

Sol Legare Community Plan

*Preserving the history and culture
of a small historic
African-American community
on James Island*



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Plan Overview

The Sol Legare Community project area is located on James Island, just north of Folly Beach. The community is wholly located in unincorporated Charleston County and is bordered by Kings Flat Creek on the southside; the Stono River on the west side; and Holland Island Creek on the northside. The sole access into the community is from Folly Road.

In recent years, Sol Legare residents have voiced concerns regarding the preservation of their community and various public service needs to Charleston County staff and Council members, and subsequently, Council directed staff to work with the community to identify what the community's needs and desires are and to create a plan to address concerns. Staff worked with the community, Planning Commission member Sussan Chavis, and Council Member Anna Johnson to undergo a planning process resulting in this Plan, which highlights Sol Legare's history, assets, and opportunities, while also promoting preservation of the historic and cultural community values. Furthermore, this Plan identifies strategies that allow Sol Legare to continue to prosper as a distinct community deeply rooted in the Gullah Geechee culture and allow for future growth as the community embraces new residents and community services. Section 2, **Planning Process**, further explains the community planning process.

Community History

Sol Legare has a rich history as a predominantly African-American community, with roots in the Gullah Geechee culture, that grew and prospered following the Civil War well into the twentieth century. As documented in the *2016 Charleston County Historic Resources Survey Update*, Sol Legare is considered a "remnant freedmen community" and is distinctive due to the use of long-lot farm parcels that maximize the frontage along both the roadway and waterway (see Figure 1). Houses tend to be placed at the ends of the lots, nearer to the roads, which promote socialization within the community and reduce the distance required between farmsteads. As you drive through the community, the development pattern is very distinct and emphasizes the importance of community social gatherings. Multiple homes exist on single lots and are often close together. As the community has grown, subdivision of lots have broken up the long-lot pattern originally platted; however, the historical development characteristics are still evident.

