became Phillip's Community.
- Over the intervening years this road being a dynamic resource was subject to upgrading, improvements and maintenance to keep it serviceable and of appropriate size and construction for the particular time.
- Highway 41 as we know it today generally follows the course of the early road and saw major realignment some eighty years ago.
- There is no remaining fabric of the original road incorporated in present day Hwy. 41.
- Highway 41 continues to maintain the relationship with properties in the Phillips Community that it has had since its origin but has not remained frozen in any particular time period but rather continued to grow and evolve to accommodate the changing needs of the region.
- Given these factors Hwy. 41 does not appear to meet the requirements to designate it as historically significant and exempt from or limited in ability to continue to improve and maintain it.
- Many of the structures on properties adjacent to Hwy. 41 in the Phillips Community are set well back from the road and have utilities impinging on the properties near the road limiting the use of the roadside property margins.

- One design proposal for the widened Hwy. 41 utilized buried drainage which limited the additional width of the corridor that would be required to accommodate the widening improvements.
- A proposed three lane alternative would create a narrower choke point in the Phillips Community section of Hwy. 41 would only serve to create more congestion and noise in that area.

## Niki R. Grimball

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**From:** Joshua Craig <joshua.craig@levigrantham.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 10:46 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Cc:** NR; Ellis Lesemann; Bob Pickard  
**Subject:** Martin Family and Bessemer Rd. LLC - - Historical District Opposition Letters  
**Attachments:** Nancy Lynn Martin.pdf; Priscilla Thomas.pdf; Community Letter for Joe Rouse Road.jpg; doc02044120210517093602.pdf

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To Whom it may concern:

Please find the attached public comment letters from property owners who do not want their properties to be considered as part of this Historic Preservation designation. If these properties were to be designated, these property owners would certainly consider that a taking of their property rights and would explore all options available to them within the confines of the law.

Many Thanks,



**LEVI GRANTHAM**  
**LAND GROUP**

**JOSHUA CRAIG**

Director of Acquisitions

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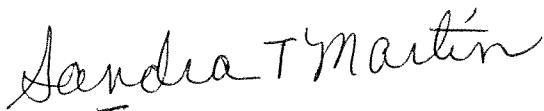
RE: Phillip Community Letter May 14, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sandra Martin, and I am the owner of 1572 Joe Rouse Road, which lies on the outskirts of the Phillips Community. I do not want my property to be adopted into the historical district. This property was purchased by my late husband, Jimmy R Martin, in the early 1970's from the Causey Family which had no ties to the descendants of the Phillip Community. There are no historical landmarks or buildings on the property that can be classified as historical under any guidelines.

I find it convenient that the properties that directly border my granddaughters property which is adjacent to my property have been developed are not on the map as part of the Phillips community, but ours which was once owned by the same Causey family and hunt club is included. If my Property falls within the Phillips Community then all of the developed areas bordering my families fence line should also be adopted into the Phillip Community as well because it lies on the outskirts of the Phillips community.

While I can appreciate historical preservation, my property, as stated, has no historical value and imposing certain limitations that comes with assigning historical status to a property is neither warranted, necessary, nor desired by my family.



Sandra T Martin

Sandra T martin

May 17, 2021

Bessemer Road LLC  
572 Savannah Highway  
Charleston, SC 29407

RE: Opposition to the Phillips Community Historical Preservation Designation

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to serve as notice that Bessemer Road LLC does not want to be a part of the Phillips Community Historical Designation. This property has no historical significance as it was recently developed.

Please take our property off the list for properties to be included into this Historical designation.

If this property is included as part of the Phillips Community Historic designation, we would consider such an action as a taking.