In addition to the unique development patterns, several historic resources are

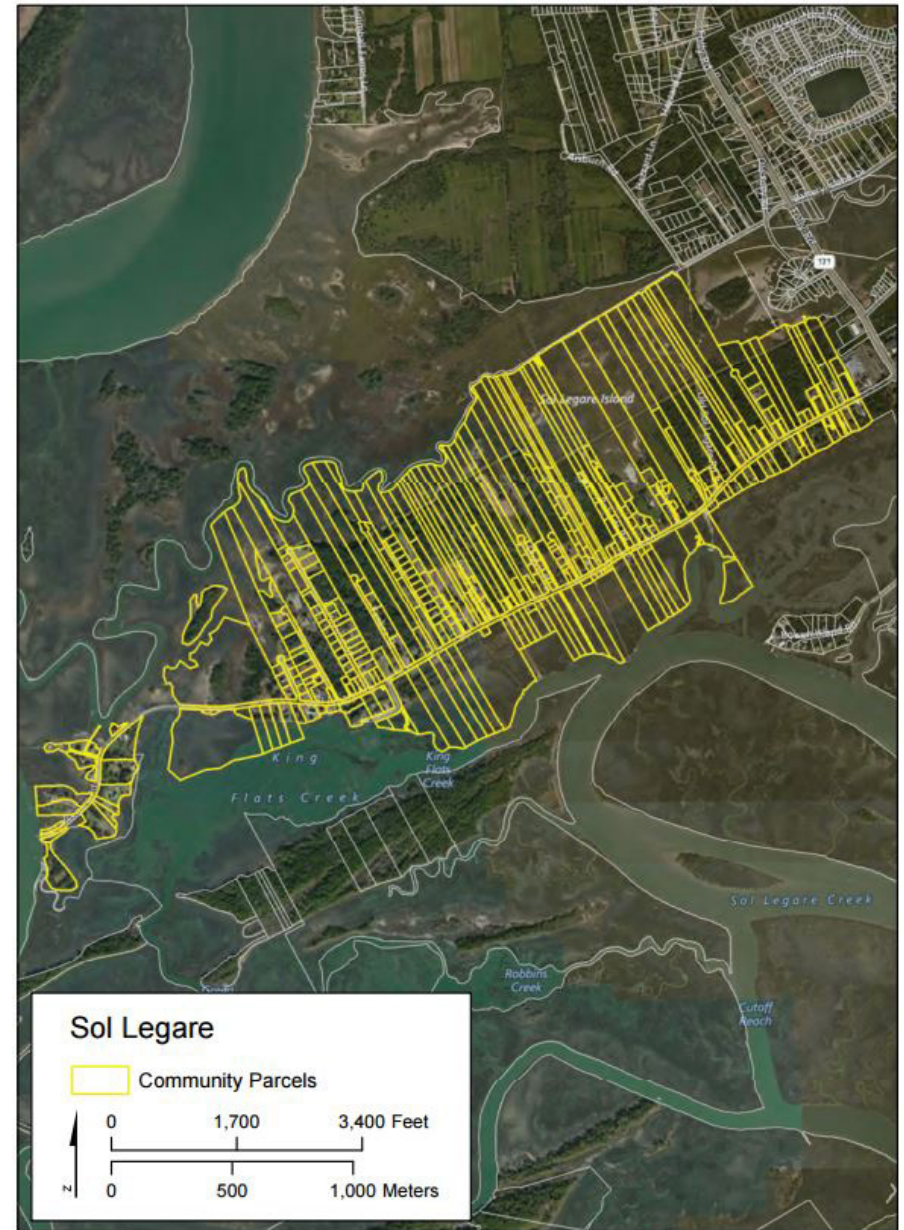


Figure 1: Sol Legare Community

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located in Sol Legare. The Seashore Farmer's Lodge No. 767, under the guidance of Edward Wilder and Johnry Walker, is located on the corner of Sol Legare and Old Sol Legare Roads, and was a social and economic hub that provided educational, spiritual, and financial opportunities for Sol Legare families in the early twentieth century. This Lodge Hall was very active and helped other Lodges in the Lowcountry provide a variety of services to their community. The Seashore Farmer's Lodge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007, and following the listing of the property, the community has worked diligently to restore the lodge, as shown in Figure 2. The Sol Legare Museum is housed within the lodge and curated by Ernest Parks. Each year, the museum presents the history of the 54th Regiment.

Another significant historic community asset is the Mosquito Beach area, located on the southern portion of Sol Legare Road adjacent to Kings Flat Creek. In the early twentieth century, Mosquito Beach was home to an oyster factory; however, the factory closed during the Great Depression. The area quickly transitioned to become a major entertainment and recreational area for African-Americans, as Jim Crow laws prohibited African-Americans from going to "white beaches" and other segregated establishments in the area, and consisted of a beach, hotel, restaurants, and social clubs. The area served as a major tourist destination throughout the mid-twentieth century. In September 1989, Hurricane Hugo damaged many of the buildings, resulting in some never re-opening. The businesses in the area have formed



Figure 2: Seashore Farmer's Lodge No. 767

Figure 3: Mosquito Beach Entertainment District



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the Mosquito Beach Business Association, which is led by Thelma Gilliard, President. Recent efforts led by William “Cubbe” Wilder have begun the process to nominate Mosquito Beach for the National Register of Historic Places, as it has been deemed eligible. Figure 3 exhibits the existing structures in the Mosquito Beach entertainment district area.

As previously mentioned, Sol Legare was highlighted in the 2016 County Survey Update, and one of the study’s recommendations noted that Sol Legare is eligible for designation as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for community planning and development and African-American ethnic heritage. The community’s deep roots in the Gullah Geechee culture, partnered with the distinct social values related to land ownership, familial ties, and religion, make the community an excellent candidate for historic preservation in Charleston County.

Community Assets

Sol Legare is located in close proximity to services and employment opportunities on James Island and nearby downtown Charleston and West Ashley. Recreational opportunities are available, as the community is not far from Folly Beach and municipal parks on James Island. The water resources in the area, including a public boat landing at the end of Sol Legare Road (see Figure 4), allow for recreational opportunities and employment opportunities for water-dependent uses (such as fishing, oyster harvesting, eco-tourism, etc.). Over the years, water-dependent uses have thrived in Sol Legare. Most noteworthy is Backman’s Seafood, which sells fresh seafood and provides an opportunity for local fishermen to wholesale their catches (see Figure 5). Backman’s also once had a restaurant. Several other small commercial businesses have existed in the past along Sol Legare Road and on Mosquito Beach.

Public services available to the Sol Legare community include public water from Charleston Water System and public sewer and fire service from James Island Public Service District. Charleston County Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Medical Services provide emergency services.

One of the most significant community assets is the local community organization, Concerned Citizens of Sol Legare, which meets in the Sol Legare Community Center (formerly an elementary school and pictured in Figure 6) each month. The Concerned Citizens group engages community members and organizes several community projects, including being members of the Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-a-Boat Landing clean-up programs, educational opportunities for community members, programs for the community youth, a playground for the community, etc.



Figure 4: Sol Legare Boat Landing



Figure 5: Backman's Seafood



Figure 6: Sol Legare Community Center

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Planning Process

In Summer 2013, the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department began working with County Council Member Anna Johnson and Planning Commission Member Sussan Chavis to address growing concerns voiced by residents of Sol Legare regarding land use and subdivision issues, community services, heirs' property, and transportation/public works. Planning staff worked with Ms. Chavis to create a community needs survey to understand the issues, needs, and desires of residents. In June 2013, staff attended a meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Sol Legare and distributed the survey. Over the next several months, Ms. Chavis worked hard distributing and collecting completed survey forms. By March 2014, approximately 70 surveys had been completed. Planning staff analyzed the survey results and created a summary of the feedback, which is included as **Appendix A** of this Plan.

The survey results were not only critical for the creation of this Plan, but they were also used in a concurrent planning effort, the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Review. This effort began in 2013 as well and culminated in January 2015 when County Council adopted the Five-Year Review. As part of this process, a new Future Land Use category, Urban/Suburban Cultural Community Protection (USCCP) was created and assigned to the Sol Legare community (and other settlement areas in the Urban/Suburban Area of Charleston County). This new Future Land Use category allows the Planning staff to work with individual communities to create community plans and customized zoning regulations to meet the needs of the community.

Once the Five-Year Review was adopted, Planning staff continued working with the Sol Legare community. Before starting on the community plan, Planning staff carried out a major addressing project in coordination with the James Island Public Service District Fire Department to ensure Sol Legare residents were using accurate addresses and had their addresses posted visibly. In addition, Planning staff coordinated with the community and the US Postal Service to have the mailbox clusters located along Sol Legare Road that housed mailboxes for homes located along side streets to be placed in front of the respective homes on the side streets. This made it easier for residents to get their mail and ended the confusion these mailbox clusters caused for emergency responders. This project took over a year, involved attending community meetings with residents, and was completed in 2015.



Figure 7: Photos from a Concerned Citizens of Sol Legare meeting

Another project impacting the Sol Legare community was the update to the 1989 and 1992 Charleston County Historical and Architectural Surveys. In November 2015, Charleston County began work on the survey update, which focused on identifying historic resources in the unincorporated areas of Charleston County, with a focus on resources from 1940-1975. The most significant finding that resulted from this project was the documenting of African-American settlement communities, including Sol Legare. As discussed in the **Plan Overview** section, Sol Legare is rich in history and was deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district.

With these projects completed, Planning staff met with the community again in February 2017 to review the results of the community needs survey, ensuring the results had not changed since the survey was conducted, and prepare for drafting the Community Plan and implementation strategies. During the February 2017 meeting, over 100 residents were in attendance and confirmed that while most of the survey results held true, the community does not want to see commercial uses establish in new areas of the community. Instead, residents said that they would like to see historically commercial properties be re-established and/or redeveloped (such as Mosquito Beach and some of the vacant commercial properties near Backman's Seafood and along Sol Legare Road).

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Community Issues, Needs, and Desires

The following issues, needs, and desires were identified by the community during the community needs survey and through discussions at community meetings.

Land Ownership and Heirs' Property

As properties have been passed down through generations without clear title, heirs' property has resulted. Heirs' property is land owned "in common" by all of the heirs, regardless of whether they live on the land, pay property taxes, or have even seen the land, according to the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation. Without clear title and ownership, land development processes such as subdivisions, are very unlikely to be permissible. An analysis of County records for property ownership indicate that at least 15 percent of properties may be heirs' property; however, the percentage of heirs' property could be as high as 35-40 percent in Sol Legare.

Road and Drainage Issues

While Sol Legare Road is the primary travelway in the community, several smaller roads connect to Sol Legare Road on the northern side and allow for further development of lots. While Sol Legare Road is paved, not all of the residential roads are paved and some are in poor condition. Seven side roads have been identified and requested to be paved. Jeff Gilliard Lane has been approved and is presently being worked on for paving. Traffic along Sol Legare Road is an issue, especially during the summer when boaters, vacationers, shoppers, and residents meet at the intersection of Folly Road and Sol Legare Road. The Sol Legare Community has already requested that a dedicated right-turn lane from Sol Legare Road to Folly Beach be added, of which the County and City of Folly Beach has requested funding. Furthermore, residents indicated that ditches in the area are not regularly maintained and the water resources surrounding the community result in drainage and flooding issues.