Sincerely,



Bessemer Road LLC,

May 14, 2021

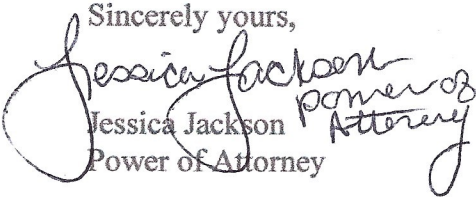
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Jessica Jackson  
Power of Attorney



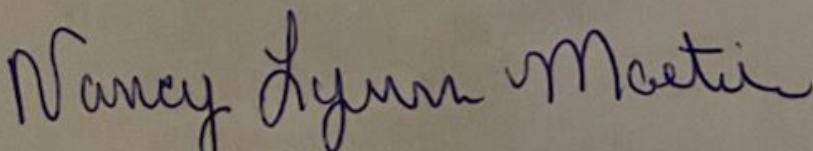
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nancy Lynn Martin, and I am the owner of 1572 Mazie Coaxum Lane which lies on the outskirts of the Phillips Community. I do not want my property to be adopted into the historical district. This property was purchased by my late husband's father in the early 1970's from the Causey Family which had no ties to the descendants of the Phillip Community. There are no historical landmarks or buildings on the property that can be classified as historical under any guidelines.

I find it convenient that the properties that directly border mine that have been developed are not on the map as part of the Phillips community, but ours which was once owned by the same Causey family and hunt club is included. Interestingly, this also includes land recently developed that was owned by the Glovers who were actually descendants of the Phillips community. This effort, while noble, seems to be misplaced and misdirected to limit and needlessly focus on those of us that it in no way applies to.

If my Property falls within the Phillips Community then all of the developed areas bordering my fence line should also be adopted into the Phillip Community as well because it lies on the outskirts of the Phillips community.

While I can appreciate historical preservation, my property, as stated, has no historical value and imposing certain limitations that comes with assigning historical status to a property is neither warranted, necessary, nor desired by my family.

  
Nancy Lynn Martin



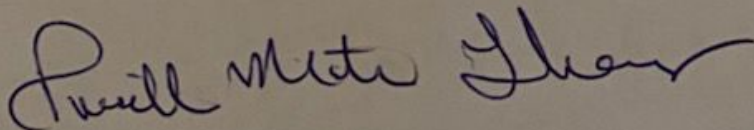
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Priscilla Martin Thomas, and I am the owner of 3037 Julius Robertson Road which lies on the outskirts of the Phillips Community. I do not want my property to be adopted into the historical district. This property was purchased by my Grandfather in the early 1970's from the Causey Family which had no ties to the descendants of the Phillip Community. There are no historical landmarks or buildings on the property that can be classified as historical under any guidelines.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Priscilla Martin Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Priscilla Martin Thomas

## Niki R. Grimball

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**From:** David Regnault <d158553l@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I think that the 'historic district' designation ploy is primarily a preemptive attempt to further muddy the waters re the Highway 41 development.

Our good-ole-boy officials, rather than actually making the correct decision involving the Rt. 41 issue, can now hide behind this designation and play the "what could we good - it was out of our hands" card.

The Rt. 41 issue has been very divisive. Too many people overwhelming our infrastructure, our local red-neck politicians too late in planning and prepping for the future welfare of this marvelous area.

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Mary Ryan <mmryan2001@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I would like to ask Charleston County Council to vote NO on a Historic District Designation for Philip's Community. I do not support this measure.

Thank you,  
Mary Ryan, Charleston County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Debbie Moore <moorde@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 5:07 PM  
**To:** CCHPC; public-comments  
**Subject:** Do Not Support for Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I am writing to disagree with the Historic District designation for Phillip's Community.

There is no doubt that each and every area of Mt Pleasant, from The Village to North Mt Pleasant (north on Hwy 17 past Whitehall Terrance) could be designated historic. As could many if not lost other areas of Charleston County. However, requesting the designation at this time seems only to impede the solution for traffic coming from both Berkley County and Mt Pleasant and should not be approved.

The Evacuation Route of SC Hwy 41 needs to be improved. The debate has caused an unacceptable situation that will only get worse. Please consider what you would do if SC Hwy 41 was your evacuation route. Support widening Hwy 41 and do not allow any more delays.