Ability to Subdivide Property

Subdivision of the existing lots in Sol Legare is difficult for two primary reasons: heirs' property and ownership issues and long, narrow lots that do not meet current zoning and access requirements. Some discussions have already begun on how to write zoning regulations to accommodate the size of lots; however, input is still needed from the community.

Zoning and Land Use Issues

The majority of Sol Legare is located in the Special Management (S-3) Zoning District, which limits property owners' ability to subdivide property (due to the long-lot pattern) and lacks flexibility in land uses, as the S-3 district primarily allows only residential uses with very few commercial or accessory uses. Residents have indicated that they would like to see historically commercial properties continue or redevelop. They would also like to have community-oriented uses such as a farmers' market or community garden.

Need for Sidewalks and Street Lighting

There are no sidewalks in the Sol Legare Community. However, the Sol Legare Community Development Committee is obtaining signatures on a petition and has made a request for sidewalks. Street lights are outdated and do not illuminate well. This creates a safety problem for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers. The installation of sidewalks would separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic, while installing street lighting would make it much safer for citizens at night and early in the morning.

Community Services

Citizens have requested increased police patrols to help reduce speeding along Sol Legare Road and to manage beach traffic at the intersection of Folly Road and Sol Legare Road. The Community has recently requested a camera to take photos of persons blocking the intersection and speeders. Improvements to the community center and partnerships with outside organizations to provide educational services and programs for residents are also desired.

Property Values

According to the community needs survey, over 75 percent of Sol Legare residents have lived in the community for more than 25 years. In recent years, property values throughout the Charleston region have been rapidly rising. Several residents of Sol Legare fear that new housing developments in the community will increase property values, leading to increased property taxes. This concern is taken into consideration in efforts to mitigate the impacts of rising property values.

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Public Transportation

Many Sol Legare residents are aging and would like to see CARTA adjust their James Island and Folly Beach routes to travel down Sol Legare Road.

Preservation of Community Character

As properties develop and redevelop in Sol Legare, the community character could be threatened if homes are built out of scale with the existing housing stock. The Community has already begun to take steps to limit the size of homes to 2,500 square feet in size to manage the increase on property value and taxes. Residents desiring larger homes may do so by applying for a Special Exception from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commercial redevelopment should be consistent with the historical design of the community.

Flood Zone Requirements

Sol Legare is wholly located in a FEMA-designated flood zone; FEMA is currently updating their flood maps and expect to have new maps implemented by the end of 2018 (subject to change). Sol Legare is anticipate to move from being in a VE flood zone to an AE flood zone. *The Biggert-Waters Flood Reform Act of 2012* and *Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014* affect flood insurance coverage for Sol Legare residents and incentivize new and existing construction to comply with building codes as a way to reduce flood insurance costs. As much of the existing construction in Sol Legare does not comply with current flood zone construction requirements, this is a grave concern for residents.

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Community Plan Implementation & Strategies

Once the Sol Legare Community Plan is adopted by County Council, the next step is to implement the strategies contained in the Plan. The strategies listed below were developed in coordination with residents of Sol Legare to address the issues identified in the Community Needs Survey and at community meetings. The strategies are intended to assist the community in achieving its vision for the future.

The first strategies are to evaluate and update the Community Plan on a consistent basis and work with the community to develop amendments to the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance* (ZLDR) to address the planning and zoning needs of the community. Once the ZLDR is amended, the remaining strategies should be prioritized and the community should engage the appropriate parties to address those strategies.

Implementation Strategies

Listed below are the recommended implementation strategies to address the issues identified by the community and achieve their vision for the area.

1. Evaluate and update the Community Plan, as needed, with community input.

2. Planning and Zoning Strategies to allow more flexibility to subdivide property; allow additional land uses, where appropriate; and preserve the community character and existing natural and cultural resources.

***Strategy 2.1:** Adopt amendments to the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance* (ZLDR), including but not limited to an overlay zoning district, as applicable. *Note: Page 10 demonstrates development currently existing in the area that the community would like to emulate. Commercial properties that may be redeveloped are also pictured.**

***Strategy 2.2:** Monitor and evaluate the updated zoning ordinance and amend as needed.*

3. Public Works and Transportation Strategies to address road and drainage maintenance and improved transportation options.

***Strategy 3.1:** Coordinate with Charleston County Public Works, Charleston County Transportation Development, and South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to ensure roads and ditches are properly maintained and repaired, as necessary.*

***Strategy 3.2:** Coordinate with SCDOT and other applicable agencies to install sidewalks along Sol Legare Road, and pursue funding opportunities for the sidewalks through the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax revenue and Charleston County Transportation Committee (CTC).*

***Strategy 3.3:** Work with Charleston County Public Works and SCDOT to explore speed calming measures along Sol Legare Road, specifically near the boat landing, to minimize traffic hazards.*

***Strategy 3.4:** Coordinate with Charleston County Public Works to request intersection improvements, including a dedicated right-turn lane from Sol Legare Road to Folly Beach and a dedicated left-turn lane from Sol Legare Road into the proposed new townhome development at the southwest corner of the Sol Legare/Folly Road intersection. These improvements would prevent stacking on Sol Legare Road.*

***Strategy 3.5:** Work with CARTA to consider expanding routes to better serve the Sol Legare community.*

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4. Public Service Strategies to improve safety services and install street lighting.

Strategy 4.1: Coordinate with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office to increase patrols in the community to decrease traffic and speeding violations and other illegal activities.

Strategy 4.2: Explore grant funding (such as complete streets programs, transportation alternatives program, etc.) for street beautification such as installation of street lights along Sol Legare Road.

Strategy 4.3: Work with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office to establish a Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

5. Community Specific Strategies addressing housing affordability; heirs' property preservation; historic preservation; enhanced community programming; and community beautification efforts.

Strategy 5.1: Continue to build on the success of the Concerned Citizens of Sol Legare as advocates for community programs and services.

Strategy 5.2: Coordinate with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, SC Community Loan Fund, and similar organizations to address housing affordability and rehabilitation of existing housing.

Strategy 5.3: Coordinate with roadway beautification organizations such as Palmetto Pride/Adopt-a-Highway to keep Sol Legare Road litter-free and scenic.

Strategy 5.4: Explore partnerships with local non-profits such as Lowcountry Local First, Charleston County School District, Charleston Area Senior citizens (CASC), and Lowcountry Senior Center to expand services for residents, particularly senior citizens and area youth.

Strategy 5.5: Work with Lowcountry Local First to establish a farmer's market in the Sol Legare community.

Strategy 5.6: Continue building a relationship with The Center for Heirs' Property Preservation to educate area residents on the issue.

Strategy 5.7: Partner with local historic preservation organizations such as the Historic Charleston Foundation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor to nominate Sol Legare for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as a historic district. Listing the community on the NRHP affords opportunities for historic preservation tax incentives, grant opportunities, and consideration in planning for Federal, Federally licensed, and Federally assisted project.

Strategy 5.8: Explore opportunities to erect signage in the community to create a sense of place for residents and visitors. Signage could be in the form of historical markers through the State Historic Preservation Office or community signs that mimic the traditional colors and styles of the Gullah Geechee culture and be placed at key interest points throughout the community (entrance of community, Mosquito Beach, and boat landing).

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The pictures below are examples of residential development currently existing in the area that the community would like to see emulated (in scale and placement).



Traditionally, homes in the community were more modest, often less than 2,000 square feet in size, clustered on family lands, and constructed of concrete block in the vernacular style of architecture (as pictured above and to the left). With the enactment of FEMA flood zone requirements, newer construction is larger and taller, built to withstand major flooding events (as pictured in the bottom right photo).



Pictured in the above left photo is Mr. Hezekiah Ladson's home, which is one of the oldest homes in Sol Legare. It was rolled on logs from the Bee Field Community in the Battery Island Drive area. Several additions have been made to the home over the years.

The pictures below are current and former commercial properties that the community would like to see continue or redeveloped to provide local services that have historically existed in Sol Legare.