Thank you,

Deborah Moore  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Ashley Hildebrand <ashley.k.hildebrand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2021 4:25 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Opposition regarding Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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Hi,

I have hesitations regarding denoting the Phillips Community as a historic district.

As a member of the Historic Charleston Foundation, it's important to me to preserve the history of the area. However, in driving past the Phillips Community, the buildings all seem fairly new. In addition, there are several new businesses in the community, like adult day cares and a lawn service. What exactly would be preserved by denoting it a historic district? What are the standards for designation?

This seems to be an effort to avoid (or make more difficult) a road expansion, rather than a real effort to preserve historic buildings.

Further, wouldn't a historic designation make it more difficult for the residents to alter their homes, build new ones, or run businesses out of their home? It would seem that, in an effort to avoid a road expansion, more problems would be created for the community.

For these reasons, and based on the information I have, I am opposed to the designation.

Thank you,

Ashley K. Hildebrand, Esq.

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Donnie Burreto <dburreto@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2021 9:15 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Historic Preservation Letter HIST-04-21- 00027

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My name is Donnie Burreto, Jr. and as owner of 2960 Julius Robertson Road, Mt. Pleasant SC. I do not want my property to be considered or adopted into the request to designate the Phillips Community as a Historic District.

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Brad Troutman <brad.troutman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** Phillips Community Historic District Designation

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I am contacting you to express my **disapproval** of designating the Phillips Community as a historical district by the Historic Charleston Foundation.

My family owns two homes in Mt. Pleasant, near the Phillips Community. We all support Alternative 1 traffic plan to widen Hwy 41 and are familiar with the complex and politically charged issues surrounding this issue. Unfortunately, the Phillips Community and the Historic Charleston Foundation are attempting to make this official historic designation as a political tactic to reduce the chance of Alternative 1 traffic plan from being implemented.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Thank you,

Brad Troutman  
2781 Summertime Ln.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466



## Niki R. Grimball

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**From:** Brian Doyle <brianddoyle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 12:04 PM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** "Phillips Community Historic District Designation"

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Greetings CCHPC Team-

As a resident of north Mount Pleasant, my neighborhood HOA team has passed along your email address and encouraged commentary re: highway 41 and the nearby Phillips community.

If you are welcoming input, then I wanted to offer mine.

I feel it is necessary to widen highway 41. I know you are aware that the current two lane traffic is out of control and somewhat unsafe, but I feel that with all of the building that has occurred in this area and that as a designated hurricane evacuation route, it needs to be updated and widened accordingly.

Highway 41 is one of the main arteries out of town heading away from the ocean and other than I-26, it is surprising to me that this section has not been widened in this heavy traffic area already. Many sections of 41 are a four lane highway with a turn or breakdown lane as it snakes its way toward the NC border and ultimately, as an area of greater safety during a last minute evacuation and/or for re-entry.

This is a high impact hurricane zone, and I think we can all agree that the state of South Carolina is taking great measures both on its freeways, as well as its surface streets. Highway 41 is no exception in my humble opinion.

I urge the CCHPC to please consider this.

Also of note, I am probably one of the few residents of Dunes West who supports the widening of BOTH Dunes West Boulevard as well as highway 41. This is not an either/or situation.

Thank you for your time!

Brian Doyle  
(310) 663-0099  
I support UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital-  
<http://giveto.ucla.edu/fund/mattel-childrens-hospital-ucla/>

**Niki R. Grimball**

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**From:** Linda Hall <lhall3483@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 11:13 AM  
**To:** CCHPC  
**Subject:** "Phillips Community Historic District Designation"

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I believe RT 41 should stay the same except: same existing path with 4 lane, 3 lane, 4 lane solution.  
I live here and oppose the Park West / Dunes West bypass. Run it through Phillips Community.

Thank You,  
Linda Hall  
2340 Kings Gate Lane  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466