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Appendix A: Community Needs Survey Results

Between June 2013 and March 2014, community members completed a community needs survey. Seventy surveys were received and the results have been summarized here.

| Sol Legare Community Survey Results April 14, 2014 | | |
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| Total number of surveys analyzed: 70 | | |
| <i>*Note: Respondents often selected more than one answer, resulting in over 100% of responses.</i> | | |
| Section 1: Understanding the Community: Assets, Issues, and Aspirations | | |
| Question 1: How long have you lived in this community?* | | Number of responses |
| 50+ years | 41% | 24 |
| 31-49 years | 22% | 13 |
| 16-30 years | 15% | 9 |
| 6-15 years | 12% | 7 |
| 0-5 years | 10% | 6 |
| Average length of time based on responses | | 38.5 years |
| <i>*59 citizens responded to this question.</i> | | |
| Question 2: What do you think is most important about your community?* | | Number of responses |
| Sidewalks and street lighting | 77% | 55 |
| Roads and drainage | 66% | 47 |
| History and culture | 61% | 43 |
| Land development | 51% | 36 |
| Community character | 51% | 36 |
| Economic development | 44% | 31 |
| Other responses: | | |
| Bridges to the islands (Dixie, Taylor) for residence occupancy | | |
| Home and landscape improvement | | |
| Preservation of the community | | |
| Bus service | | |
| Traffic to boat landing | | |
| <i>*70 citizens responded to this question.</i> | | |
| Question 3: What issues are you most concerned about regarding your community?* | | Number of responses |
| Land ownership and heirs' property | 78% | 52 |
| Road and drainage issues | 57% | 38 |
| Ability to subdivide property | 51% | 34 |
| Local employment opportunities | 39% | 26 |
| Access to retail services such as food markets, gas stations, and restaurants | 24% | 16 |
| Access to medical services | 21% | 14 |
| Lack of water and sewer service | 21% | 14 |
| Access to public services such as libraries | 18% | 12 |
| Other responses: | | |
| Flood zone changed to reduce flood insurance rate and decrease the cost of insurance | | |
| Clearing drug activity | | |
| CARTA closer to neighborhood | | |
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| Sol Legare Community Survey Results April 14, 2014 | | |
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| Litter | | |
| Property values | | |
| Sidewalks and traffic | | |
| Taking care of the drug problem and people selling in the community | | |
| <i>*67 citizens responded to this question.</i> | | |
| Question 4: What would you like to see occur in your community in the future?* | | Number of responses |
| Farmers' Market | 48% | 29 |
| Public services such as parks, libraries, etc. | 46% | 28 |
| Agriculture/forestry | 31% | 19 |
| Daycare facilities | 31% | 19 |
| Medical facilities | 26% | 16 |
| No change; community remains as is | 15% | 9 |
| Gas stations, banks, etc. | 12% | 7 |
| General stores | 10% | 6 |
| Other responses: | | |
| Road improvements for areas that still have dirt roads; speed limit enforced for boat traffic along Sol Legare, especially since there are no sidewalks | | |
| Improvement of the center building; build sidewalks for walkers and bicycles | | |
| Enhanced livability | | |
| Another access road connecting to Folly Road | | |
| Economic development | | |
| Retirement | | |
| Afterschool programs to help children, increase technology | | |
| Bush and weed clean up | | |
| Neighborhood watch, adopt a highway, and neighbors helping neighbors | | |
| Sidewalks | | |
| <i>*61 citizens responded to this question.</i> | | |
| Question 5: Would you like to see more employment opportunities in your community?* | | Number of responses |
| Yes | 95% | 60 |
| No | 5% | 3 |
| <i>*63 citizens responded to this question.</i> | | |
| Question 6: If yes [to question 5], what types of employment opportunities would you prefer?* | | Number of responses |
| Hospitality and tourism | 53% | 33 |
| Trades | 53% | 33 |
| Technology | 52% | 32 |
| Professional services | 42% | 26 |
| Agriculture and forestry | 34% | 21 |
| Light manufacturing | 26% | 16 |
| Retail | 23% | 14 |
| Other responses: | | |
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| Permits for garage sales at the center |
| Other ways to make neighborhood attractive |
| Retirement home |
| Educational training along with updated technology training |
| Control traffic flow |
| Keep community for family dwellings, not for businesses |
| More opportunities for young people |
| Community recreation projects |
| Keep Sol Legare a residential area, not a commercial or industrial environment |

*62 citizens responded to this question.

Section 2: Public Transportation

| Question 7a: Do you use the public bus service?* | | Number of responses |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| No | 84% | 59 |
| Yes | 16% | 11 |

*70 citizens responded to this question.

| Question 7b: If you answered no [to question 7a], why not?* | | Number of responses |
|---|-----|---------------------|
| Own a car | 72% | 31 |
| No access; bus stop too far from home | 23% | 10 |
| I do not drive | 2% | 1 |
| My mom takes me everywhere | 2% | 1 |

*43 citizens responded to this question.

| Question 8: Is there a need for the public bus service on Sol Legare?* | | Number of responses |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| Yes | 87% | 59 |
| No | 13% | 9 |

*68 citizens responded to this question.

| Question 9a: Is there anyone in your household or family that uses the bus?* | | Number of responses |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| No | 72% | 48 |
| Yes | 28% | 19 |

*67 citizens responded to this question.

| Question 9b: If yes [to question 9a], please note how many times per week and the purpose. | | Number of responses |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| Frequency* | | |
| 2-5 times per week | 71% | 10 |
| 1-2 times per month | 21% | 3 |
| Daily | 7% | 1 |
| Purpose** | | |
| Work | 80% | 4 |
| Personal | 80% | 4 |

*14 citizens indicated the frequency of their bus service use.

**5 citizens indicated the purpose of their bus service use. Three respondents used bus service for both work and personal use.

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| Question 10: Please list any suggestions you have for the public bus service.* | | Number of responses |
|---|-----|---------------------|
| Install a bus stop on the corner of Sol Legare and Folly Road | 43% | 13 |
| Have bus route down Sol Legare Rd | 23% | 7 |
| Need transportation for those who don't have a car, tourism, and work | 7% | 2 |
| Hourly service that travels along Folly Road and to Folly Beach | 3% | 1 |
| Access should extend beyond the City of Charleston | 3% | 1 |
| More regular service; Longpoint route to Piggly Wiggly; Folly Beach shuttle bus | 3% | 1 |
| Bus service to Folly Beach | 3% | 1 |
| Regular schedule that is affordable | 3% | 1 |
| Only means of transportation | 3% | 1 |
| It would be good for the elderly that do not drive | 3% | 1 |
| Provide transportation from Folly Beach to downtown Charleston | 3% | 1 |

*30 citizens responded to this question.

Section 3: Community Center Activities

| Question 11: What types of activities or events would you like to see at the community center?* | | Number of responses |
|---|-----|---------------------|
| Jobs and business training | 84% | 58 |
| Educational assistance | 80% | 55 |
| Health and food | 68% | 47 |
| Sports and fitness | 64% | 44 |
| Arts and crafts | 38% | 26 |
| Clubs and games | 29% | 20 |

Other responses:

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| Internet café |
| History |
| Culinary health |
| Senior center within our community |
| Expanding programs for more outside activities and senior programs |
| After school activities |
| Family fun day/cookout |

*69 citizens responded to this question.

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Section 4: Community Priorities

| Question 12: Please list what you believe are or should be the top 5 priorities or needs of your community.* | | Number of responses |
|--|-----|---------------------|
| Road and ditch maintenance (including paving, connectivity, and drainage issues) | 52% | 33 |
| Sidewalks | 49% | 31 |
| Street lighting | 44% | 28 |
| Increased public safety | 33% | 21 |
| Economic development (employment opportunities and job training) | 32% | 20 |
| Community center improvements (including activities) | 24% | 15 |
| Educational needs and assistance | 21% | 13 |
| Land ownership issues and heirs' property | 17% | 11 |
| Drug-free environment | 16% | 10 |
| Public transportation | 14% | 9 |
| Youth programs and activities, including day care | 13% | 8 |
| Preservation and restoration of history, culture, and character | 13% | 8 |
| Flood insurance and flood zones | 11% | 7 |
| Traffic | 11% | 7 |
| Property maintenance (yards, home improvements, and litter) | 10% | 6 |
| Land development issues (rezoning, ability to subdivide) | 10% | 6 |
| Improved community facilities (public water/sewer and parks) | 8% | 5 |
| Littering issues | 6% | 4 |
| Neighborhood Businesses | 5% | 3 |
| Elderly | 5% | 3 |
| Property taxes | 3% | 2 |
| Health care | 3% | 2 |
| Church/spiritual support | 3% | 2 |
| Lunch program | 3% | 2 |
| Information | 2% | 1 |
| Tourism | 2% | 1 |

*63 citizens responded to this question.

Question 13: Additional comments or questions.*

Securing the character of an open community with no more gated communities within the community

Security cameras

Heirs' property assistance

Literacy for adults or kids

In summertime, make sure we can enter Folly Road at the traffic light of Sol Legare. Police need to be there.

Make area drug-free environment and a clean community

*6 citizens responded to this question.